

# WILLIAMSON COUNTY AREA BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

## WCABA JANUARY 2013 NEWSLETTER

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DATE: Tuesday, January 22, 2013  
TIME: 7:00-9:00, Bkg.101, Program  
PLACE: First United Methodist Church Georgetown (basement)  
PROGRAM: How I Got Into Beekeeping - Oakley's Flying Circus  
HOSTS: Susan Philpott, Jan Tucker, Wayne Baker

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Breaking News: Caroline Adams, our 2012 Texas Honey Queen, was crowned as the American Honey Queen Saturday evening January 12, 2013. Congratulations to Caroline and the Texas Honey Queen program!

The New Year has begun and I trust you are looking forward to a new beekeeping year as well. Let's hope we are blessed with bountiful and timely rainfall that will bring forth lots of nectar-bearing flowers to benefit our little busy hummers. The December special newsletter had forms for ordering bees plus instructions to help you order the equipment you may need. They are also available on the WCABA web site and in this edition.

It's also time for our youngsters who are interested in becoming beekeepers to apply for a scholarship by writing an essay telling why they want to become beekeepers and what they expect to learn from this experience. Application forms are available by going to [www.wcaba.org](http://www.wcaba.org). When the web site appears, click on "opportunities" to find the Ed Wolfe/Robert Bost Memorial Scholarship information. To be considered, applications should be mailed to Scholarship address by February 10, 2013.

We have a new addition to the newsletter that I think you will find interesting, entitled "Bee Book Nook". Ginny Stubblefield will give a brief synopsis of an interesting book about bees/beekeeping each month. She is also aiming to increase the number of books available for check-out and will try to set up the club library in a more advantageous location. Ginny will also have the tee-shirts (\$10.00), polo shirts (\$20.00), and caps (\$12.00) with the WCABA logo imprinted on them when you are ready to buy yours. You can pay with cash, check, or credit card.

Program this month will be a nostalgic look at the 'good old days' and how Jimmie Oakley (WCABA Pgm. Chair) got started in commercial beekeeping (circa 1976-86) There will be a section on queen rearing and on migratory beekeeping

Chris Doggett's Beekeeping 101 programs at the beginning of each meeting have been interesting and informative. His topic this month will be "The Year in Beekeeping."

We are encouraged that interest in bees and beekeeping seems to be at an all-time high: inquiries about our bee programs plus eight new members in November and December, added to the 80 new members who had already joined during 2012, and 85 members renewing by the December report with more renewals coming in nearly every mail. We are a thriving bee club. We are pleased that our 'seasoned' members gladly share their beekeeping experiences with these novice "newbies" as we welcome them to our club.

New members who have joined WCABA since the last report are Charles Bloemsma, Austin; Susye Bowles, Liberty Hill; Janet Broach, Lorena; Paul Clutts, Pflugerville; Steve Hoskins, Belton; Pam Krause, McGregor; Rik and Mary Roszel, Marble Falls; Sandy Sadler, Austin, and Andrea Scheinbein, Walburg. Seventy-four members have paid their dues for 2013 but about that many still need to do so. Remember: being a current WCABA member entitles you to order bees at a discounted price, order new equipment without having to pay shipping, use of the club extracting equipment, receive the monthly newsletter, and attend our friendly, informative club meetings each month.

Door prizes at the November meeting were donated by Ginny Stubblefield, Wayne Baker, Lisa Schroder, and Shirley Doggett. Lucky winners were Ms. Martha Lawson, Susan Philpott, Heike Laudien, Callie Herring, Kay Oakley, Tom Parsons, Ed Eacrett, and Karen Eacrett. Please be sure you register as you come in to the meeting. If you don't care to participate in the door prize drawing, you can indicate that by drawing a line through the number preceding your name.

### **Bees Book Nook by Ginny Stubblefield**

There will be book reviews in our monthly newsletter to help our members decide which books they may wish to check out from our library. We're adding current editions of beekeeping books so that the newest information in beekeeping will be in our library.

Today's review is of *The Beekeeper's Handbook, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition* published by Cornell University. I found this book to be the perfect follow-up of *Beekeeping for Dummies*. As a new beekeeper, I found the Handbook is very detailed about the basics of beekeeping. I use it often as a reference when I have a question. The illustrations are very clear and helpful. The science and art of beekeeping has changed drastically in recent years, so that is the reason for the 4<sup>th</sup> Edition of this book. After you have borrowed this book from our library, it's my guess that you will get your own copy so you can refer to it often.

Please feel free to make suggestions of books that you feel were extremely helpful to you as a beekeeper. Also, we welcome donations of books that have been printed in the last few years. Besides books, we also have a couple of DVDs to loan to members. I'll look forward to seeing you at the Library table during the meeting.

Rick Bost, who lives near Tulsa, sent me an email copy of the North East Oklahoma Beekeepers Association newsletter. In it was an interesting section entitled "Fun Facts About Honey Bees" that NEOBA had borrowed from Utah County Beekeepers.

Honey Bees –

- \*There are three types of bees in the hive – Queen, Worker and Drone.
- \*The queen may lay 600-800 or even 1,500 eggs each day during her 3 or 4 year lifetime. This daily egg production may equal her own weight. (Ed.- I had read 1500-2000 eggs daily)
- \*The queen is constantly fed and groomed by attendant worker bees.
- \*Honey bees fly at 15 miles per hour.
- \*Honey bees' wings stroke 11,400 times per minute, thus making their distinctive buzz.
- \*Honey bees are the only insect that produces food for humans.
- \*Honey bees are the only bees (Ed. - stinging insects) that die after they sting.
- \*Honey bees will usually travel approximately 3 miles from their hive.
- \*Honey bees are responsible for pollinating approximately 80% of all fruit, vegetable and seed crops in the U.S.
- \*Honey bees have five eyes, 3 small ones on top of the head and 2 big ones in front.
- \*Honey bees also have hair on their eyes!
- \*Honey bees communicate with each other by dancing and by using pheromones (scents).
- \*Honey bees never sleep!

'Tis the season for colds, sore throats and allergies, Oh, My! A decade ago, our ophthalmologist gave me his recipe for relieving symptoms of sinus congestion. It works!

1 Tbsp. local raw honey  
1 bag chamomile tea  
1 honey-lemon cough drop (Halls or Vicks)  
water to fill cup

Combine the first 3 ingredients into a sort of syrup, then fill the cup with water and heat it in the microwave for 4 or 5 minutes. Sip as hot as comfortable.

Another suggestion: Put a dab of honey on the back of the tongue to bring relief from a nagging cough (1993 Organic Gardening magazine).

# 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 [  ]

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## W.C.A.B.A Club Nucleus & Queen Order Form - 2013

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

please print

### I want to order:

No. \_\_\_\_\_ **5 frame Nucleus** (4 frames brood & laying queen) **\$110.00/ Nuc.**

*Based on group order of 200 nucs, full payment appreciated when placing order.*

No. \_\_\_\_\_ **Honey Bee Queen** (marked Italians w/shipping) **\$23.00/ Queen**

*Based on group order of 100 Q's, full payment appreciated when placing order.*

How will you pay? CASH or Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Check Preferred

**TOTAL \$ AMT  
OF ORDER**

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Mail remittance to: **WCABA, c/o 1799 Goodson Court, Round Rock TX 78664**

**>>> Nucleus & Queen order deadline is the March 26, 2013 WCABA meeting.**

**>> No resale or ownership transfer permitted on nucs or queens once ordered.**

**All secondary transactions must come through the club for tracking & delivery.**

Special Instructions:

## WCABA Group Order Instructions

### **WCABA Members:**

The Group Equipment Order process is for 2013 WCABA members. On the other side is a list of minimum equipment needed to keep bees. This equipment can be used by first-year beekeepers and is also the equipment used by our club scholarship recipients. We encourage you to use it as a guideline in ordering equipment. 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 through our group order, you will save a substantial shipping charge. The deadline for ordering is Monday, March 4th, 2013. If you decide to order additional equipment (after your first order), Dadant will handle it as a new order. If you place an additional order(s), ensure you inform Dadant personnel that your extra order is a part of the WCABA group order. Any equipment ordered after March 4th may not be placed into our collective order shipment and you may end up paying shipping fees. You may place your order anytime after receiving this notification. WCABA volunteers will pick-up our equipment at Dadant on Thursday, March 14th.

After our volunteers pick up our equipment in Paris, Texas, your beekeeping equipment will be available for pick up at the Bost Farm on Saturday, March 16th from 9 am to 12 noon.

**Notice: Any equipment not picked up at the Bost Farm on March 16th will be donated to the club. If you cannot pick up on that day, ensure you send someone to pick up your equipment.**

### Group Order Instructions

1. Determine what equipment you will order using the Dadant Catalog, the WCABA Basic Equipment List, or on the web at Dadant & Sons Beekeeping Supplies and Candles.
2. Call Dadant at 1-877-632-3268 and place your order. **Tell the Dadant employee your order is to be placed with the WCABA group order (with your name on your equipment). Do not order online as you will not be able to tell personnel to place your equipment order with our group order.**
3. Pay your bill using check or credit card.
4. Call Gary Bible at 512-548-6194 and leave a message that you have placed an order, or email him at [glbible@austin.rr.com](mailto:glbible@austin.rr.com) to let him know you have equipment in the group order.

If you have any questions, call or email me.

**Gary Bible**

**WCABA Group Order Coordinator**

WCABA Basic Beekeeping Equipment List

The Equipment Below is the Minimum Needed to Keep Bees

<u>Qty</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Item Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>2013 Price</u>	<u>Total Price</u>
1	1	B51101	9 5/8" Deep Hive Body w/10 Frames	\$28.75	\$28.75
10	1	F37000	8 3/8 x 16 3/4 Plasticell Beeswax Coated Sheet	\$1.15	\$11.50
1	1	B92901	Varroa Screened Bottom Board (assembled)	\$16.95	\$16.95
1	1	B14201	Flat Wood Cover	\$10.25	\$10.25
1	1	M00826	Boardman Entrance Feeder	\$3.50	\$3.50
1	1	V01093	Dadant Folding Veil	\$14.65	\$14.65
1	1	M01049	Dadant Plastic Sun Helmet	\$9.50	\$9.50
1	1	M011381	*Leather Ventilated Gloves ( <b>Medium</b> )	\$10.45	\$10.45
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	\$37.85	\$37.85
					\$160.45
Taxes 8.25% on \$160.45 = \$13.24					\$ 13.24
					Total = \$173.69

Note: If beekeeper is an adult, order Large gloves

Note: If you desire to collect and extract honey, a Medium Super, Medium Frames and Medium Foundation will be needed for each hive.



## Completely Assembled Hive Kit

*This Kit includes:*  
1 Assembled Hive Body  
10 Assembled Frames with  
Waxed Coated Plastic Foundation  
1 Assembled Hive Cover  
1 Assembled Bottom Board

### Screened Bottom Board

1-4 = \$67

5+ = \$64

### Wooden Bottom Board

1-4 = \$65

5+ = \$62

## Unassembled Boxes

9 5/8 Deep

1-4 = \$16

5-12 = \$14

13+ = \$13

6 5/8 Medium

1-4 = \$13

5-12 = \$11

13+ = \$10



## Assembled Frames

9 1/8 Deep (Case of 10)

1-4 = \$25

5-12 = \$23

13+ = \$22



6 1/8 Medium (Case of 10)

1-4 = \$24

5-12 = \$22

13+ = \$21

## Assembled Bottom Boards & Assembled Hive Covers

Bottom Boards

1-4 = \$13

5+ = \$12

Screened Bottom Boards

1-4 = \$13

5+ = \$12

Hive Covers

1-4 = \$9

5+ = \$8

[BetterBeeEquipment@gmail.com](mailto:BetterBeeEquipment@gmail.com)

Josiah Youngblood

512-963-3954

# Better Bee Equipment Order Form

BetterBeeEquipment@Gmail.com or 512-963-3954

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to order:

All Equipment is 10 Frame Unless Otherwise Noted

Product	Price Each	Quantity	Total
9 5/8" Deep Assembled Hive Kit with Wooden Bottom Board	1-4 = \$65		
	5+ = \$62		
9 5/8" Deep Assembled Hive Kit with Screened Bottom Board	1-4 = \$67		
	5+ = \$64		
9 5/8" Deep Unassembled Hive Body	1-4 = \$16		
	5-12 = \$14		
	13+ = \$13		
6 5/8" Medium Unassembled Super	1-4 = \$13		
	5-12 = \$11		
	13+ = \$10		
9 1/8" Deep Assembled Frames (Case of 10)	1-4 = \$25		
	5-12 = \$23		
	13+ = \$22		
6 1/4" Medium Assembled Frames (Case of 10)	1-4 = \$24		
	5-12 = \$22		
	13+ = \$21		
Assembled Wooden Hive Cover	1-4 = \$9		
	5+ = \$8		
Assembled Wooden Bottom Board	1-4 = \$13		
	5+ = \$12		
Assembled Screened Bottom Board	1-4 = \$15		
	5+ = \$14		

Equipment will be available for pickup at:

Grand Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- Youngblood Family Farm (Liberty Hill, TX)
- Bost Farm on **Saturday, March 16th from 9 am to 12 noon.** During the Dadant Equipment Pickup.
- Monthly WCABA Meetings     January     February     March

Please mail this order form with your Cash or Check to P.O. Box 467, Liberty Hill, TX 78642

Please Make Checks out to Better Bee Equipment. Order in Advance for Delivery.

Special Instructions:

BetterBeeEquipment@Gmail.com or 512-963-3954



# Hive Bodies and Supers for Sale

All Boxes Available with  
Assembled Frames



9 5/8 Deep

Available Assembled  
& Painted

6 5/8 Medium

*New and Improved Joint Design*



512-963-3954

BetterBeeEquipment@gmail.com

Josiah Youngblood

✓ Deeps as low as \$13

✓ Supers as low as \$10

Order in Advance for Delivery at Bee Meeting!!



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- Call for Answers and Estimates -

(512) 981-9216

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*Bees in Structures*

Beekeepers@LiveHoneyBeeRemoval.com

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*Bee Trees*

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