

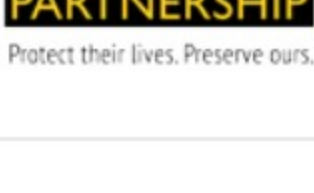
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## Bee Friendly Gardening

A Program of Pollinator Partnership

May 2025



### Park's Pollinators

The Second Grade Pollinator Garden

Mrs. Hill's 2nd Grade Class at Park Elementary in Hamilton, GA



At Park Elementary, we stand out as a distinguished Title 1 STEAM Certified school. Our unique approach involves using STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) to develop an agriculture-focused curriculum. This certification empowers educators to transform education into an experience, not just a process. It creates meaningful learning opportunities that apply across academics and help students understand real-life applications. Our second-grade level STEAM question, "How can we attract more pollinators to our school garden?" is the driving force behind our learning and application. This question opens endless learning opportunities across various subject areas, creating new and meaningful learning experiences. It also supports and nurtures a sense of self and value within our students, broadening their understanding of what learning should be and their knowledge of necessary and meaningful life skills. A great way to achieve this goal is to create a class pollinator garden.

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### Well-Being in the Bee Friendly Garden

Aaron Michael, Founder & CEO of Earth Love Gardens



In addition to invaluable habitat for pollinators and other wildlife species, pollinator gardens provide much for the well-being of people too. As we humans evolved with nature, it is only natural that we respond in a positive way when we reconnect with nature. Working with and experiencing a pollinator garden has many proven benefits, including being outside and connecting with nature, being beneficial for children, and the fact that many native, pollinator-friendly plants are tasty too!

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### Nurturing Nature's Helpers

A Bee House Project for Local Schools

Rebecca Cannaday, Bee Friendly Gardener, Pollinator Steward in Progress



My school decided to plan an environmentally-themed day for our gifted and talented students in the district. I was asked to lead a station and help students build bee houses. The other two stations included building a birdhouse and making raptor tail guards for our local wildlife center. We needed to make plans for students who were in elementary school up through high school.

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### Free Plants for Your Bee Friendly Garden? Yes, Please!



Our native plant sale with My Home Park has come to a close. For every four plants sold through this partnership, My Home Park added another one to a native plant garden jackpot, totaling 140 plants now available for claim by one lucky BFG member! Thank you to everyone who participated in this sale and made native plants more accessible to our communities. We are excited to award the native plant jackpot to a shovel-ready project that will benefit not only pollinators and other wildlife, but the people surrounding it too.

For more information, read the full details about this giveaway on the BFG Members page at [pollinator.org/bfg-members](https://pollinator.org/bfg-members)

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### Spring Plants

Missed the Native Plant Month sale, but want to get some plants in the ground before summer heat sets in? Never fear! Check out the Pollinator Garden Recipe Card plant kits made in collaboration with @myhomepark. These kits offer a convenient way to create vibrant, pollinator-friendly landscapes for gardens of all sizes, from small urban spaces to larger backyard projects. These kits are designed around the [Native Pollinator Garden Recipe Cards](#) and are customized for different regions across the country, ensuring that each selection of plants is well-suited to local growing conditions.



In addition to promoting ecological wellness in your own garden, the Pollinator Garden Plant Kits contribute to a broader mission. For every four plants purchased, one plant will be donated to a garden scholarship fund that supports education, improves access to native plants, and fosters community engagement in pollinator habitat enhancement. This initiative helps to expand the reach of pollinator-friendly gardening and encourages a deeper connection to nature and environmental responsibility.

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### Happy Father's Day

Join the [BFG FB page](#), then watch for a Father's Day post for a chance to tell us about your special person and win a gift!



### New Pollinator Week T-shirts

The limited-edition Pollinator Week Shirts are here! This year's design features artwork from the [2025 Pollinators Weave Connections](#) poster, designed by artist Deanna Derosia. Order yours today and show your support for pollinator conservation. Don't forget to show off your new shirt during [Pollinator Week](#) from June 16-22, 2025 to help raise awareness for pollinator health and well-being!



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### Notable Dates:

- June – Perennial Garden Month
- June 1-7 - National Garden Week
- June 5 - World Environment Day
- June 7 - National Prairie Day
- June 15 - Father's Day
- June 17 - World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought
- June 20 - Summer Solstice
- June 16-27 - [Pollinator Week](#)

Thank you from Sara Wittenberg, your Bee Friendly Gardening Manager



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**Be a part of the Bee Friendly movement.**



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