

WILLIAMSON COUNTY AREA BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

WCABA SEPTEMBER 2012 NEWSLETTER

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DATE: Tuesday, September 25, 2012
TIME: 7:00-9:00, Bkg.101, Program
PLACE: First United Methodist Church Georgetown (basement)
PROGRAM: Honey Judging and Honey Tasters Choice Contest
HOSTS: Chris & Shirley Doggett, Karen Flanagan, Cindy Jones

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Since the club's extracting equipment has been in use each week since the first of June, we're looking forward to a good sampling of our WCABA members' honey at our meeting Tuesday evening. Remember, bring to the meeting a small jar (such as a baby food or pimienta jar) with your 2012 honey in it. There should be no label or other identification on it. One of our members will be accepting the jars, giving it an identification number, and placing it on a table where members will have an opportunity to taste each sample and vote for the 3 honey samples they like best. Blue, red and white ribbons will be awarded to the three members whose honey received the most votes.



We also urge as many of you as possible to bring one or more 2# queenline jars of your 2012 honey to be judged, then sent on to the State Fair in Dallas October 1. These jars should have your label on them. Computer generated labels are acceptable. The extracted honey will be judged for container appearance, level of fill, density, free of crystals, free of bubbles and foam, free of wax, free of lint, free of other foreign matter, flavor, and brightness. Following the Fair, the honey will be donated to the Children's Home in Granbury. Please contact Jimmie Oakley (512-507-3009) if you need a (free) 2# jar to put your honey in for judging and sending to the State Fair.



Incidentally, our WCABA Honey Queen, Lesli Tucker, and our TBA Honey Princess (former WCABA Queen) Rebekah Jones, will be taking part in the cooking demonstration at the Fair Oct.18-20th. If you would like to attend the State Fair and are willing to help in the honey booth contact John Talbert, Honey Booth Coordinator, via e-mail [john@sabinecreekhoney.com] and indicate the date you prefer and an alternate date.



Beekeeping 101 will be presented in two parts: Chris Doggett will have information regarding fall management of the beehive, and Chris Smith will have information on making and using a beetle trap with the screened bottom board.

We welcome our new members who joined WCABA at the last meeting. They are Tom and Ann Bierschenk, Georgetown; John Latham Family, Thrall; Jeff and Esther Lenk, Holland; Jay Bob Smith, Llano; Craig and Shanna Varrichio & Family, Round Rock; Ray and Karen Walker, Marble Falls; and Ethan West, Fredericksburg. Also, Tim Roberts & Family of Liberty Hill renewed their membership.

We thank Shirley Doggett and Harold Kind for donating the door prizes last month. Lucky winners were Matt Lawson, Rebekah Jones, McCartney Taylor, and Lily Blackburn.

Some of our members have not been registering their attendance on the sign-in sheets. Folks, **we need to know how many are attending our meetings.** Some have said they didn't want their name called for a door prize. You don't have to accept a door prize. Just let Shirley know you don't want to have a door prize or just refuse it if your name is called, but we need to know who is attending. Please cooperate with us on this. Please sign in at each meeting.

In most situations, the nectar flow in central Texas is over. Some of you may be in an urban setting that still has some nectar flow but for most beekeepers, it is time to start feeding immediately after you harvest. Your goal is to keep the foragers working and the queen laying more eggs for additional workers to go into the winter cluster. That means that if you do not have a natural nectar flow, you have to simulate one by feeding. This time of the year you may want to thicken up the syrup by mixing 1 1/2 to 1 ratio, that is 3 - 4lb bags of sugar to one gallon of water, or at least a 10 lb bag of sugar to one gallon of water. Feeding will replenish some of the honey you may have extracted in addition to acting as a stimulant for brood rearing. If you live in the country and have been blessed by the current rains you may look for Broom weed blooming in your area (round tumbleweed looking plant with small bright yellow flowers) that would offer some hope of a natural honey flow (see picture). Aster and Goldenrod are also fall plants that are beneficial to our bees.



Broom weed in Williamson County

Here is a recipe taken from **Liquid Gold**, a recipe book WCABA published in 1987.

CREAMEDOODLES

7 oz. jar marshmallow crème	1 Cup peanut butter
½ Cup honey	2 chocolate bars
1 ½ Cup raisins	(1.5 oz. each) crumbled
1 Cup chopped walnuts	2 Cups shredded coconut

Combine marshmallow crème, peanut butter and honey, mixing with electric mixer or wire whisk until well blended. Add chocolate, raisins and nuts. Mix well. Shape rounded teaspoonfuls of mixture into 1 inch balls. Roll in coconut. Chill or freeze. Makes six dozen.

WCABA Meeting Minutes – August 28, 2012

1) “Ice Cream Social”

2) Beekeeping 101 Class – Chris Doggett “Beekeeping Tips for August/September”

3) Business Meeting – Stephen Gardipee and Jimmie Oakley

A: Treasurer’s Report - \$5,281.00 balance

B: Meeting Attendance – 84 people in attendance

C: Introduce Guests – 5 people were introduced

D: Door Prizes – 4 door prizes were awarded

E: Equipment Needs/Sales –

- New Equipment: Josiah Youngblood has medium and deep supers with frames (painted) and samples all ready to go, for sale. Contact him via email at BetterBeeEquipment@gmail.com /or phone (512)963-3954.
- New Equipment: Frank Hunt has hives and a lot of other equipment for sale. Contact him via email at huunt@aol.com /or phone (512)478-8905.

F: Date for Next Meeting – Tuesday, September 25, 2012

G: Other Business –

- September is National Honey Month, we will be conducting our annual Honey Judging of 2# jars and also having WCABA’s annual Taster’s Choice Contest, please bring a baby jar of honey for members to vote on.
- WCABA will be this year’s host for the TBA Convention in Killeen in November.
- Please contact Jimmie Oakley to become a TBA member, and also to volunteer for the convention.
- The Texas State Fair is starting the last week in September, please donate any extra honey you have for our Honey Queen’s Cooking Demonstrations they give at the fair.
- Motion was made by Stephen Gardipee for \$100.00 to be donated to the Swaziland Bee Project, McCartney Taylor 2nd the motion, and vote was approved.
- Motion to approve July Minutes was made, 2nd was made, and vote was approved.

4) Special Guest Speaker – Area 5 TBA Director: Dr. Rodney Holloway accompanied by wife Becky Holloway

- Talks about the purposes and benefits of the Texas Beekeeping Association as well as information regarding the TBA Convention in Killeen in November.

5) Meeting Adjourned

Stephen Gardipee – President

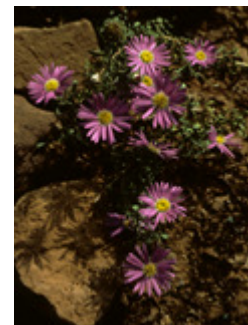
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Goldenrod



Purple Aster



Pink Aster

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