

## Homesteading Life with Bee-utiful Pollinators



As an artist whose life's passion is exploring and deeply appreciating nature, it is only natural that I have also dedicated myself to live a peaceful and harmonious lifestyle. My partner and I grow much of our own food and each year we strive to live more sustainably. This year we added honey bees to our homestead. How wonderful they are to watch and photograph. They have become an integral part in the natural cycle of our lives. We built them a comfortable hive in which to live and they in turn help us by pollinating our gardens and providing us honey. What a wonderful mutually beneficial partnership.

As I strive to work in community with nature and her magnificent plants and animals, I become more in tune and connected to the natural world. I continue to find new ways to appreciate and understand how nature works. Science has now proved that it is not, as we had thought for years, that the natural world is driven by survival of the fittest but in fact plants and animals have survived by cooperating not competing with each other. All of nature is interconnected and dependent on each other. It is in finding a balance with nature that we too can gain stability and sustainability, not through our fear of lack and separation. As we begin to release our fears, we can then allow the love that surrounds us into our hearts. Nature's perfection is available to us in every moment of the day, one just needs to be open to it.

I ask that you take a moment and experience the wonder and beauty that I see when I look through my camera lens. Experience the magnificent perfection of the plants, animals and landscape in my photographs. Feel your connection with nature, allow it to move you, relax you for even just a moment. It is my hope that through my photograph of nature's spectacular intricacies that you might gain a new appreciation for the interconnection of what surrounds you, ...the natural world, ...your fellow human beings ... the entire earth we call home. It is our responsibility to work cooperatively with the earth that is sustaining us and not ruin or degrade the very thing that is keeping us alive. I believe that we have the ability through love, kindness and creative thought to overcome any obstacles that come into our lives. It is important to remember our oneness and begin to think of each other as a part of ourselves, as being interconnected to the entire human race, even the whole universe. Just as the bees do, working together, supporting each other, doing their part to help the hive survive and thrive in balance and harmony.

# Bee-utiful Pollinators...at work









Coming back home after a long day pollinating the  
**flowers of our vegetables, fruits and trees...**

Thank you my little friend! Thank you!