

WILLIAMSON COUNTY AREA BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

WCABA NOVEMBER 2011 NEWSLETTER

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(for meeting directions, see website)

DATE: Tuesday, November 22, 2011
TIME: 7:00 PM-Beekeeping 101; 7:45 PM-Program
PLACE: First United Methodist Church Georgetown (basement)
PROGRAM: Reports: Wesley Fest, TBA Convention, 2011 Scholarship recipients
HOSTS: Sherry Youngblood, Jennifer Martin, Jan Tucker

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Orders for packages of bees as well as for queen bees have continued to come in. Remember that the deadline for ordering is at our meeting Tuesday evening, November 22. A down payment of 25% (\$16.00/pkg.) is required when you order; the remainder is due by Feb.28th

Note: **To be eligible to order bees through our club, you must be a 2012 member of WCABA. Please enclose with your order a separate check for \$10.00 to pay your dues. This check may be postdated to March 1, 2012 if you prefer. New members joining in October or November will be considered 2012 members.**

Queen ordering will also end Tuesday, November 22. Order either marked or unmarked queens. The queen prices are \$15.00 for an unmarked queen and \$16.50 for a marked queen. Full payment for queens is required at time of order. Mail checks to WCABA, 4355 CR 110, Georgetown, TX 78626.

Although a form for ordering both package bees and queens was attached as well as a membership application form in the last newsletter, those forms have been resent to email members plus a list of beekeeping equipment that can be ordered through the club. Please read carefully the instructions if you would like to save shipping costs by ordering beekeeping supplies through WCABA. Our USPS members will receive this information in your mailed hard copy.

One of the responsibilities our scholarship recipients accept is to give a report to the club in November regarding their year of beekeeping. Even though the drought this year has presented a challenge to our young beekeepers, we look forward to hearing about their experiences.

Although some past recipients have given a power point report, some a set of pictures, and some just reported orally, we suggest that our 2011 recipients use their ingenuity in making their reports as interesting as possible. We look forward to hearing from each of them: Laura Lee Blackburn, Abishai Mark Gundy, Joseph Nemeč, Isaiah Perusek, and Lesli Tucker.



Laura Lee Blackburn



Isaiah Perusek



Lesli Tucker

Chris Doggett has offered the following names of members who have agreed to fulfill the respective offices or responsibilities for WCABA this coming year. Nominations may also be made from the floor (if permission from the nominee has been obtained). Gary Bible will present them to the club during the business session for your official vote Tuesday evening .

President	Stephen Gardipee	Secretary	Reagan Rozales
1 st VP (Membership)	Sherry Youngblood	Treasurer	Kenneth Miller
2 nd VP (Programs)	Jimmie Oakley	Historian	Shirley Doggett
3 rd VP (Newsletter)	Mary Bost		

Others who play a vital role in making the club better are appointed, not elected. They are:

Librarian	Susan Philpott
Webmaster	Hem Ramachandran
Beekeeping 101	Chris Doggett
Refreshments	(see paragraph below)**.

**We are asking that our membership step up and help with the snacks we all enjoy during the break between Beekeeping 101 and the Program. Susan and John Philpott fulfilled the coordinator spot this past year but asked to be relieved as they were missing all the programs. We would like to ask that one (or two) members be responsible on a rotating cycle to pick up the plastic tub of supplies at one meeting, bring it to the next meeting and be responsible for making the coffee and cold drink and also set out the snacks the other hosts bring, then pass the supplies on to the next month's #1 host. If you are willing to help our club this way, please talk with Susan and John so they can outline what you will be expected to do. They will have sheets to pass around at the next 2 meetings so you can sign up for the month(s) you can help. We also suggest that the other hosts who sign up for a specific month step in and help serve during the snack time.

WCABA members took part in dual events on the first weekend in November as WesleyFest was held in Georgetown at the Wesleyan Home on Estrella Dr. and the Texas Beekeepers Convention convened at the Omni Marina Hotel in Corpus Christi. On the local front a host of volunteers stepped up to man the Honey Booth where local honey was sold in support of the Ed Wolfe – Robert Bost Memorial Scholarship Program. Those participating were John & Susan Philpot (booth setup), Sherry, Josiah & Jenni Youngblood, Dave, Jan, & Lesli Tucker, Mark & Laura Lee Blackburn working the Saturday shifts. The Kohn's, David, Matt & Nick, opened on Sunday morning and were relieved by Frank & Barbara Hunt and Devon Greer with the Schroder's, Lisa, Solomon & Rachel, arriving about the time the rain did. Randy & Samuel Oakley came and all those present loaded up the equipment for another year. The observation hive and the bees were provided this year by Gary Bible. Thanks to all who donated honey or volunteered in the booth for your efforts.



The TBA Convention was well attended by WCABA members with new TBA Journal Editor Chris Doggett and wife Shirley attending, TBA Treasurer Jimmie Oakley and wife Kay, McCartney Taylor & wife, Todd Holland, Lance Wilson, the Jones', Paul, Cindy, Rachel, Rebekah, Caleb, and Cindy's mom, Emma Moon. Congratulations to WCABA Honey Queen, Rebekah Jones on her new title as she became the 2012 Texas Honey Princess, along with Caroline Adams the 2012 Texas Honey Queen.



Rebekah Jones & Caroline Adams >>

Welcome to our new members who joined WCABA at our last meeting or by mail since then. They are Mary Catherine and Catherine Gardner, Austin; Kent and Cheryl Hubbard, Georgetown; Norman and Kay Hubbard, Moody; Trisha Kick, Georgetown; Perry and Bonnie King, Leander; Chris and Donna Toth, Pflugerville; Whitmore Family, Austin; Rich and Maureen Basinger and Family, Leander; Parker and Tracy Shaw, Georgetown; Veronica Jones, Rockdale; Don Schwertner, Jarrell; and Brice Coen, Round Rock. We trust they will find our programs interesting and helpful and our members friendly and willing to exchange beekeeping ideas.

Fifty-two members also renewed their membership for 2012 . . . a great start for the new year. That means there shouldn't be a long line waiting to renew in January!
Rebekah Jones & Caroline Adams

Door prizes at our October meeting were donated by Chris Doggett, Dean Hamilton, and the Wende Family. Lucky winners were Barbara Hunt, David Kohn, Kay Oakley, Mark Ney, and Jennifer Whitmore.

Another one of our members, Allen Chase of Killeen, has been deployed to Afghanistan. We hope you will keep him and also Jeff Callin in your prayers. Allen's parents are Nial and Darla Chase, who have been WCABA members for several years. Allen and Karyl's son Colter was one of our scholarship recipients in 2009.

Elizabeth Exley gave me a tube of her "All Natural Exley Lip Balm" last week and I have enjoyed the way it has made my lips feel better during these dry-norther days, better than the commercial lip balm I was using. Its listed ingredients are sweet almond oil, beeswax, honey, Vitamin E, and tea tree oil. Perhaps you would like to find out more by talking with Elizabeth.

Susan Philpott sent me an interesting article, "City dwellers swarm to urban beekeeping." When the eleven year ban on keeping bees in New York City was lifted in the spring of 2010, 40 people took the class taught by Andrew Cote, Founding Director of the New York City Beekeepers Association. In 2011, 280 people took the class.

"I think that it's part of a broader trend of interest in where our food comes from," according to Vivian Wang of the National Resource Defense Council. "The interest is becoming more connected with what we put on our plates and in our bodies has translated into a rise of interest in urban beekeeping."

Editor's note: The article excerpts below are from an article my son, Robert, sent me. It confirms what I have been telling customers at Farmers Markets. Incidentally, the long word below--**--means someone who studies properties of honey. I had to look it up in the dictionary.

"Most of the honey sold in chain stores across the country doesn't meet international quality standards for the sweet stuff", according to a Food Safety analysis. One of the nation's leading melleopalynologists**analyzed more than 60 jugs, jars and plastic bears of honey in 10 states and the District of Columbia for pollen content and found that pollen was frequently filtered out of products labeled "honey". The report states, "Without pollen there is no way to determine whether the honey came from legitimate and safe sources."

No pollen was found in 76 percent of samples from grocery stores such as Safeway, Krogers and others. Also, no pollen was found in 100 percent of samples from chain drugstores such as Walgreens and CVS. The anticipated amount of pollen *was* found in samples bought at farmers markets and co-ops.

Why does it matter where honey comes from? A Food Safety News investigation found that "at least a third of all the honey consumed in the United States was likely smuggled from China and could be tainted with illegal antibiotics and heavy metals." The lack of regulation enables potentially unsafe honey to make its way into the country, according to Andrew Schneider, author of the report. "Where there's no pollen, there's no way for authorities to confirm where the honey came from, so it's easy to smuggle illicit honey into the country," he said.

WCABA MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: Tuesday, October 25, 2011

1) Beekeeping 101 Class - McCartney Taylor

"Life Cycle of the Hive"

- Covers the Pros and Cons of Langstroth Hives versus Top Bar Hives
- Go to his website: www.LearningBeekeeping.com for more information
- McCartney Taylor has over 70 video demonstrations on www.YouTube.com on how to keep bees. His user name is: OutOfaBlueSky.
- He has also written a new book: Swarm Traps and Bait Hives.

2) Business Meeting - Gary Bible and Jimmie Oakley

A: Treasurer's Report - \$2875.00 for balance

B: Meeting Attendance - 88 people in attendance

C: Introduce Guests - 3 new families were introduced at meeting

D: Door Prizes - 5 door prizes were awarded to attendants

E: Equipment Needs/Sales –

- Frank Hunt has used equipment for sale. Please see him for details.
- Karl Fischer has designed a bee feeder. Please see him for details.
- Liz Exley still has a bunch of new 10-Frame Medium Supers (with plastic wax foundation) they built this summer for sale. Please see her for details.
- New/Used Equipment is also listed on the WCABA Yahoo! Group website. Please send Liz Exley or Gary Bible an e-mail if you would like to join.

F: Date for next meeting - Tuesday, November 22, 2012.

G: Other Business -

- If you have empty 3 lb. bee cages, please return them to the club so they can be re-used with bee orders in April 2012. The club will get reimbursed for each empty 3 lb. package they take back.
- President entertains a motion to accept the minutes as they were written in the newsletter, 2nd was by McCartney Taylor, and vote was in favor.
- 31 club members have ordered bee packages so far. Ordering bees via WCABA is good through next meeting (November 22, 2011). The limit is 5 - 3lb packages per person.
- Sherry Youngblood is now taking 2012 membership renewals and applications.
- A list of 2012 slate of officers and volunteer positions was handed out to be voted on at November meeting. Stephen Gardipee to be voted on as next 2012 WCABA President.
- There is a new refreshment procedure going into effect starting in January. Whoever wants to host refreshments for that month will be in charge. There will be 3 people per slot each month.
- There will be an early start on WCABA Group Equipment Ordering. WCABA President Gary Bible will be in charge. Please contact him for more information.
- Delivery on 3 lb. packages of honey bees will be on April 12, 2012 at Bost Farm.
- Wesley Fest is held on November 5th and 6th at The Wesleyan Home on Estrella Dr. in Georgetown.

H: Miscellaneous -

- Please donate money to refreshments.
- Be prepared to feed your bees due to the long extended drought.
- A very special happy birthday shout-out for Mrs. Bost!

3) Presentation on Up-Coming Wesley Fest - Jimmie Oakley

- Wesley Fest is held on the first weekend in November every year. This year it is November 5th and 6th.
- Please help any way you can either by donating honey or money and/or by working WCABA Honey Booth.
- Wesley Fest is our fundraiser for the WCABA Scholarship Program. The money that WCABA gets at the booth for the current year determines how much WCABA can do for the next year's scholarship program.
- The Ed Wolf/Robert Bost Memorial Scholarship Program is the oldest/original scholarship in the state of Texas.
- There were 6 scholarship recipients out of 11 applicants at WCABA for 2011.
- This is a honey booth with honey for sale, and it is also for the consumer's education on honeybees.

4) Meeting Adjourned

Gary Bible – President

Reagan Rozales – Club Secretary

WCABA Group Order Instructions

WCABA Membership:

The Group Equipment Order process is for all WCABA members. WCABA will make available to you the minimum equipment list needed to keep bees at the November meeting. This list is used by first-year beekeepers and scholarship recipients. We encourage you to use it as a guideline in ordering equipment. However, if you have been beekeeping for a while and/or desire to order other/extra equipment from Dadant, feel free to do so. By ordering on the group order, you will save a substantial shipping charge. The deadline order date is Monday, March 19th, 2012. You may place your order anytime after receiving this notification. WCABA volunteers will pick-up the equipment at Dadant & Sons in Paris, Texas, on Friday, March 23rd.

Only dues paying/official WCABA members are authorized to use the group equipment order process. After our volunteers pick up the equipment in Paris, Texas, your beekeeping equipment will be available for pick up at the Bost farm on Saturday, March 24th from 9 am to 12 noon and also at the Monday, March 27th club meeting. Be responsible and pick up your equipment order promptly as scheduled or make arrangements.

Notice: Any equipment not picked up on March 24th or March 27th will be donated to the club.

WCABA Group Order Process

1. Determine what equipment you will order using the Dadant & Sons Inc. Catalog, from the WCABA basic equipment list handout, or on the website from Dadant & Sons Beekeeping Supplies and Candles.
2. Call Dadant & Sons at 1-877-632-3268 and place your order with Margaret or Terry. Do
not order online. You will not be able to tell personnel to place your order in our group order.
3. Tell Margaret or Terry to place your order (under your full name) onto the WCABA group order pallets.
4. Pay your bill using check or credit card.
5. Call Gary Bible at 512-548-6194 (leave a message) or email him at: glbible@austin.rr.com to let him know that you have equipment in the group order.

If you are a new beekeeper, and have questions about what minimally to order, we will provide a list of needed equipment at the November meeting.

If you have any questions, call or email me.

Gary Bible

WCABA (Example) Beekeeping Equipment List from Dadant & Sons, Inc. The Equipment Listed Below is the Minimum Needed to Keep Bees

Qty	Unit	Item Number	Description	2011 catalog Price	Total Price
1	1	B51101	9 5/8" Deep Hive Body w/10 Frames	\$26.75	\$26.75
10	1	F37000	8 3/8 x 16 3/4 Plasticell Beeswax Coated Sheet	\$1.04	\$10.40
1	1	B92901	Varroa Screened Bottom Board (assembled)	\$14.50	\$14.50
1	1	B14201	Flat Wood Cover	\$9.95	\$9.95
1	1	M00826	Boardman Entrance Feeder	\$3.10	\$3.10
1	1	M00823	Metal Bound Excluder	\$6.05	\$6.05
1	1	V01093	Dadant Folding Veil	\$13.95	\$13.95
1	1	M01049	Dadant Plastic Sun Helmet	\$8.95	\$8.95
1	1	M011381	Leather Ventilated Gloves (Medium)	\$9.99	\$9.99
1	1	M007571	Economy Hive Tool	\$3.95	\$3.95
1	1	M00001	First Lessons in Beekeeping	\$8.95	\$8.95
1	1	M00751	Bee Brush	\$4.15	\$4.15
1	1	M00927	* 4x7 Stainless Steel Smoker w/Shield	\$36.95	\$36.95

		\$157.64
	Taxes 8.25% on \$157.64 = 13.01	<u>\$ 13.01</u>
	Total =	\$170.65

W.C.A.B.A. Club Package & Queen Order Form – 2012

Name _____
Address _____ City _____ ST _____
Phone () _____ e-mail _____
(please print clearly)

I want to order:

No. _____ **3# Package** w/marked MN. Hygienic Italian queen at \$64/Package
25% down books package order, balance before February 28, 2012.

No. _____ **Honey Bee Queen** at \$15.00 for MN. Hygienic Italians
\$1.50 additional for marking, advisable to do so, how many marked? No. _____
Full payment for queens when placing order.

How will you pay? **CASH** or Check # _____ **TOTAL \$ AMT.**
Please make checks payable to WCABA - Checks Preferred **OF ORDER**

Mail remittance to: **WCABA Order, 4355 C.R. 110, Georgetown, TX 78626**

Package & Queen order deadline is the November 22nd WCABA meeting.

Special Instructions:

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: \$ _____
Cash/Check # _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: () _____ E-mail: _____

(please print)

To save postage cost may we send your Newsletter via e-mail? Yes [] No []

This recipe sounds like a healthful, delicious salad to accompany your holiday menu. It appeared in the WCABA cookbook published in 1993.

HONEY BEE AMBROSIA

4 medium oranges, peeled and sliced crosswise
3 bananas, sliced
¼ cup honey

2 Tbs. lemon juice
¼ cup flaked coconut
Maraschino cherry halves (optional)

Combine fruit in a medium bowl, tossing lightly. Combine orange juice, honey and lemon juice; pour over fruit; mix well. Sprinkle with coconut; cover and chill at least one hour. Garnish with cherries if desired. Yield. . .6 servings.



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