

WILLIAMSON COUNTY AREA BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

WCABA FEBRUARY 2014 NEWSLETTER

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DATE: Thursday, February 27, 2014
TIME: 7:00-9:00: Bkg.101, Program
PLACE: First United Methodist Church Georgetown (MMC bldg.)
PROGRAM: *The World of the Bees and The World of the Beekeeper*
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Brrrr! Are you ready for Spring weather? It's unusual for Central Texas to have as much freezing weather as we've been experiencing, so milder temperatures will be welcome. Your bees will agree. Have you checked to see if they have enough feed—honey stores or sugar syrup—to carry them until nectar is available?

Have you taken advantage of the equipment and supplies list that appeared in the January newsletter? The information you will need is repeated at the end of this newsletter. Remember to tell the person you talk to when you call Dadant to place your order that you are a member of WCABA and that you want your order picked up when Phil Ainslee and helpers come to pick up the club orders.

Are you planning to buy bees through WCABA? Some of you have already contacted Zane Baird with your order but if you have not, be prepared to wait in a long line to give him your order at the meeting Thursday night. Also, remember that **you must be a 2014 member of WCABA to take advantage of either equipment or bee ordering.**

We have had a "landslide" of Ed Wolfe-Robert Bost Memorial scholarship applications. Ten youths have sent in some excellent essays telling why they are interested in working with bees. How we wish we could award each of the applicants a bee hive and equipment to work them! Some difficult decisions await the committee. The winners will be notified soon and we sincerely hope those who didn't win will try again next year. Those who have reapplied previously have usually succeeded the second time.

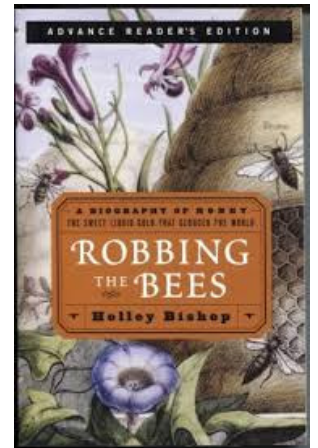
Most of you are aware that the January WCABA meeting was cancelled due to icy road conditions. Many of our members drive a distance to attend and it wasn't prudent to expect anyone to venture out on unsafe roads. This is the first time in the 34 years I have been a member that I recall that we had to call off a meeting. I hope it's the last time.

Twelve new members have joined WCABA since our last report and nine members have renewed their membership. We welcome We welcome Mel and Donna Kirk, Jennifer and Corey Ward, Robin and Philip Newman, Bennie and Carolyn Guy, Pat and Joe Mock, all from Georgetown; Kim Van Alen, Dripping Springs; Ray Bizzell and David Neighbor, Bertram; Kendall and Stephanie Kirby, Cedar Park; Robyn Guerra, Austin; Nicolas Blankenship, Florence; and Patrick and Anita Lyons, Muldoon;

Members who renewed their memberships were Scott Burrows, Jim Colbert, Lisa Gustavson, Frank and Barbara Hunt, Dr. John and Janice Thomas, Lance and Laura Wilson, Dr. David and Margaret Schell, Larry and Judith Jez, and Rory and Tasha Heisch.

BEES BOOK NOOK Holly Medina

Robbing the Bees is full of interesting facts that teaches as well as entertains. Holley Bishop is a hobbyist beekeeper who explores the wonder of bees during her journey of learning from an experienced commercial beekeeper who shares his entertaining anecdotes. My favorite chapter is titled “Arrogance” which made me laugh at the comical and painful lessons all new beekeepers learn.



The recipe below appeared in the ABF E-Buzz for January 2014. It sounds delicious!

Cranberry Pecan Pie

2 cup cranberries, fresh or frozen	2 Tbsp. cornstarch	Topping:
1 cup orange juice	2 Tbsp. cold water	½ cup honey
½ cup honey	½ tsp. orange extract	3 Tbsp. butter
	1 9-inch pie shell	1 ¾ cup pecan halves

Directions: In medium saucepan, combine cranberries, juice and honey. Cook uncovered over low heat for 15 minutes (fresh cranberries) or 20 minutes (frozen cranberries). Cool.

Puree cranberry mixture in blender; return to saucepan. Combine cornstarch and water, stir into cranberry mixture. Bring to a boil and cook until thickened. Stir in orange extract. Cool, then pour into pie shell. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes or until top is bubbly. Cool on wire rack. Serve at room temperature or chilled.

Topping: in medium saucepan, combine ½ cup honey and 3 Tbs. butter (or margarine). Cook and stir 2 minutes or until mixture is smooth. Stir in 1 ¾ cups pecan halves until well coated. Spoon over pie.

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).
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 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 (Medium)	\$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

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

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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