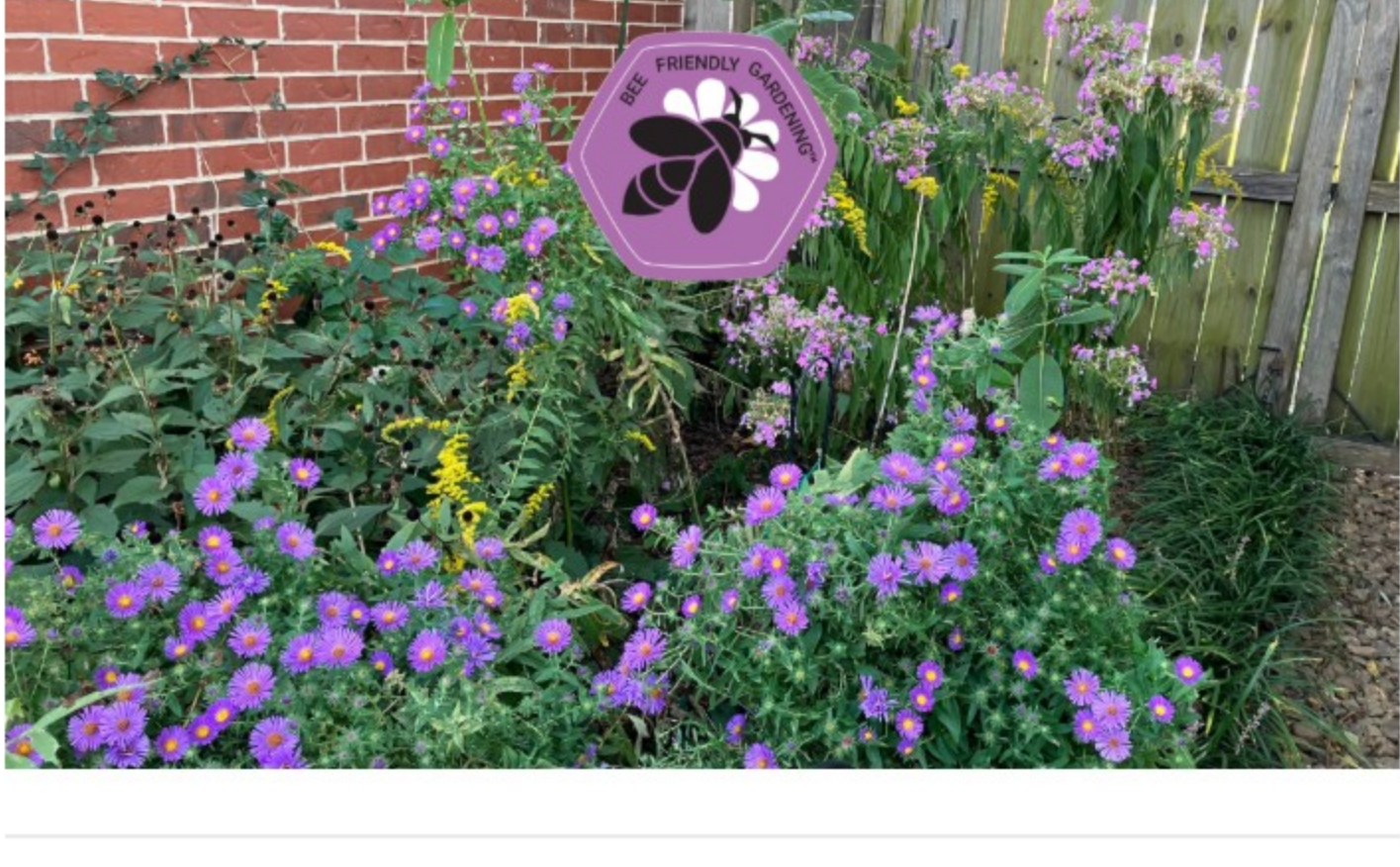


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Bee Friendly Gardening™

January 2023

We have some surprises in store for you! I would like to introduce myself. I am Sara Wittenberg, Pollinator Partnership's new Bee Friendly Gardening coordinator. We are so glad to have you on our team! This is the first edition of our monthly newsletter series, so keep an eye out for upcoming editions coming straight to your inbox! **As a thank you for being among our first members, we would like to offer you the opportunity to purchase a [Bee Friendly Garden Yard Sign](#) at a discounted rate.**



If you enter the code **BFGSIGN23** when you purchase a sign, you can receive a \$20 yard sign (a \$45 value) shipped to your home. Once it is installed in your garden, snap a photo and send it to me! I would love to feature your garden with our sign in a future newsletter. Make sure you check out our new [Bee Friendly Gardening](#) website, and watch us grow! We are excited that you are on this journey with us.

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Native Pollinator Habitat for Backyard Gardeners

By Kim Lippke, [Crown Bees](#) Program Manager, Communications and Engagement

Many bee raisers ask us what they should plant in their lawns and gardens to help bees and other native pollinators thrive. The short answer is that you'll want to create a habitat that provides diverse native plants, abundant floral resources, and shelter and nesting sites. You'll also want to avoid, or minimize, the use of pesticides and other chemical lawn treatments. There are many ways to provide nesting resources through natural and artificial features or simply by changing lawn and gardening practices. **Read more by clicking on the button below for an overview of quality habitats for lawn and garden pollinators.**

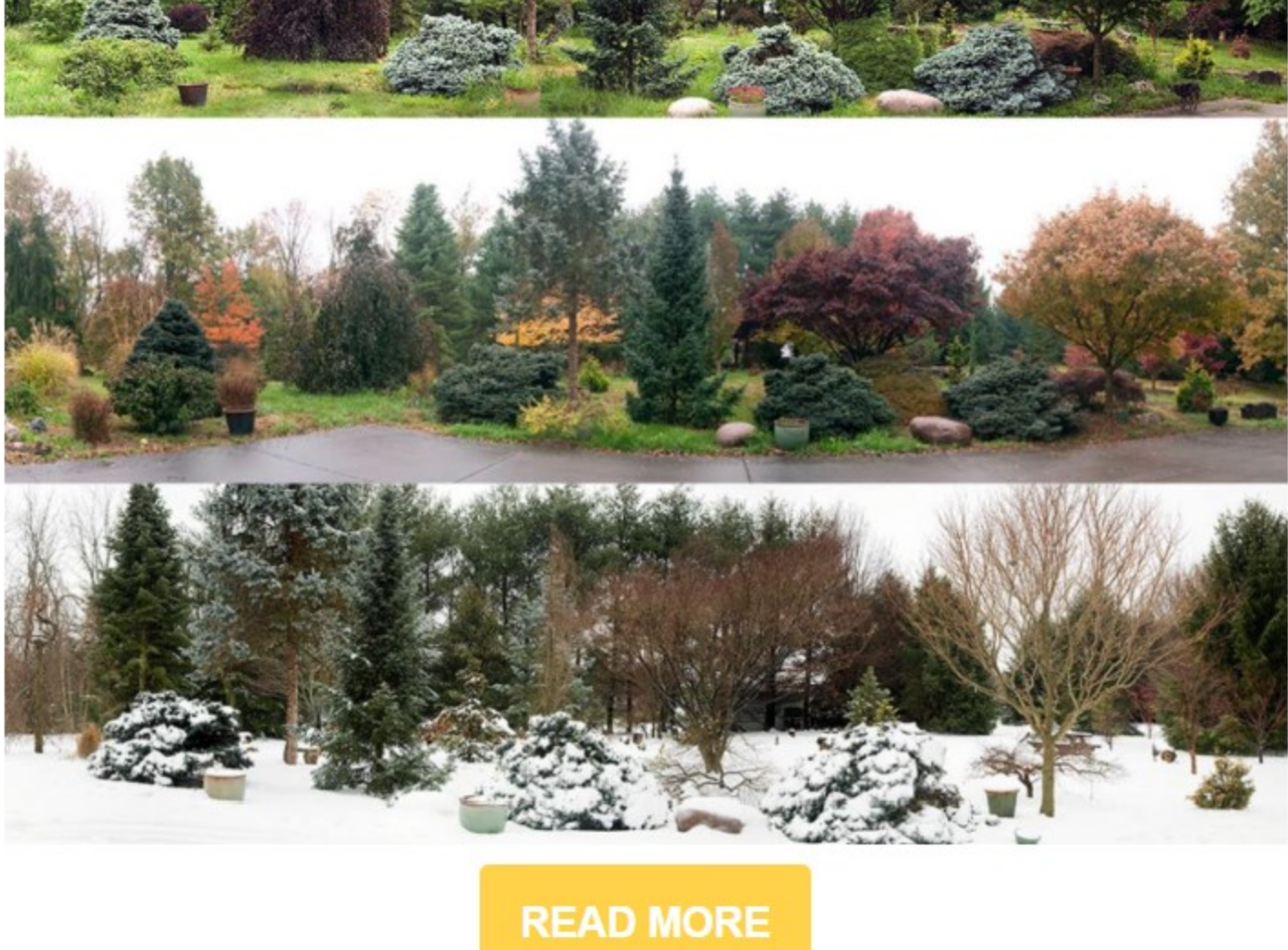


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Your Marginal Land Makeover Plan to Help Pollinators

By Eleanor Schumacher - Pollinator Partnership's NRCS Illinois Liaison; photos by Steve Hinrichs

Everyone has marginal land – including you! Whether a muddy ditch behind an apartment building (which converts beautifully to a mini rain garden) or shady, stream-cut back acres (which you could revitalize into a wildlife corridor), steps you take to shape-up these tortured landscapes will bring you priceless rewards. Wildlife habitat restoration is a forgiving hobby, offering physical activity with flexible hours. In not much time, your “no-man’s land” will mirror back your love of nature as you remove weedy, perilous species and reintroduce bee-feeding flowering species. **Read more by clicking on the button below.**



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Pollinators at Your Table

Many of us don't think of winter and in-season produce as synonymous, as we endure the longest and coldest nights of the year. However, earthy root vegetables, vibrant citrus fruits, and cruciferous vegetables get their chance to shine this time of year. Cabbage and brussels sprouts are the main ingredients in this recipe from the [Pollinator Friendly Cookbook](#), which is a compilation of recipes featuring ingredients that rely on pollination services. **Click on the button below to download the recipe.**

POLLINATOR FRIENDLY COOKING

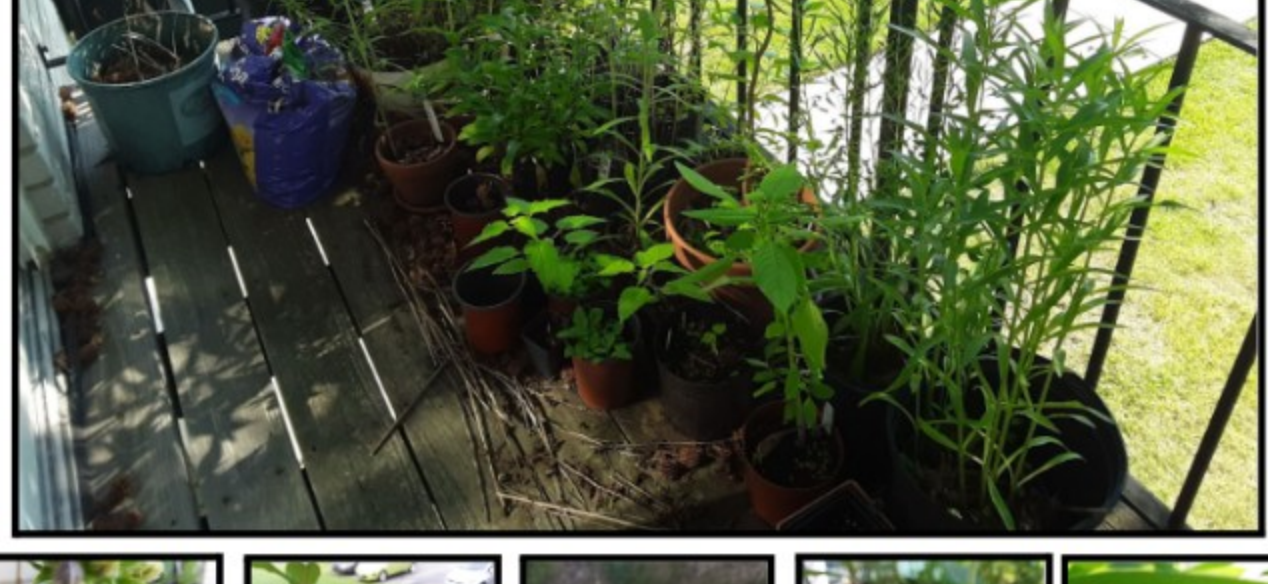


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Bee Friendly Garden Photos

Here are photos of our Pollinator Partnership staff gardens to inspire you and increase your dreams of spring!



Amber Barnes' (Conservation Program Manager - North Olmsted, OH) mini habitat patch that includes 17 species of native wildflowers that bloom from spring to fall. On her second floor balcony she's seen a variety of bees, butterflies, moths, and other pollinators feed on her flowers. She's even been visited by a couple of hummingbirds!



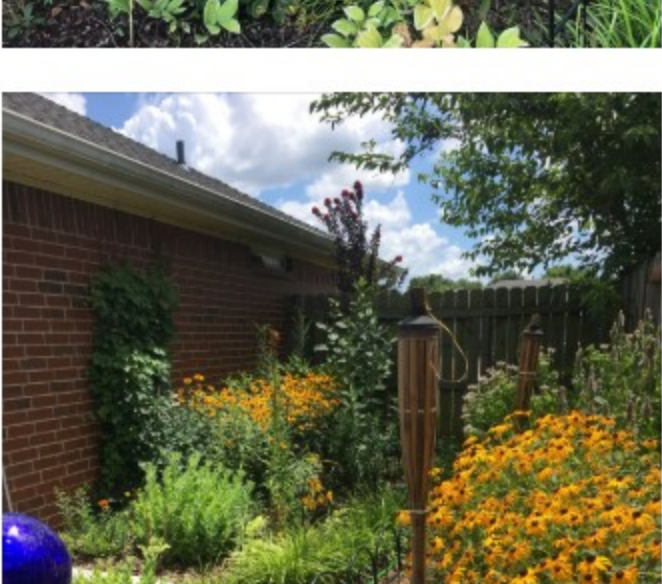
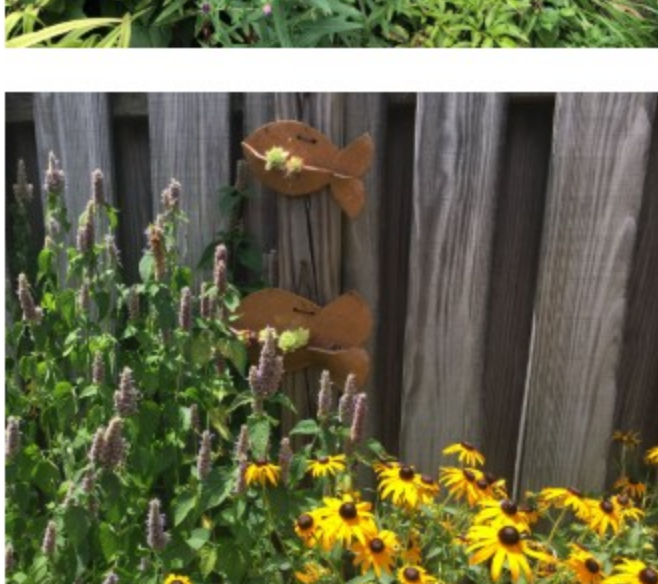
Front yard pollinator garden in Toronto (Jordan Phelps - Ontario).



Spring 2022 container vegetable and companion garden (left) outside Cody Wilson's (Bee Friendly Farming Pacific Northwest Associate) home in Portland, OR. On the right are Laburnum anagyroides and spirea sp. in full bloom with plenty of nesting sites for ground nesting native bee species.



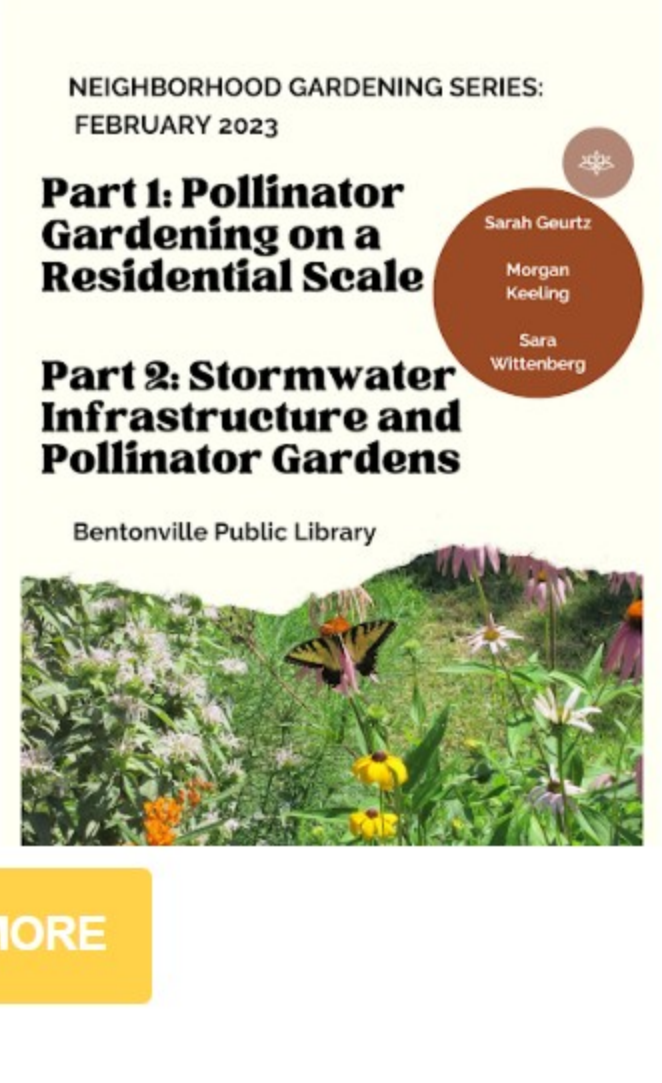
Lora Morandin (Associate Director) planted a couple small spaces in her front yard with a variety of native flowering plants and grasses. In the early spring, the satin flower and spring gold herald the beginning of the year's regeneration of flora and fauna. Later, camas, woolly sunflower, and nodding onion bloom and attract a multitude of bees, butterflies, and other native pollinators. Later in the summer and into the fall the purple asters, gumweed, yarrow, and goldenrod support a huge number of different types of native bees such as cellophane bees, leafcutter bees, bumble bees, sweat bees, and many more. The garden is buzzing from early spring into October! Victoria, BC, Canada, on the traditional territories of the Esquimalt and Songhees First Nations



Sara Wittenberg's (BFG Coordinator/AR NRCS Liaison) pollinator gardens in Centerton, AR.

Workshops and Presentations

If you are in Arkansas, we will be hosting two series next month in the Northwest region that you may be interested in! Feel free to share this with anyone you think might attend, and contact me with any questions about registration: bfg@pollinator.org



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Notable Dates

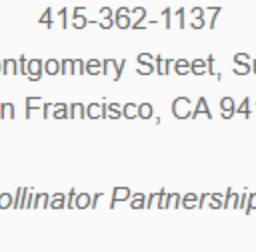
January 28, 2023 - [National Seed Swap Day](#)

February - [National Bird Feeding Month](#)

February 5, 2023 - [Western Monarch Day](#)

February 21, 2023 - [Pollinator Steward Certification](#) begins (register [here!](#))

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