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Bee Friendly Gardening™ Newsletter

A program of Pollinator Partnership

Dear Sara

This month we celebrate [Pollinator Week](#)! June brings fullness to the garden, with pollinators busy among the blooms and summer growth taking hold. This is a season of activity and abundance, as bees, butterflies, and other beneficial insects make the most of long, warm days. It's a great time to keep flowers blooming and enjoy the lively movement that a pollinator-friendly garden supports. Even a few thoughtful choices can help your garden remain a refuge through the heat of summer.

Happy gardening,



Sara Wittenberg
Bee Friendly Gardening Manager
Pollinator Partnership

WIN A T-SHIRT!

Don't Lose Your BFG Membership - Deadline Is Here!



This is our final reminder that Bee Friendly Gardening (BFG) is officially discontinuing PayPal for recurring memberships on June 30.

To keep your membership active and ensure you continue receiving your BFG benefits, please take a moment to move your annual renewal to our new system before the end of June. Everyone who has transitioned to Bloomerang by June 30 will be entered into a drawing to win a Bee Friendly Gardening t-shirt! We will draw three names - make sure your name is in the hat!

[Click Here to Transition Your BFG Membership](#)

Timing your renewal:

To ensure you get the full value of your current membership year, remember that you can select a future billing start date on our new form. Simply choose the date your membership is next due for renewal. Once that is scheduled, please log into PayPal to [cancel](#) your old "automatic renewal."

If you have already transitioned your membership, thank you so much, and please disregard this note. If you need help finding your original renewal date, reply directly to this email and I will gladly look it up for you.

[Switch to Bloomerang Fundraising](#)

Embracing Chaos

By Rebecca Cannaday, Certified Pollinator Steward and Bee Friendly Gardening Ambassador



Like many people, I started my pollinator gardening journey with first focusing on nectar plants, then moving on to natives, and now planting a variety of host plants. I'm also working to remove the invasive plants in the wooded area on my property. As you can guess, it's been a journey of growing and learning. As of right now, I have four different areas on my property where I'm planting for pollinators.

I started my first garden by planning out plants that bloom in different seasons: ninebark, golden alexander, red beebalm, wild bergamot, blue-stemmed goldenrod, and a variety of asters. Little did I know about how these different aggressive plants would play out. My asters have happily seeded my yard, I have bergamot growing in places I didn't plant it, and the golden alexanders are definitely spreading. I've decided to see how it plays out.

My next project is definitely still in progress. I'm working to rewind the hillside near the front of our property. I started with some milkweed and goldenrod, and it's grown into a full project with different host and nectar plants, as well as shrubberies and grasses. I want the plants to spread in this area, so I have deliberately chosen some aggressive plants here. We do have clay soil and heavy deer pressure, so I choose my plants based on these factors. I've used different methods to kill the grass, from cardboard mulching to killing an area with plastic. For this sunny area, killing the yard with plastic has been the most effective.

[Read the full article](#)*Want to write an article for the newsletter? Scroll to the bottom to find out more!*

Native Flower Teaching Garden Under Construction

By Julie A. Baker, Certified Pollinator Steward

My husband and I began our beekeeping journey 11 years ago and quickly became fascinated with pollinators. As a retired educator, my passion is providing educational outreach on a variety of topics, showcasing pollinators and pollinator habitats, while highlighting the important role pollinators play in agriculture and healthy ecosystems. Reflecting on opportunities to supplement our programs with engaging hands-on experiences, we began to envision a native flower teaching garden on our property. We wanted to demonstrate firsthand how small changes in our own backyards can have a big impact. So, we immediately broke ground and began phase one of the development of our teaching garden.

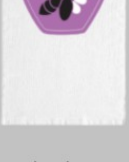
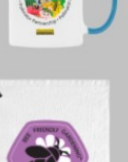
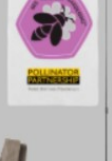
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Earn Cool BFG Merch!



Refer a New Member, Earn BFG Merch!

REFER 1 NEW MEMBER = P2 + BFG STICKERS
REFER 2 NEW MEMBERS = GOLF TOWEL + BFG STICKER
REFER 3 NEW MEMBERS = P2 MUG + BFG STICKER
REFER 4 NEW MEMBERS = CANVAS TOTE + BFG STICKER
REFER 5 NEW MEMBERS = BFG GARDEN FLAG + BFG STICKER



**Referrals accumulate for the calendar year*

Refer a new Bee Friendly Gardening member and receive exclusive P2/BFG merchandise.

Like BFG? Tell your friends! The more people who create habitat, the more that pollinators benefit. Tell your friends to check us out and if they join, let us know they heard about us from you! (They must enter your name in the field "How did you hear about Bee Friendly Gardening?") We will track your referrals, and at the end of 2026 we will reward you with one-of-a-kind gifts as a way to say thank you for supporting us and the pollinators we depend on. Because who couldn't use a tote bag to carry seeds and tools around the garden? Or a towel to wipe soil from your hands or sweat from your brow while planting milkweed for monarchs?

Bonus Webinar Opportunity

POLLINATOR PARTNERSHIP
Protect their lives. Preserve ours.



DESIGNING POLLINATOR GARDENS

Since 2018, Aaron Michael, founder of Earth Love Gardens, has been supporting the garden and landscape projects for countless homeowners and nonprofit community organizations. During this engaging presentation, Aaron will share his expertise in designing and creating pollinator gardens, utilizing regional native plants and other helpful tips for successful gardens; whether for your home, for your community, or both!

Tuesday July 14

10PT/12CT/1ET

Must Register to Receive Link



MEMBER WEBINAR

[Register for Webinar](#)

Pollinator Month Silent Auction Ends June 30th

Support Pollinator Partnership's on-the-ground conservation work through our Silent Auction in honor of Pollinator Month- Bidding started June 1st! Browse a variety of unique packages and experiences, from bee-friendly vineyard tours to wildflower field guides and more. Every bid helps protect and restore pollinator habitat while empowering communities to support pollinators nationwide.



Every bid helps create a more pollinator-friendly future.

[Browse Packages](#)

Habitat Hero Plant Kit Awards

Accepting applications through June 30

Are you doing habitat work beyond your own backyard?! I want to make sure all Bee Friendly Gardeners have a shot at applying for these native plants! Through June, the [NAPPC Pollinator Habitat Installations Task Force](#) is seeking applications from community-based organizations, schools, or institutions that are interested in receiving FREE native plant material provided by My Home Park.

Award recipients will receive:

Up to 3 Habitat Hero Plant Kits

One year complimentary membership to Bee Friendly Gardening

One complimentary registration to the Pollinator Steward Certification Program

Eligibility is restricted to community-focused organization, school, or institutions located in the Great Plains, Midwest, or Northeast regions.

Applications close June 30th.

[Apply](#)

NAPPC Solicits Nominations for Eight Awards

The North American Pollinator Protection Campaign (NAPPC) is seeking nominations for eight prestigious awards. The awards will be presented at the annual NAPPC Conference taking place virtually in October, 2026.

[Pollinator Advocate Award](#) (CA, US, MX)[Farmer-Rancher Pollinator Conservation Award](#) (CA, US, MX)[Pollinator Roadside Management Award](#)[Pollinator Electric Power Award](#)

Nominate yourself or others by July 17, 2026 at midnight EST. Contact napcc@pollinator.org with any questions.



Notable Dates

- June 17 - World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought
- June 21 - Summer Solstice
- June 22-28 - [Pollinator Week](#)
- July - Smart Irrigation Month
- July 10-National Don't Step on a Bee Day
- July 22-30 [National Moth Week](#)
- July 28 - World Nature Conservation Day

Interested in writing an article for BFG?

We're always looking for content for our recurring columns "My Favorite Native Plant/Pollinator" [Tell us about your favorite native plant, why you love it, and what pollinators love it.] and "How Many Host Plants?" [Highlight what host plants you have included in your garden, as well as the pollinators that they support.]. We would love to feature you in an upcoming BFG newsletter! Simply email your response, along with a photo if possible, to bfg@pollinator.org.

Bee Friendly Gardening is for Every Landscape!

Be a part of the Bee Friendly movement.

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