



A Successful Pollinator Picnic!

In place of our annual Honeybee Hootenanny this year, we hosted our 1st ever *Pollinator Picnic*—a COVID-responsible event that was a great success! Thanks to those of you who supported this event—either by making a donation, purchasing a ticket, volunteering, or contributing in another way.

It was lovely to see your smiling eyes and feel a sense of community and common purpose once again.



If you are new to PPAN, welcome! You are now part of a growing movement of pollinator advocates—a movement in which each and every one of us plays a crucial role in our collective efforts to ensure a safe environment for *all* people and *all* pollinators! Learn more about PPAN and our accomplishments in a recent review of our work [here](#).

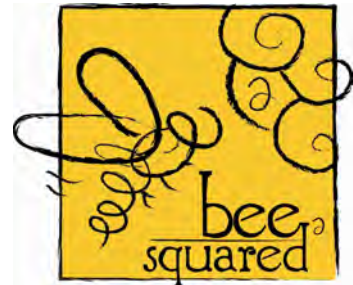
We'd like to extend a very special thanks to Tim and Kerry Francis of [Dharma's Garden](#) for hosting all of us! If you'd like to learn more about Dharma's Garden, and how to save this unique, biodiverse property, email Farmers Tim and Kerry at hello@dharmasgarden.com.



Thank You to our Pollinator Picnic Sponsors!



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Leave Your Leaves!

Last fall we published this list of Dos and Don'ts from our partner, [Xerces Society](#).

Messy gardens are essential habitat for ground-nesting pollinators and other beneficial insects and provide them with the winter cover they

need. So, as we head into fall, don't forget to *leave your leaves*, and put them to work for our pollinator friends!



- **Don't** cut canes, stalks, or other standing plant material which may house nesting bees or provide anchors for overwintering pupae.
- **Don't** clear leaves and bag them for pick-up; find ways [to put them to work](#).

- *Don't* till soil where ground-nesting insects may reside.
- *Do* allow undisturbed patches of habitat with leaf litter, standing twigs/stems or other ground cover.
- *Do* talk to your neighbors or display a *Pollinator Habitat* sign to educate passersby about the importance of providing safe havens for pollinators and other animals.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, September
30th

**How to Garden without
Toxic Pesticides
@noon (via Zoom)**

Join Mikl Brawner to learn how best to garden *without* toxic pesticides. It's not *that* hard, but it's also not as simple as doing nothing. Nor is it as simple as just substituting a non-toxic remedy for a toxic one. Gardeners need to apply "artful management" that supports the nutrition of the plants as well as beneficial insects, including pollinators.



Mikl Brawner has been researching alternatives to toxic pesticides for 45 years and growing plants, professionally, without toxic pesticides for 28 years. He and his wife, Eve, own [Harlequin's Gardens Sustainable Nursery and Garden Center](#) in North Boulder.

Register [here](#) and consider [making a contribution](#) to support PPAN's efforts in offering this and other educational webinars.

NOTE: Our webinars are capped at 100 people so don't delay!



Sunday, October 4th

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

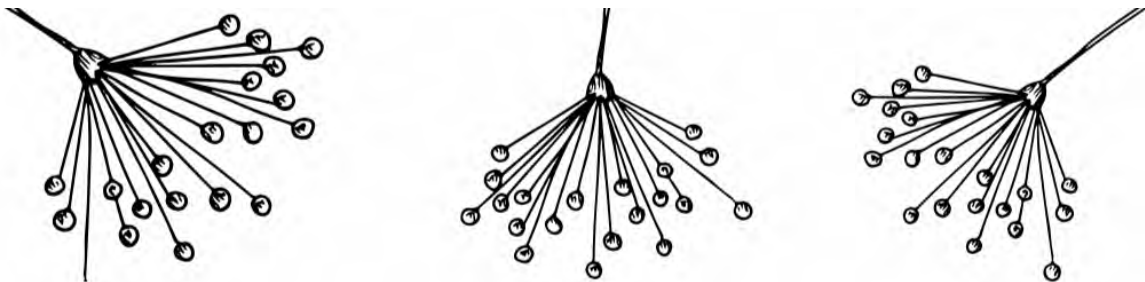
Denver Native Seed Swap

Studios at Overland Crossing

2205 South Delaware St., Denver, CO 80223 ([map](#))

Please join PPAN and co-host, [Wild Ones, Front Range Chapter](#), for our Fall Native Seed Swap. This event is free and all are welcome. You do not need to provide seeds to participate in the swap! If you have access to native seeds, please put clean seeds ([see article on Seed Collection and Cleaning Tips](#)) in separate containers (a paper bag, envelope, or glass jar; one species per container) and label each container with as much information as you can (Genus and species and/or common name, location collected/approximate elevation) and date collected.

In order to streamline this event and minimize physical contact, we would like to receive your pre-packaged seeds prior to the event, if possible. Please email info@peopleandpollinators.org for a seed drop-off location. This is a native (Colorado and regional) seed swap. Please no vegetable, herb, or non-native annual/perennial seeds. *Masks and social distancing required.*



TRICK OR TREAT NATIVE SEED SWAP



Saturday, October 24th

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Fort Collins Native Seed Swap

Sugar Beet Park

524 San Cristo Street

Fort Collins, CO 80524 ([map](#))

RAINDATE: 10/31

[Register here](#) to participate in the *Trick or Treat* Native Seed Swap!

This event is co-hosted by PPAN, [Front Range Wild Ones](#), [Wildlands Restoration Volunteers](#), [Colorado Native Plant Society](#), and [Nature in the City](#). *Preregistration and masks required. Costumes encouraged!*

In order to streamline this event and minimize physical contact, we would like to receive your pre-packaged seeds prior to the event, if possible. Email us at: focoppa@peopleandpollinators.org to drop off native seed donations. This is a native (Colorado and regional) seed swap. Please no vegetable, herb, or non-

native annual/perennial seeds. *Masks and social distancing required.*



Thursday, November 5th

Virtual Colorado Pollinator Summit

Cost: \$20

PPAN and the Colorado Pollinator Network invite you to *virtually* attend the **2020 Virtual Colorado Pollinator Summit: *Building a Roadmap for Pollinator Conservation in a Changing World***. This year, the Summit will be online—to ensure maximum safety—so we hope that even more of you will be able to participate. In partnership with *The Butterfly Pavilion, Denver Botanic Gardens, Denver Audubon, CU Boulder's Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, and Boulder County CSU Extension*, we are welcoming regionally, nationally, and internationally recognized pollinator experts—such as this year's Keynote Speaker, Dave Goulson—to present and discuss the best way forward in pollinator conservation. Goulson is the founder of the *Bumblebee Conservation Trust*, author of *Bumblebees; Their Behaviour, Ecology and Conservation*, and was named one of the top 50 most influential people in conservation by BBC Wildlife Magazine.

For more info and to register click [here](#).

PPAN's Movie Picks

Since we're all spending more time at home, we thought you might like to check out these **videos about native bees and healthy soils**—two things we absolutely must protect to save our planet and ourselves!



Check out the recent Yale Environment 360 winning video:

[Backyard Battle: Helping Native Bees Thrive in a Honeybee World](#)

In case you missed the highly acclaimed and award-winning film, [The Pollinators](#), it's now streaming and available on multiple platforms including **Amazon** and **AppleTV**. Click [here](#) for more info.



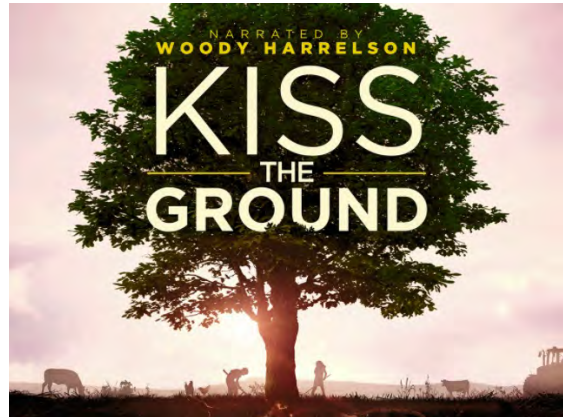


PPAN is proud to partner again, this year, with Rocky Mountain Wild for its [Wild and Scenic Film Festival](#).

Registering for this live-streaming event, on **October 22nd**, will allow you to access some great films like **Detroit Hives** about a young couple in

East Detroit, working to bring diversity to the field of beekeeping and create opportunities for young Detroit natives to overcome adversity.

And, announcing the brand new film, [Kiss the Soil](#), a documentary about curing our food sources to cure our soil, and curing our soil in order to cure our climate. Watch this film now, or [host a screening!](#)



Local Action for Global Impact



Interested in helping to grow Colorado's pollinator-safe movement by *working with others to create and expand healthy landscapes using ecological principles, incorporating native plant species, and reducing the use of toxins on their properties?*

These actions benefit not only pollinators, but also the climate, by building healthy soils, which sequester carbon and keep it there.

Eager to share the *actions you're taking for the betterment of pollinators, people, and the planet?*

If so, PPAN volunteer and activist, Wanda Osterman-Harris, wants to hear from you! Wanda is helping PPAN to recruit new and engage with current [Pollinator Safe Community Leaders](#) in order to bolster Colorado's pollinator-safe movement *and* save the climate!



2020 INTERNATIONAL
CLIMATE ACTION CHALLENGE

[Email us](#), and we'll connect you with Wanda, who is taking part in the International Climate Action

Challenge to launch 100 environmental initiatives in 90 days and wants to showcase your efforts!



[Take the Pollinator-Safe Pledge](#)
[Calendar of Events](#)

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Thanks for reading our newsletter! If you enjoyed the content and view it as a valuable resource, please consider making a one-time gift or setting up a monthly recurring donation, to support PPAN's efforts in compiling and sharing important up-to-date news and relevant content with you on a regular basis.

We can't do this work without you!

Donate today!

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