



COLLABORATION: A KEY TO OUR FUTURE PLANS

November 2016 | crownbees.com

What's in this Issue:

1. [Tips & Reminders | MASON BEES](#)
2. [Tips & Reminders | LEAFCUTTER BEES](#)
3. [Collaboration for Healthier Gardens](#)
4. [Meet Arbico Organic](#)
5. [Meet Crown Bees](#)
6. [Meet Permies](#)
7. [Meet Territorial Seed Company](#)

TIPS & REMINDERS – MASON BEES

Spring Mason Bees – Hibernation

- Check on your cocoons in the refrigerator. Make sure there's sufficient moisture in your HumidiBee. Add a teaspoon or two of water if the green pad feels dry.
- If you haven't harvested your mason bee cocoons yet, here are some [instructions](#) that you may find helpful.
- If you live east of the Cascade Mountain Range located in Washington and Oregon, consider participating in [BeeBuyBack](#) to exchange your mason bee cocoons for new nesting materials or cash. If west of the Cascades, we are only exchanging for new nesting material.



TIPS & REMINDERS – LEAFCUTTER BEES

Summer Leafcutter Bees – Store in a cool place

- Don't harvest your summer leafcutter cocoons just yet. It's okay if you already have.
- Keep the filled summer nesting material and/or harvested cocoons in a rodent-proof container with some air flow (a dry HumidiBee is perfect). Store cocoons in your unheated garage or shed for the winter.



COLLABORATION FOR HEALTHIER GARDENS

We're now teaming with like-minded ethical companies

We're proud to announce a new collaboration between leaders in earth-true practices. ARBICO Organics, Crown Bees, Permies and Territorial Seed Company – beneficial insects, gentle bees, permaculture techniques, and organic seeds, respectively. It is our hope that this collaboration effort may benefit you by providing earth-true garden knowledge and practical steps to help you create a more ecologically balanced and sustainable garden.

Chemical companies use marketing and hype to sell garden and lawn products that are rarely, if ever, necessary. Together, with our collaborators, we intend to bring you the knowledge that you actually need for your land to be healthy, earth-true, and sustainable.

We'll be focusing on:

- Toxic-free, microbial soil that is alive with bugs, microbes, fungus, and other important nutrients
- Seeds that are organically raised and appropriate for your growing zone
- Healthy, organic plants that are native or naturalized
- Beneficial insects that feed on garden pests
- Native bees that effectively pollinate for more seeds and food
- Sun for energy and rain for growth



- Ethical methods to work sustainably with nature

Each month we'll include small sections from each collaborative teammate in our respective newsletters, providing tips or knowledge for your benefit. You'll be able to learn more by reading some basic knowledge shared in each of our websites. As our collaboration efforts expand to include additional teammates, we'll work to share their expertise as well.

We're excited to learn from our new partnerships and hope that you'll enjoy participating in our educational journey towards healthy, sustainable gardens!

Meet ARBICO Organics

Greetings from the beautiful Sonoran desert of Southern Arizona!

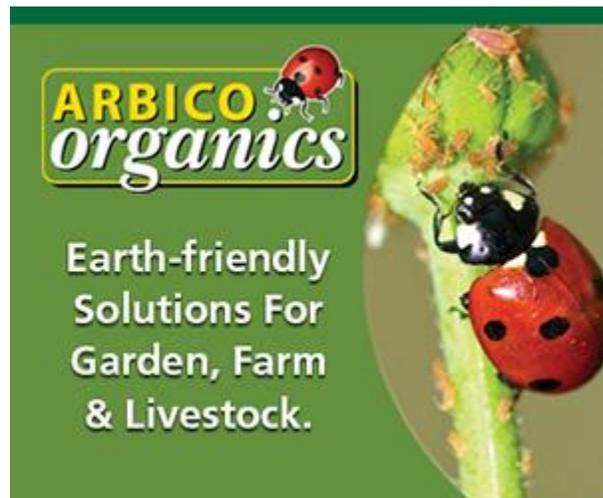
ARBICO Organics™ was begun in 1979 with an idea for natural fly control. That idea became our signature product, Fly Eliminators™, and has resulted in tens of thousands of properties going pesticide-free (and more every day). Our commitment to “do no harm” to the environment has led us to into the fields of organic gardening, beneficial insects and natural living.

We know that building a strong soil and closely monitoring what we put on it and in it is the only way to maintain a sustainable future. Our team at ARBICO includes Master Gardeners, IPM specialists, Entomologists, Botanists, Researchers and True Believers in the Organic Way.

You can call us anytime our offices are open and speak to a real person; we are here to help you and are happy to offer suggestions, advice and consultations. Our offices are open 8-5 (MST), Monday-Friday and 8-1 Saturday.

We look forward to hearing from you!

The ARBICO Team



Meet Crown Bees

Crown Bees is a company that is dedicated to teaching gardeners and farmers how to raise and use gentle bees for pollination. We continue to collaborate with scientists and commercial

industry leaders to ensure that what we're teaching is earth-true and the guidelines we provide and products that we sell are good for the bees and easy for you to use.

What surprises many people is that solitary bees are superior pollinators due to how they carry and transfer pollen. A solitary bee collects and carries dry pollen on their hairy bodies while a honey bee gathers and carries sticky pollen on their hind legs. Pollen from a solitary bee falls off everywhere! It can be summed up this way: honey bees are efficient pollen gatherers, but solitary bees are efficient pollinators! Solitary bees nest in holes and are extremely easy to raise, they are gentle because they have no hive to defend. Watch Nolan, one of our field reporters, as he introduces you to gentle summer bees. Out of the mouths of babes!



The spring and summer bees we raise and re-home are found naturally all across the continental American states and Canadian provinces.

We are proud to release our short video, Pollen for Food, this month. We hope that you will join us as we embrace these gentle bees and share about their future impact on our nation's backyards, farms, and orchards.



Thank you,

Dave Hunter, Founder/Owner, Crown Bees

Meet Permies

Permies is the largest permaculture forum on the web, and has become the online gathering place from growers and sowers the world over, as we all try to change the way we live for a more sustainable future. In these forums you'll find people trying and failing, growing and succeeding, and most importantly, learning together as they share their experiences and seek advice, to build the incredible base of knowledge and information that exists here.

To keep the lights on for this site, and our sister site Richsoil.com, we sell an assortment of instructional DVDs, PDFs, and of course, you can find downloads of Paul Wheaton's permaculture podcasts there as well.



Meet Territorial Seed Company

Since 1979 Territorial Seed Company's mission has always been the same: to improve people's self-sufficiency and independence by enabling gardeners to produce an abundance of good tasting fresh-from-the-garden food 12 months a year. My wife, Julie Johns and I, the owners and managing partners of Territorial, have embraced that focus and grown the company steadily. Today Territorial works hard to do much more than find and produce the best garden seed for their customers.

At the core of Territorial Seed's efforts is its 75 acre farm, where each year our staff grows hundreds of varieties of seed in an effort to find the best performing, highest quality and best tasting cultivars. Holding a rare, dual certification of organic and biodynamic, the farm adheres to the highest standard of conscientious agricultural and ecological practices. Viewing the farm as a holistic ecosystem, the soil, its community of macro and microbial life, and the hard-working native insects are just as important as the crops themselves. Aside from using only natural, non-chemical fertilizers and pest control, the farm also relies on nature's tools such as cover crops to improve the soil, innumerable red wiggler worms to turn vegetable waste into soil-amending castings and plant teas, beneficial insects to control pests, and an insectary to attract and support native insect populations.

Territorial Seed is proud to be actively taking leadership in advancing the evolution of organic agriculture from a movement into a mainstream market. We hope that you will be part of that wave and grow at least a portion of your own food. Start really seeing your own garden, not just the crops, but the entire ecosystem that it encompasses, and appreciate all the life that your efforts are supporting. In the end, you'll be enjoying the most flavorful, nutritious foods while you're acting as a steward for the land and environment.

Tom Johns
President
Territorial Seed Company



CrownBees.com | (425) 949-7954 | 13410 NE 177th PL Woodinville, WA 98072

[Powered by YMLP.com](https://www.ymlp.com)