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## Press Release

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### The beauty of bees subject of 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual “Imagining a World Beyond Toxics” Photo Contest

**Eugene, OR (10/10/2013)** The competition was fierce amongst over seventy entries, but four photos caught the imagination of the judges in the second annual “Imagining a World Beyond Toxics” Photo Contest. Winning entries can be viewed on the Beyond Toxics web site: <http://www.beyondtoxics.org/donate/imagining-a-world-beyond-toxics-contest-entries/>

The top winners are Autumn Steam (1<sup>st</sup> place), Catia Juliana (2<sup>nd</sup> place), Judit Covarrubias-Garcia (3<sup>rd</sup> place); honorable mentions were awarded to Don Schwartz and Michael McCaffrey.

#### First Place Winning Photo, “The Measure of a Bee” by Autumn Steam



Beyond Toxics staff and professional photographer, Kate Harnedy served as judges for remarkably beautiful entries--with an impressive array of colors and views of the life of Oregon’s bees.

Lisa Arkin, Beyond Toxics Executive Director, one of the judges said, “In a time when bees are in peril, the winners of our photo contest gave us the opportunity to appreciate, admire and value the beauty of bees.”

Winning photos, including prize winners and all honorable mentions will be featured in a traveling photography exhibit titled "The Beauty of the Bee." In addition, winners will be prominently displayed on [the Beyond Toxics web site](#), [Facebook page](#) and in other media. The photography exhibit will help to raise awareness about the plight of bees, including a November visit to the State Capitol to deliver 11,000 signatures to the Oregon Department of Agriculture to demand a ban on a class of bee-killing pesticide in Oregon.

To sign the online petition started by Beyond Toxics (hosted by CREDO mobile), please visit this page: <http://www.credomobilize.com/petitions/ban-neonicotinoid-pesticides-in-oregon>

For more about our Friends of Healthy Bees project, please visit: [www.SaveOregonBees.org](http://www.SaveOregonBees.org).

For more information or to schedule an interview, please call our office: **541-465-8860** or [email Lisa Arkin](#), Executive Director of Beyond Toxics.

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### **Beyond Toxics' Mission**

*Beyond Toxics works to guarantee environmental protections and health for all communities and residents, regardless of their background, income or where their home is located. We expose root causes of toxic pollution and help communities find solutions that are appropriate to their needs.*