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Spring Greetings from The Melissa Garden!

The garden is glorious and in full bloom right now! The roses are blooming, echium is just starting, and there is a colorful meadow of poppies and phacelia all through the orchard. Not only are the bees buzzing everywhere, it seems like there is a butterfly convention going on, too!



We want to let you know that The Melissa Garden will be included in a tour offered by Daily Acts on Saturday, May 23 in a day that is all about bees. Please register directly with [Daily Acts](#).

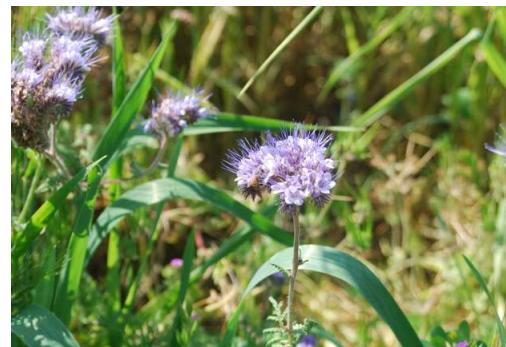
Bzzzz,

Barbara, Jacques, Kate, Priscilla, Michael and Juan

Bees, Bees, Bees Galore

Saturday, May 23rd, 10am to 4pm, \$35

The first stop on this stimulating new tour is Beekind in Sebastopol, where owners Doug and Katia Vincent hire local carpenters to build bee boxes, call on local keepers to provide bees to those in need, support organizations and programs focusing on honeybee health, and bring to the community table a variety of perspectives on bee life and husbandry.



Next, Healdsburg's April Lance, a master gardener, teacher and experienced beekeeper, will show us her busy 5 acres of nectar-rich, bee thriving environment, with 10 healthy Mother Hives annually spawning 50 nucleus hives. Kathy Kellison, founder and director of Partners for Sustainable Pollination, will join us to share collaborative approaches between farmers, growers, beekeepers and scientists working to improve the health of honey bees in pollination services and support native pollinators.

We'll end this dynamic day at The Melissa Garden honeybee sanctuary located at the home of Barbara and Jacques Schlumberger. The Melissa Garden hosts two acres of honeybee forage situated in the center of a pristine 40-acre ranch lush with native vegetation. Created for honeybees to live natural lives, insulated from known stressors, and nourished in a beautiful setting; the garden was designed by acclaimed designer Kate Frey. It's a Biodynamic paradise abounding with botanicals offering year-round nectar and pollen sources for honeybees.

This is one busy li'l tour that'll leave you buzzing with excitement about the future of our relationship with bees.

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