

# WILLIAMSON COUNTY AREA BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

## WCABA DECEMBER 2013 NEWSLETTER

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!**

No WCABA Meeting in December

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No, there will not be a meeting in December; the club always takes that month off because it is so close to the celebration of Christmas Day (the day after). But with the new season fast approaching, we need to get some important information into your hands.

At the last meeting the officers nominated by the committee were accepted by acclamation. Most of the 2013 officers agreed to continue serving in 2014, with the only change at the top; Chris Doggett assuming the President duties from Stephen Gardipee. Outgoing President Gardipee was presented a Certificate of Appreciation.

Presidents Gardipee & Doggett

There were some important committee heads recognized for the work they will be doing this coming year. Zane Baird - Bee/Queen Procurement and Phil Ainslie - Equipment Procurement will provide more information in several addendums to this newsletter that will relate information about the group order process for beekeeping equipment from Dadant & Sons, alternative ordering of bee boxes, frames, foundation, tops and bottoms from Better Bee Equipment, 3# package orders from Walker Apiaries in Rogers, and Wooten Golden Queen Bee orders from California. This information will be presented again in January and probably covered at the meeting, but you need to read carefully and understand to become part of the process. Remember, you must be a current (2014) member of WCABA to participate in these programs.



The 2013 scholarship recipients, Jordan and Taylor Foight, Grace Hilscher, Aaron Brockett and Sam Latham gave their reports to the club membership accompanied by PowerPoint slide program. Each report varied in content, but they all gave good presentations.

If you know of a school age boy or girl, preferably between the ages of 10 to 16, who are interested in learning about bees please have them contact Jimmie Oakley, scholarship chairman, or get an application online at [wcabw.org](http://wcabw.org) -

Opportunities - Scholarship. 2014 Scholarships applications are due February 10th and will be awarded at the March meeting.

The WCABA Executive Board has announced an increase in membership dues for 2014. According to Ginny Stubblefield's notes, it was decided that dues for the new year would be increased to \$15.00 as of the January meeting; however, if you send in your membership check (or cash) for \$10.00 to Shirley Doggett before January 23, 2014, you can join at the same price our club has used since it was established in 1979. Shirley's address is 400 CR 440, Thrall, TX 76578.

The Executive Board will meet at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, January 16, 2014 in Room 208 (end of the hall on the second floor) of the educational building, First Methodist Church, 410 E. University Ave., Georgetown. Any members interested in sitting in on this business meeting will be welcome to attend.

Seven new members joined WCABA at the November meeting. We welcome Durk Chernovsky of Alvin, TX; Tom and Darlene Symons, Austin; James and Desiree Cooke & Family, Round Rock; Christiaan and Wilma DeRuiter, Elgin; Jeffrey Madere, Burnet; Dodie Stillman, Round Rock; and Lisa and Steve Messana, Liberty Hill.

Nineteen members renewed their membership; with 42 renewals last month, this means those who plan to renew at our January meeting won't have to wait too long to pay dues. Those who renewed were Susan Bratsch, Gary Bible, Ann & Tom Bierschenk, Rick Bost, Rusty & Sueann Brockett, Derek & Lisa Foight, Linda Franke, Ralph & Holly Hand-Medina.

Also, Robert & Sally Horton, Jim Huffman, Larry & Judith Jez, John Latham, Matthew & Mary Alice Layden, Mark Ney, John & Susan Philpott, David & Annette Voelter, Jason & Paula Walls-Whitley, Don Williamson, and Jack & Sherry Youngblood & Family.

Door prizes at our November meeting were donated by Lisa Hoekstra, Linda Franke, and Ginny Stubblefield. Lucky winners were Will Hilscher, Jeremy Scott, Taylor Foight, Bill Palmer, Laurel Morris, and Abby Latham.



## Honey, I'm Home Gingersnaps

2 cups flour	2 tsp baking soda	¼ tsp salt
1 ½ tsp ground ginger	1 tsp ground cinnamon	¼ tsp nutmeg
¼ cup shortening	½ cup butter	1 cup sugar
1 egg	¼ cup honey	¼ tsp minced lemon zest

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Butter 2 cookie sheets. Sift together flour, soda, salt, and spices. Set aside.

In a large mixing bowl, cream shortening, butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in egg and honey until well combined. Stir in flour mixture and the zest, stirring until well combined, with no traces of flour visible.

Using a 1 tbsp. scoop, measure the cookies onto the cookie sheets, keeping them 2 inches apart. Do not attempt to make more than one dozen per sheet. Bake the batches one at a time, until the cookies have puffed and flattened and have a crinkly surface, 10-12 minutes per batch. Cool cookies completely on racks.

### W.C.A.B.A. MEETING MINUTES – November 21, 2013

**Beekeeping 101 Class** – Chris Doggett – How to Buy Bees and November things to do as a beekeeper.

**Business Meeting** – Stephen Gardipee, President, announced the 2014 slate of officers. There was a motion to accept the slate as is, the motion was seconded and followed by unanimous approval.

A. **Treasurer's Report** – Kenneth Miller, Treasurer, reported the current balance is \$2,394.65.

B. **Meeting Attendance** – 68 attendees

C. **Door Prizes** – Chris Doggett and Lisa Hoekstra awarded door prizes

D. **Date for Next Meeting** – January 23, 2014

E. **Special Guest Speaker** – The 2013 winners of the Ed Wolfe-Robert Bost Scholarships presented a report of the experiences of the past year of beekeeping. The scholarship speakers were: Taylor Foight, Jordan Foight, Grace Hilscher, Aaron Brockett and Sam Latham.

F. **Announcements**

- Stephen Gardipee turned over the President's Gavel to Chris Doggett and wished Chris the best as our new President.
- Chris Doggett announced that members may purchase "Honey Bee Biology" for \$36 if he receives 12 orders.
- Zane Baird discussed orders for bee packages.
- Jimmie Oakley made a motion that we increase the membership dues from \$10 to \$15 for 2014. The fee will remain \$10 until the January meeting. The motion was made to change the fee to \$15, was seconded, and passed unanimously.
- Jimmie Oakley announced that the W.C.A.B.A. raised \$105 at the Texas Beekeepers Convention for the Texas Honey Queen Program.
- Chris Doggett presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Stephen Gardipee for his 2 years' service to the W.C.A.B.A. as President. Standing with Chris and Stephen were past Presidents Gary Bible, Jimmie Oakley and Mary Bost.
- Jimmie Oakley announced that Mary Bost received Second Place for her light amber honey at the Texas Beekeepers Association.

## WCABA Group Order Instructions

### **WCABA Members:**

The Group Equipment Order process is for 2014 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. It 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 3rd, 2014. 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 3rd 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 13th.

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 15th from 9 am to 12 noon.

**Notice: Any equipment not picked up at the Bost Farm on March 15th 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 ([www.dadant.com](http://www.dadant.com)).
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. E-mail Phil at [beeuser46@gmail.com](mailto:beeuser46@gmail.com) to let him know you have equipment in the group order.

If you have any question email me.

**Phil Ainslie**

**WCABA Group Order Coordinator**

### \*WCABA (Basic) Beekeeping Equipment List

#### The Equipment Listed Below is the Minimum Needed to Keep Bees

Qty	Unit	Item Number	Description	2013 Price	Total Price
1	1	B51101	9 5/8" Deep Hive Body w/10 Frames	\$29.75	\$29.75
10	1	F37000	8 3/8 x 16 3/4 Plasticell Beeswax Coated Sheet	\$1.20	\$12.00
1	1	B92901	Varroa Screened Bottom Board (assembled)	\$16.95	\$16.95
1	1	B14201	Flat Wood Cover	\$10.50	\$10.50
1	1	M00826	Boardman Entrance Feeder	\$3.75	\$3.75
1	1	V01093	Dadant Folding Veil	\$14.65	\$14.65
1	1	M01049	Dadant Plastic Sun Helmet	\$9.75	\$9.75
1	1	M011381	*Leather Ventilated Gloves ( <b>Medium</b> )	\$10.45	\$10.45
1	1	M007571	Economy Hive Tool	\$4.20	\$4.20
1	1	M00001	First Lessons in Beekeeping	\$8.95	\$8.95
1	1	M00751	Bee Brush	\$4.35	\$4.35
1	1	M00927	4x7 Stainless Steel Smoker w/Shield	\$39.30	\$39.30

\$164.60

Taxes 8.25% on \$164.60 = \$13.58

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Total = \$178.18

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.

\* Prices as of December 2013 from [www.dadant.com](http://www.dadant.com)

# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

## WILLIAMSON COUNTY AREA BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION



Dues **\$15.00** per year - individual or family membership

New Member / Renewing Member

(circle one)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

(please print)

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

Instructions: print , fill out, and bring to club meeting , or mail with check to Membership V.P.

Mrs. Shirley Doggett - 400 C. R. 440 - Thrall, TX 76578

## W.C.A.B.A Club Package & Queen Order Form - 2014

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

please print

### I want to order:

No. \_\_\_\_\_ **3 # Package:** Walker Bees w/Pendell Cordovan Italian queen at \$125.00/ Package.  
*Packages with marked queen delivered to the **Bost** farm April 26th & May 10th.*

No. \_\_\_\_\_ **Honey Bee Queen:** Wooten Golden Italians for requeening or splits at \$22.75+ *increase*  
*Ship on April 28th, \$2.75 additional because of marking.*

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

Check Preferred

**TOTAL \$ AMT  
OF ORDER**

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Mail remittance to: WCABA Order / Zane Baird - 8418 Springfield Gorge - Round Rock, TX 78681

Package & Queen order **deadline** is the February 27th WCABA meeting.

Special Instructions:





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**Randy Oakley**  
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