

# Digging Deep with Cynthia Brian

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## Refresher Steps for Sustained Buzzing

- Build a house: allow for a small pile of leaves or branches to provide shelter.
- Provide a fresh water source: birdbaths, fountains, ponds, even a small mud puddle for the butterflies.
- Don't use pesticides, insecticides or other chemicals that will kill the pollinators.
- Offer a continual source of nectar and pollen by planting fennel, parsley, dill, lavender, tubular, colorful flowers, milkweed and shrubs.
- Attract a diversity of buzzers to your garden with drifts of the same plant so that they can see and smell the buffet.
- Don't be afraid of the native bees, honeybees or our other flying winged friends. They are not interested in harming you unless they are defending themselves. Let them do their business.

## Trending in my garden:

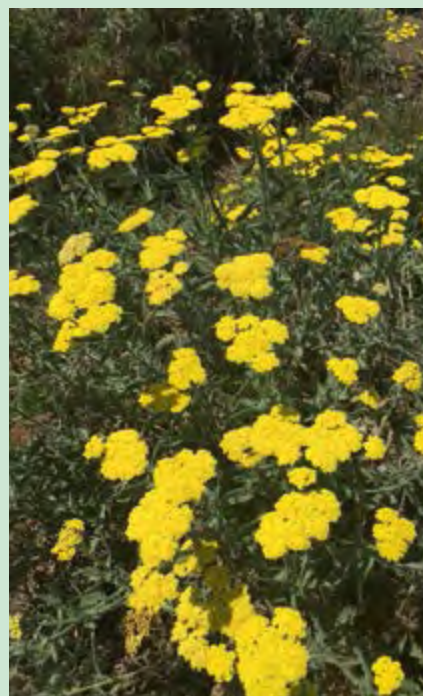
- Santa Rosa plums, cherry plums, Asian pears, apples, blackberries and tangerines are finding their way to tarts, barbecues, sauces, salads and drinks.
- Zucchini is growing as fast as the pods in "Invaders of the Body Snatchers."
- Wisteria boasts a second flush of purple.
- Roses and stargazer lilies perfume the air and beautify my garden.
- Herbs (parsley, basil, cilantro, fennel, sage, thyme, oregano, rosemary and tarragon) are flourishing.



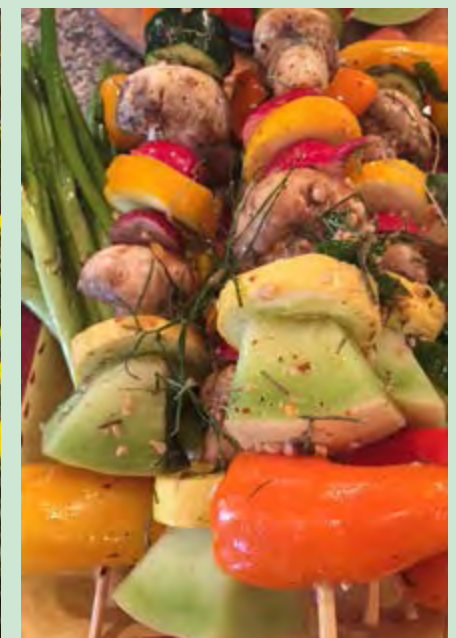
A drip system irrigates the bucolic garden leading to the peaceful pond.

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- Hydrangeas are finally blooming. I love putting a hydrangea in a Deckorations container from [www.Jberrynursery.com](http://www.Jberrynursery.com), then planting in a shaded area when the blooms fade.
- Passion lower vines are growing on my fence featuring intricate show-stopping blooms.



Yarrow flowers



Favorite summer skewers of vegetables and fruit include melon, peppers, zucchini, radishes, mushrooms and whatever other fruit is in season.



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