

WILLIAMSON COUNTY AREA BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

WCABA MARCH, 2010 NEWSLETTER

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DATE: Tuesday, March 23, 2010
TIME: 7:00 P.M.—Beekeeping 101; 8:00--Program
PLACE: First United Methodist Church Georgetown (basement)
PROGRAM: Equipment Use, Scholarship Awards, Construction of Hives
HOSTS: Per sign up as hosts for February and March meetings

Note: March has 5 Tuesdays. We meet on 4th Tuesdays.

Although it was exciting to see snow here in Central Texas, it was disconcerting to feel the need to cancel our February meeting due to hazardous road conditions, especially for those members who needed to drive long distances to attend. We are looking forward to seeing you on Tuesday, March 23rd, however.

Orders for packages of bees have been coming in each day. If you need to start one or more new hives this Spring, and would like to order through WCABA, we are accepting orders until the close of our meeting Tuesday evening. If you need more information or the order form or a membership form, remember you can get either one from our web site (see above) or near the end of the this newsletter. Delivery date for the packages is at the Bost Farm is April 17.

If you want to order queens for replacements or splits, the price is \$16.00 each and the shipping date from Louisiana is May 10,. There will be no additional cost for marking or clipping wings. The deadline for ordering these queens is April 27, at our meeting that night.

A number of you have given Gary Bible your orders for bee supplies that he, Chris Doggett and Chuck Sparks travelled to Paris, TX. with a truck and trailer to bring back to Gary's home in Liberty Hill in order to save our members money they would have otherwise paid for shipping. We thank these men for giving of their time and energy to benefit our WCABA club members. I hope you'll take a moment to show them your appreciation, and that you will pick up your order in a timely way with as much convenience to Gary as possible.

Our program Tuesday evening should be exciting: we will recognize our 2009 Ed Wolfe-Robert Bost Memorial Scholarship winners, Colter Chase, Paul Exley, and Jared Rutherford, who have completed their year of successful beekeeping; our 2010 scholarship recipients will be introduced and presented their beekeeping equipment; and the Texas Honey Queen, Allison Adams, and former Texas and American Honey Queen, Rachel Seida, will assist in the presentations. Following this part of the program, Jimmie Oakley and other members will assist these recipients in assembling their hives. If putting a hive together is a new activity that you would like to learn more about, you are encouraged to observe and/or assist them.

We appreciate Mrs. Shirley Acevedo, TBA Honey Queen chairperson, for bringing Allison and Rachel to our area to work with Rebekah Jones, WCABA Honey Queen, whom they will train for her future presentations about beekeeping and using honey. The First Methodist Church, Georgetown, has opened the Parlor (next to the Fellowship Hall where we will hold our meetings) for this training. Allison and Rachel will be the guests of Mary Bost and Mrs. Acevedo will be able to visit her daughter, Monica, while they are in Georgetown.

We are very pleased to hear that Paul Exley, '09 scholarship recipient, was named the 3rd place winner in the 2010 Beekeeping Essay Contest, according to Kyle J. Merten, Extension Associate. Paul's essay was entitled, "Is My Community Honey Bee Friendly?" Paul, 14 years of age, is a STAR Scout, and was also a 4th place state winner in Debate with NCFCA. He is the son of Elizabeth (former WCABA president) and James Exley. For several years WCABA has donated funds to the Texas 4-H program that sponsors this annual essay contest.

With the transition from our former way of notifying hosts to our current method of having a Social Chair person for this duty, the Host Sign Up sheet has been lost. If you signed up for either February or March, would you please email Janet Church, Janet_Church46@hotmail.com so we can know who will be furnishing refreshments for Tuesday's meeting. Janet will be passing around a signup sheet at the meeting and hopefully, all three spaces for future meetings will be filled. If you remember that you had a particular month when you preferred to bring snacks, it would help to email Janet prior to the meeting.

There continues to be much interest in becoming involved in the fascinating craft of keeping bees. Those of us who have been beekeepers know the benefit of bees pollinating our gardens, fruit and nut trees, and flowers as well as reaping the rewards of that golden elixir, honey. This interest is manifested in the number of people who have joined WCABA in the past several months. The April newsletter will have a list of our new members who have joined and ordered bees. Also, many members have renewed their membership for 2010. Remember, those of you who have not renewed by the time the April newsletter is sent out will be dropped from the mailing list. Please don't procrastinate. We appreciate each of you and hope you find our meetings interesting and of much benefit.

W.C.A.B.A Club Package & Queen Order Form - 2010

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ ST _____

Phone _____ e-mail: _____

please print

I want to order:

No. _____ **3 # Package** w/hygienic queen at \$90.00/ Package (April 17th)
(clipped wings add \$2.00)

No. _____ **Honey Bee Queen** at \$16.00 for requeening or divisions
Deliverly Approx. date May 10th

Mail remittance to: **WCABA, 4335 C. R. 110, Georgetown, TX 78626**

How will you pay? CASH or Check # _____
Check Preferred

**TOTAL AMT
OF ORDER**

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Special Instructions:

Honey Gingerbread with Cinnamon Cream

(Adams' Favorite Texas Honey Recipes)

1/3 cup soft or melted butter	1/2 cup Texas Honey	1/2 cup molasses
1 cup buttermilk or orange juice	2 1/2 cups flour	1 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. cinnamon	2 tsp. powdered ginger	1/2 tsp. salt

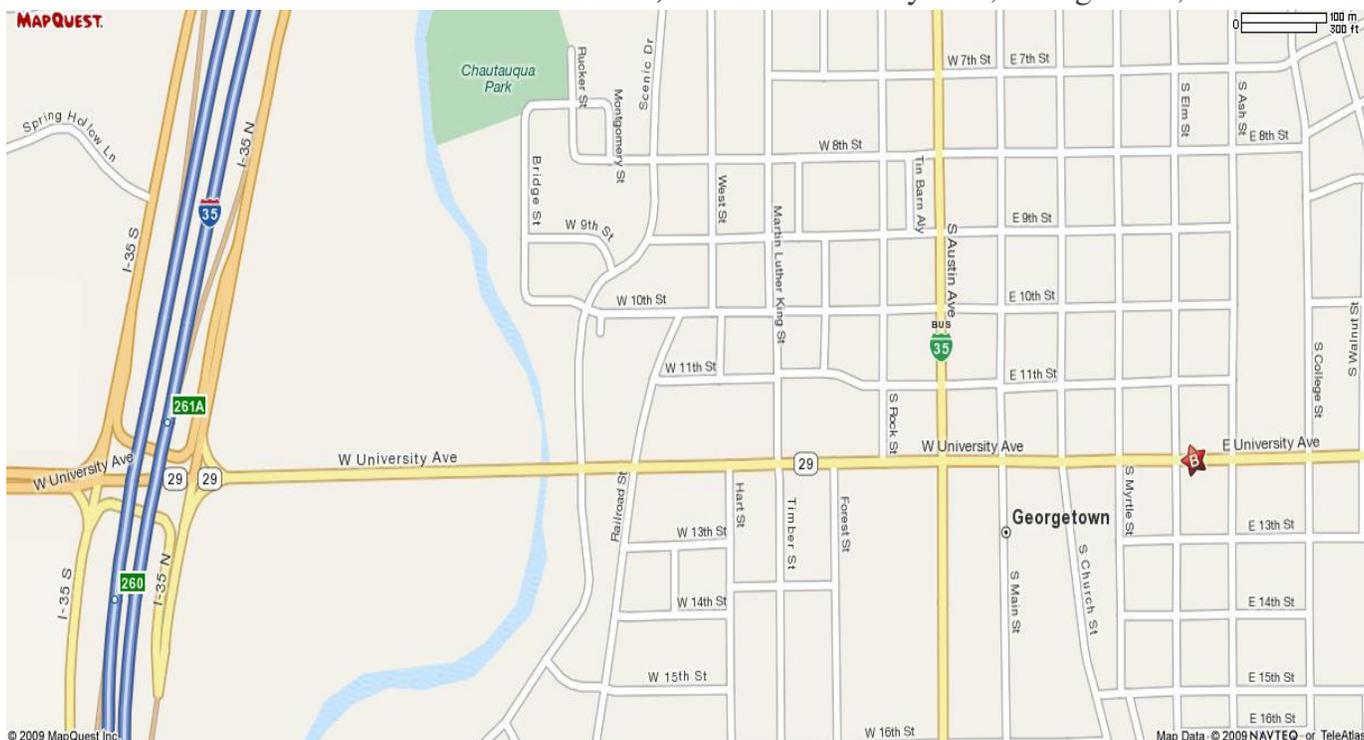
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine butter, molasses and honey. Beat in egg and add buttermilk or orange juice. Sift dry ingredients together. Mix wet and dry ingredients. Turn into a greased 9"x 9" square pan. Bake for 40 minutes. Serve with Cinnamon Cream.

Cinnamon Cream

1 cup whipping cream	2 tbsp. Texas Honey	1/2 tsp. cinnamon
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Whip cream, honey and cinnamon together at high speed until stiff.

Directions to: First United Methodist Church, 410 E University Ave, Georgetown, TX 78626



The Williamson County Area Beekeepers Association is now meeting at the First United Methodist Church in Georgetown, Texas, located between S. Elm and S. Ash Streets on East University Ave.

Using State Hwy 29 and I.H.-35 as a reference point (see map above) for those traveling in from north, south or west, go east on University Ave (US Hwy 29), cross Bus. 35 (S Austin Ave) and on to the Church house located on the south side of University Ave. Turn south on Ash St. and proceed one block to the Guest parking (green lot) at Ash & 13th Street (see parking map insert). Those traveling from the east (Elgin, Taylor), Hwy 95 north to Hwy 29 and go west may be utilized. Toll Road 130 north (Exit Hwy 29) is also an option.

Meeting is in the Fellowship Hall in the basement. Enter the Church house through the double doors on the south east side next to the playground area. Turn left and then right to the elevator or down the wide stairs to the basement meeting room. Good advice is to start early and allow time to find the meeting place for the first time. Jimmie Oakley's cell number is 512/507-3009 for explanation of the map.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

WILLIAMSON COUNTY AREA BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

Dues \$10.00 per year – single member or family



New Member / Renewing Member

(circle one)

Date: _____

Name: _____ Amount: \$ _____

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