

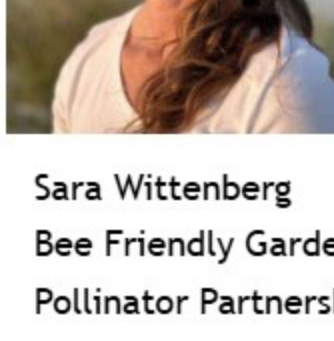


Bee Friendly Gardening™ Newsletter

Dear Sara

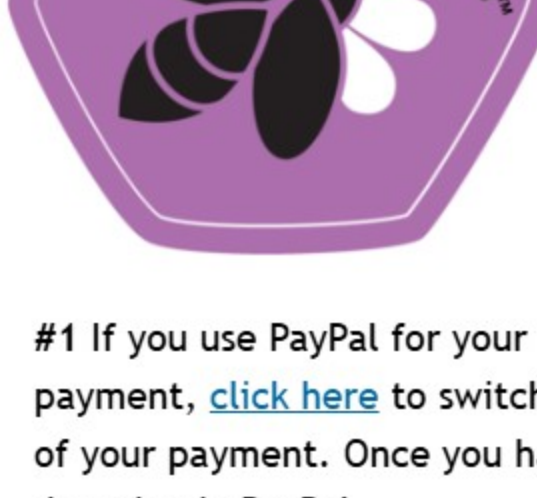
Happy August, BFG members! We are happy to announce that we are now using Bloomerang and QGiv to send emails, accept donations, and track the impact of our programs. Read on to see how this update impacts Bee Friendly Gardening members and for more regularly scheduled programming!

Happy gardening,



Sara Wittenberg
Bee Friendly Gardening Manager
Pollinator Partnership

Bloomerang and QGiv: What You Need to Know



Now that we are using a different Customer Relations Management (CRM) software, what does that mean for BFG members? First, let's define each platform: Bloomerang is a donor management software that helps organizations like Pollinator Partnership keep track of donations and sponsorships. QGiv is Bloomerang's payment processor that allows us to receive online donations.

#1 If you use PayPal for your recurring annual Bee Friendly Gardening Membership payment, [click here](#) to switch to Qgiv. In QGiv, you have the ability to choose the start date of your payment. Once you have made the switch, don't forget to [cancel](#) your recurring donation in PayPal.

#2 With QGiv, donors can easily create and access their [donor portal](#). This portal allows you to view your giving history, update payment information, and access tax receipts.

We encourage all of our supporters to browse our new giving platform and consider switching your recurring donations over to QGiv. Thank you for your incredible support, your donations make a real impact for pollinators and their habitat!

[Switch to QGiv](#)

A Tale of Two Yards

by Maggie Black



My foray into gardening for bees and other local wildlife began in 2017, when I attended a "gardening for wildlife" workshop at a native plant nursery in Central Ontario, Canada. I came home armed with inspiration, some basic knowledge, and a number of native plants. I drew up a plan for converting my relatively barren yard into a pollinator and wildlife oasis, sought feedback from the owner of the plant nursery, and started digging. I was hooked!

Quarterly Member Webinar



CONSPIRING WITH BEES TO CREATE LIVABLE CITIES

We've always shared our gardens, our cities, even our bodies with other species. What if we were to reimagine cities as multispecies assemblages? Acknowledge bees as citizens? Join Joyce Hostyn, co-founder of Little Forests Kingston, Master Gardener, and adjunct professor at Queen's University as we dive deeper.

Tuesday September 2
11PST/1CST/2EST

Must Register to Receive Link



MEMBER WEBINAR

[Register](#)

BFG Ambassadors

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I introduced the BFG program to my monthly women's gardening group. I shared an image of my BFG certification with the group, which served as both proof of concept and conversation starter, and included the registration link, making it simple for interested members to take immediate action.

At our next monthly meeting, I came prepared with informational pamphlets for each attendee. This gave everyone something tangible to reference later and share with others. I then presented a brief overview of both my garden's transformation and the BFG program itself. I highlighted how our yard had become the neighborhood's lightning bug sanctuary—a tangible result that demonstrated the program's real-world impact. By connecting the dots between what they were seeing in my transformed space and how they could achieve similar recognition for their own wildlife-friendly gardens, I made the BFG certification feel both attainable and worthwhile.



Interested in becoming a BFG Ambassador? [Check out the criteria](#) and [apply for the badge](#) on the member webpage!

[Apply for badges](#)

Climate Change and Pollinators Task Force



The Climate Change and Pollinators Task Force is another task force associated with NAPPC (North American Pollinator Protection Campaign). The task force has a mission to educate the public on the effects of climate change on plants and pollinators and to mitigate these effects through science-based programs, with the goal of sustaining the connections that maintain the ecosystems that support us. In February 2025, members of the task force [published a report](#) that compiles the research from 340 scientific articles on how climate change is disrupting plant reproduction and pollinators.

They found that climate change is (1) reshaping how plants and animals interact, (2) altering the traits that help flowers attract and reward pollinators, and (3) altering plant and pollinator life cycle traits. The report underscores the need for broader global research and in underrepresented plant and pollinator species worldwide. The results, along with a list of things that you can do to help pollinators, are summarized in [a flyer](#) available on the task force website.

[Download the 2-pager](#)

Bee Friendly Gardening Photo Contest



Always wanted to show off your pollinator paradise? You still have a few more days to enter the BFG photo contest! Members can enter in one of two ways - by posting your favorite photo of your garden to the [BFG Facebook group](#) (and tagging @Sara Ress Wittenberg) or by emailing your photo to bfg@pollinator.org. Our wider Pollinator Partnership audience will take a vote and the garden with the most votes will win a BFG hat and sign for their garden! Winning members who already have a sign will have an opportunity to choose a product from the Pollinator Partnership merch store instead. Already sent us garden photos from our first solicitation way back when? No problem! Your submissions are automatically entered in this year's contest.

My Favorite Native

What is BFG member Rebecca Cannaday's favorite native plant? "Short Toothed Mountain Mint! Mine blooms from late June through early October and brings in bees, wasps, butterflies, moths, beetles, and flies. It is always buzzing with life! I included three pictures of different visitors. Right now it is mostly bees, flies, and beetles, but the wasps will definitely be showing up soon!"



Tell us all about your favorite native plant, why you love it, and what pollinators love it. If possible, include a photo of the plant in your garden. We would love to feature your favorite in an upcoming BFG newsletter. Simply email bfg@pollinator.org

Finding Wild Bees Starts with Rewilding Locally

Wild bees are essential but often overlooked. Many species have lost habitat due to urban development, pesticides, and overly manicured lawns. Rewilding is about creating space for bees, native plants, and the kind of biodiversity that makes gardens and ecosystems more resilient.



Rewilding

Notable Dates

- September - National Honey Month
- September 4 - National Wildlife Day
- September 6 - National Hummingbird Day
- September 22 - Fall Equinox
- September 27 - National Public Lands Day

Interested in writing an article for BFG?

We're always looking for content for our recurring columns "My Favorite Native" [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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