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## A Buzzworthy Symbiotic Relationship: The Link **Between Composting and Pollinators**

Reduce, Rot, Recycle - Celebrating International Composting Awareness Week in Your Bee-Friendly Garden

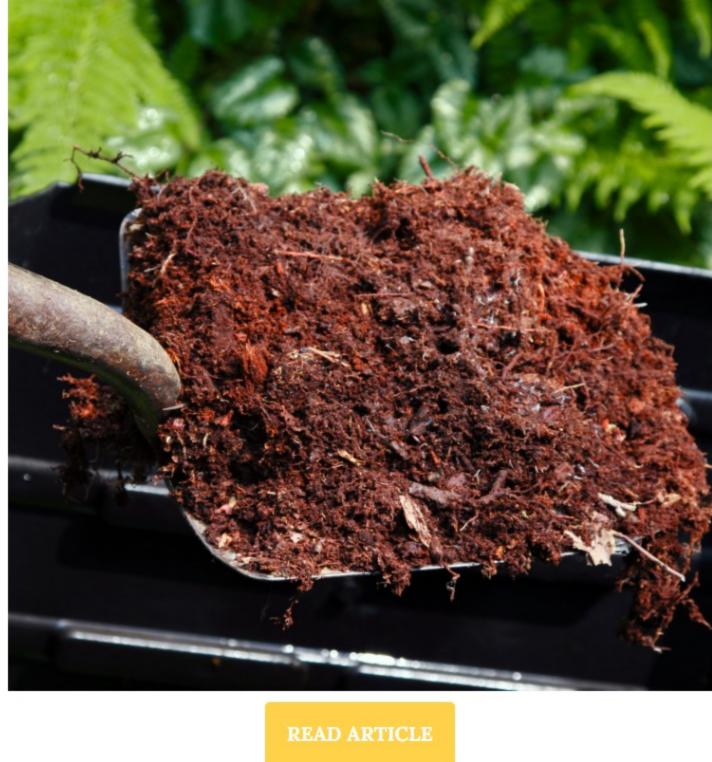
When it comes to healthy relationships in the world of sustainability and

Lauren Click, Let's Go Compost Founder and Executive Director

biodiversity, preservation, pollinators, and composting are tried and true sweethearts. Celebrate International Composting Awareness Week (May 5-11, 2024) by learning how composting in your Bee Friendly Garden can help to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, protect natural pollinator habitats, and foster healthy soil. **Composting and Greenhouse Gas Emissions** 

## Composting, as a sustainable waste management practice, is pivotal in

reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Traditional disposal methods (like sending trash to landfill) contribute significantly to the release of methane, a potent greenhouse gas. In contrast, composting organic waste facilitates the breakdown of materials in an oxygen-rich environment, mitigating the production of methane. By diverting organic waste from landfills, composting serves as an effective strategy to combat climate change and minimize the carbon footprint associated with waste disposal. Not sure how to compost in your backyard, patio, or apartment garden? Click here to learn how!



# Contributing to the Protection and Proliferation of

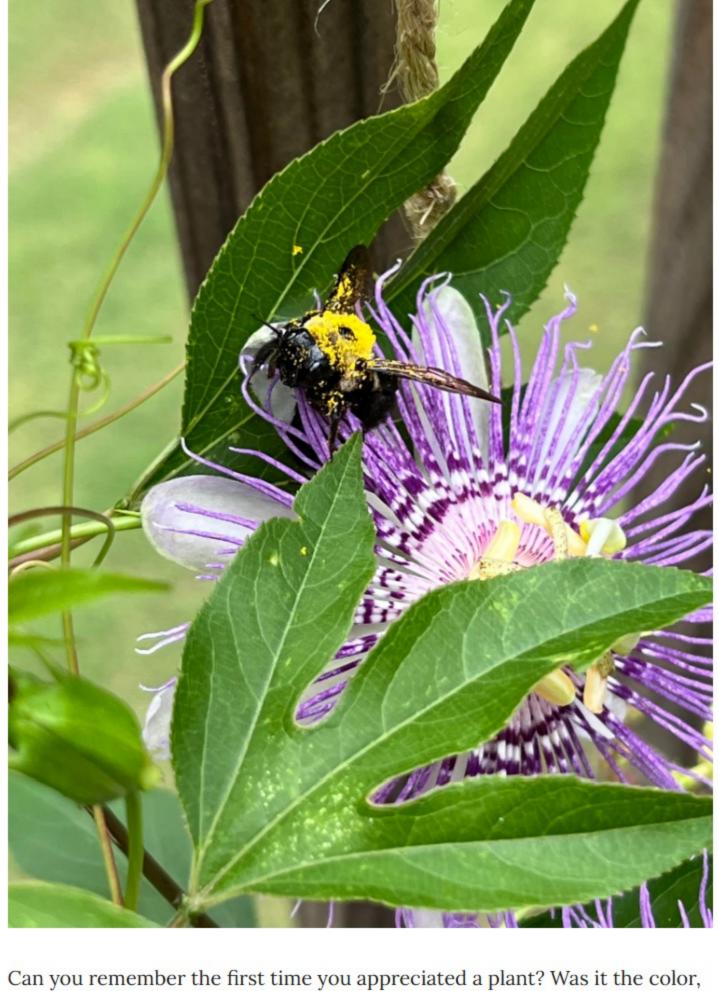
Native Plants, Plant and Pollinator Specialist

**Portable Plants for Pollinators** 

**Pollinators on My Patio** Stephanie M. Lewis, BSN, RN, Georgia Master Naturalist, Certified in

Before describing my own "how to" pattern of providing for pollinators, I need to tell you that until recent years, I never used the word "pollinator".

For the sake of full disclosure, I confess that I have squished my fair share of caterpillars who were eating my plants. My thoughts: "EW! Get out of here you nasty things! These plants are MINE." I still feel remorse. Really connecting the dots between the services that pollinators provide and the fruits and vegetables that I eat is the lesson that changed my world and view of growing plants.



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the shape, the texture, the fragrance, the use? It is my guess that this first

experience is what contributed most strongly to your current pursuit in the

**Special Member Opportunity!** 

## Provided by our partners at Let's Go Compost, exclusively for Members of Bee Friendly Gardening!

Let's Go Compost Webinar

garden.

**Composting for your Bee Friendly Garden** Want to learn the ins and outs of composting? Whether

you have a few acres or live in an apartment, this webinar

is for you! Discover tips and tricks and find out about

tools and resources you didn't even know existed. **REGISTER:** May 6 12:00 CDT **Zoom** bit.ly/3xEtJYW REGISTER HERE **April is Native Plant Month** 

#### been successful. On March 20, 2024, the United States Senate passed Resolution 603 designating April 2024 as

The national effort to establish

April as Native Plant Month has

The same resolution has been introduced in the US House of Representatives.

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STEP 2:

National Native Plant Month.



Garden! With your support, the GCA hopes this initiative will encourage people across America to plant more native plants in their yards, public spaces, and business properties. Joined BFG and Wondering, What Next? **BEE FRIENDLY GARDENING OVERVIEW** STEP 1:

(pay a \$20 recurring annual membership fee) That's it! You are a BFG Member and get all sorts of cool perks!

Visit beefriendlygardening.org

and JOIN

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If you create a Bee Friendly Garden, register it with us!

3) Reduce or eliminate the use of chemicals WHAT NEXT?

1) Provide blooming plants spring through fall

Be on the lookout for a new Member benefit coming soon - Earn a Badge!

Criteria:

- **Notable Dates:**

• May 10 - Public Gardens Day

- April National Garden Month • April - National Native Plant Month

2) Provide pollinator nesting habitat

• May 12 - Mother's Day • May 16 - National Love a Tree Day • May 17 - Endangered Species Day

May 4 - National Start Seeing Monarchs Day

- May 19 World Plant a Vegetable Garden Day • May 20 - World Bee Day • It's never too early to start thinking about Pollinator Week - June 17-23
- Brought to you by BFG be a part of the Bee Friendly movement!



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