

# WILLIAMSON COUNTY AREA BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

## WCABA JANUARY 2014 NEWSLETTER

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**DATE:** Thursday, January 23, 2014  
**TIME:** 7:00-9:00: Bkg.101, Program  
**PLACE:** First United Methodist Church Georgetown (MMC bldg.)  
**PROGRAM:** Equipment & Bee orders; Honey Queen; Pollination  
**HOSTS:** Gary Bible, Quentin & Rebecca Trey, Karen Eacrett

We hope you had a wonderful holiday season and survived the recent sub-freezing temperatures without too many problems. Now we need to look forward to a new beekeeping season. Have you checked the equipment list for items you will need, either for starting new hives or for equipment additions or replacements? The listing for necessary materials was in the December newsletter and will also be included in this one .Don't forget to check out Josiah Youngblood's new equipment ad on the back page , also. He lives in this area (Liberty Hill) and can help you get started earlier than waiting for the March 15 delivery to the Bost farm near Georgetown.

**REMEMBER: You must be a 2014 member of WCABA to be able to order equipment or bees through our money-saving programs. You will also find forms in this newsletter for buying bees through our bee club as well as a membership application blank if you need one.**

Also, we would like to remind our youth of opportunities they might like to consider. Any school age youth may apply for a WCABA beekeeping scholarship. **The Ed Wolfe-Robert Bost Memorial Scholarship** awards the bees, hive body, and equipment (gloves, hive tool, veil, etc.) needed to start a bee hive. It is suggested that the recipient be between the ages of 12 – 16 in order to be able to handle the heavy equipment. The application form can be found on our web site listed above.

A second opportunity is **the 4-H essay about bees**. Ask Paul Exley about his experiences with this competition. Several of our youth have won prizes in the past; one of our young people could be a winner this year.

Chris Doggett's topic for Beekeeping 101 will be "The World of the Honey Bee". After a short break for snacks, our program presentations will be "Bee Procurement" – Zane Baird; "Equipment Procurement" – Phil Ainslie; and "Honey Queen Program" and also "Pollination" – Rebekah Jones. Should be a very informative evening. Check the forms at the end of this newsletter.

Please welcome the following new members to WCABA: Cindy and Michael Burleson, Burnet; John Horrigan, also from Burnet; Kim and Russell Kellar, Smithville; Lorraine Branch, Austin; Brent Shelton, also from Austin; and Chris Cothran, Georgetown.

Members who have renewed their WCABA membership are Bob and Judy Bradley, Wilbur and Donnie Brinkmeyer, Stan and Michele Chambers, Bob Choate, Benjy and Lisa Cox, Jay and Joy Hilscher, Sharon Hulings, Jeffrey Madere, Frank and Lu Morgan, Jerry and Sandy Richie, Susan Traynor, Beth Walker, Rob and Jennifer Zurovec, Alto and Rosemary Nauert, John and Carol Neimann, and James and Kitty Lockhart.

Several of you have made good use of the Yahoo Forum Group to post interesting information about bee/beekeeping while others have posted questions and responses. If you would like to be a part of the yahoo group, contact Elizabeth Exley, [lizexley@msn.com](mailto:lizexley@msn.com).

#### Bees Book Nook - **MORE THAN HONEY** – by Ginny Stubblefield

"I had the opportunity to see this movie in an Austin theater several months ago. I had to wait until the DVD was released to receive the copy I'm donating to the WCABA.

"Director Markus Imhoof tackles the issue of why bees, worldwide, are facing extinction. He takes us from California to Switzerland, China and Australia. In Switzerland, this film was selected for the 2013 Best Foreign Film Academy Award. The photography is amazing. The film is stunning in its visual presentation and the message it delivers. The visuals do most of the communicating, more than words. I was most surprised by the scenes showing Chinese people having to pollinate trees by hand in one area of the country. This DVD should be seen by everyone, not just beekeepers."



## 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

\$ 13.58

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)



## **Package Bee/Queen Order Info – 2014**

- \_ Package Bees - Walker Honey Farm – 3 lb. packages
- \_ Delivery Dates: **April 26** and **May 10, 2014**
- \_ Pendell Queen (golden gentle queens; marked)
- \_ \$125 per package
- \_ Queens - Walker Honey Farm
- \_ Delivery Date: **April 28, 2014**
- \_ Wooten's Golden Queens (Bulk purchase of 100 – 150 queens)
- \_ \$22.75 + 2014 increase

Package and Queen order deadline is **February 27th**  
**WCABA meeting**

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

Bees/Queens will be available for pickup at Mary Bost  
farm (Delivery dates are subject to change)

Email address for communications\questions:

**wcaba.bee.order@gmail.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

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### 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:

# 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*

New Joint

Old Joint

Industry Standard



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!!



## Oakley Family Apiaries

Live

Honeybee Removal & Relocation

[www.LiveHoneyBeeRemoval.com](http://www.LiveHoneyBeeRemoval.com)

- Call for Answers and Estimates -

(512) 981-9216

*Swarms*

*Bees in Structures*

Beekeepers@LiveHoneyBeeRemoval.com

*Bee Trees*

*Pure Raw Honey*

Randy Oakley

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