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EJ'S NEWS

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CLUB MEETING

October 10th

held at

Jefferson County Library

Board Meeting

9:00 a.m.

Club Meeting

9:30 a.m.

E.J.Bees' Club PROGRAM

for

Saturday, October 10th

Topic: FALL FEEDING.

How much for how long?

. How do you know when enough is enough?

What are the signs that one needs to feed?

Do you feed your bees more than once a week or every other day. †

Things tried and lessons learned this year?

See you there!

2015

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Ej bees' workers

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MEETING AND ACTIVITY

CO-ORDINATORS:

Tony Goldenberg, Harry Prather,
and Gloria Neal

MEETING CONVENER: Kees Kloff

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

EJ Beekeepers...

Fall is officially here, and with it comes reoccurring problems for the beekeeper.

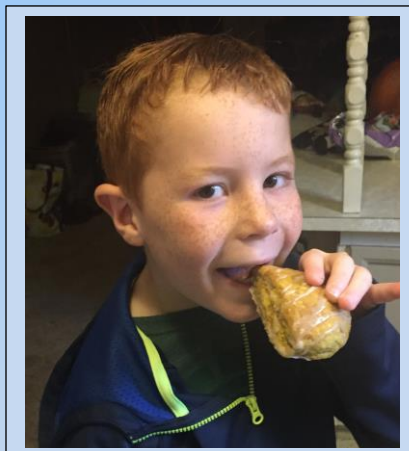
October's meeting will address some of these problems.

"Our" biggest challenge this fall has been to control the robbing, since there has been little nectar available. I have had to close down my entrances early this year to protect each colony. Some colonies have had to be fed syrup to boost their food stores for winter.

You won't want to miss October's meeting. I always learn so much from the sharing of my fellow beekeepers!

Well, that's the buzz for October!

Gloria



Our Great Grandson, Riley, enjoying a honey pumpkin scone.

Recipe on page 5.

BUZZ WORTHY PLANTING IDEAS FOR SPRING

(I know it's a little early, but I'm planning ahead)

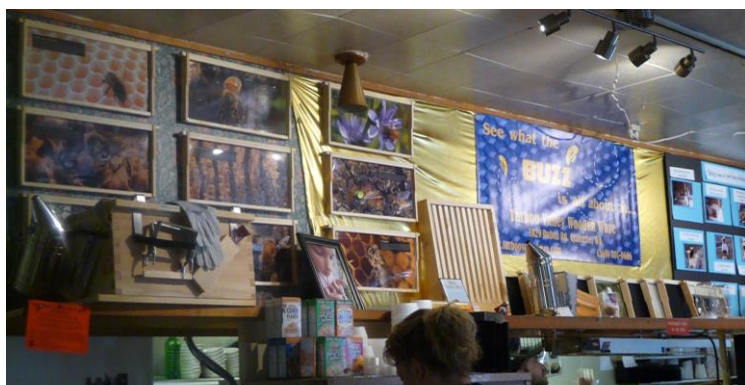
Use local native plants. Research suggests native plants are four times more attractive to honey bees than exotic flowers. They are also usually easier to get established in the garden and also thrive with minimum attention. Also, heirloom varieties of herbs and perennials can also provide good foraging for your bees.

Chose several colors of flowers. Honey bees have good color vision to help them find flowers and the nectar and pollen they offer. Flower colors that tend to attract honey bees are yellow, purple, violet, blue and white. Honey bees cannot see reds.

Plant flowers in clumps. Flowers clustered into clumps of one species will attract more honey bees than individual plants scattered throughout the landscaping. If you have the space, making the clumps four feet or more in size works well..

Include flowers that honey bees prefer and are able to work easily.

Have a large variety of plants flowering all season. Honey bees work a range of plants through their life cycle. By having several plant species flowering at once, and a sequence of plants flowering through spring, summer, and fall, you can help support honey bees through all four of the seasons, even during those occasional winter days when it's warm enough for your honey bees to be flying..



Thanks to the Chimacum café and Lori Humphrey for this fantastic display!

OCTOBER'S HONEY-DO LIST

For the Apiary

- Remove all honey supers along with queen excluders.
- Be on the lookout for “Honey robbers”(such as other bees, wasps and animals.) Use entrance reducers to minimize the opportunities for robbing.
- Inspect your hives making sure your top brood boxes are FULL of honey.
- Each colony will need at least 80 lbs. of food stores to make it thru the winter. An average deep full frame will hold 7 to 10 lbs. of honey.
- Feeding your colonies that are short on foodstores is important NOW! Fall feeding...2parts white cane sugar to 1 part water.
- Finding eggs or young larvae means you have had a queen within the last week. Checking the brood pattern, you should have all or mainly worker brood this time of the year. If you have a Carniolan queen, she may already have stopped laying.
- Mite treatments must be done by now, since the new brood emerging needs to be mite free and healthy in order to live 5 to 6 months thru the winter.
- Add an inner cover to your colonies, if they don't already have one, to increase ventilation.
- Combining small, healthy or queenless colonies with a large colony is a good way to carry a weaker hive through the winter. Use Newspaper between the colonies, putting the preferred queen box on top.



OCTOBER RECIPE

Pumpkin Honey Scones

- ½ cup pumpkin puree
 - 1 egg
 - 4 TBSP. Honey
 - 1 tsp. vanilla
 - 3 TBSP. cream or half n half
 - 2 ½ tsp. pumpkin pie spice
 - 2 ¼ cups flour
 - 1 TBSP. baking powder
 - ½ tsp salt
 - 2 TBSP. Brown Sugar
 - ½ cup butter
- Bake at 375°
14 to 18 minutes

Combine in bowl first 5 ingredients, and whisk together. Set aside.

In another bowl combine flour, baking powder, spices, salt and brown sugar. Add cut up cold butter to dry ingredients and mix with fingers until the consistency of cornmeal.

Add wet and dry ingredients and stir just until soft dough forms.. Turn out on a floured surface and knead 4 times. Divide in half. Form into a ball and flatten. Cut into 6 pie shapes arrange on a cookie sheet lined with parchment paper. Repeat with other half of dough.

Frosting:

- 1 cup powdered sugar, 2 TBSP. milk,
- ! /2 tsp. pumpkin spice.

Whisk together and drizzle on scones.



BUZZING WITH



Blake

Bee-lieve me. It's a fact!

A colony of honeybees survive the cold winter by clustering together and maintaining the center of the cluster at 93 degrees Fahrenheit, regardless of the outside temperature.

COOL!!!..... Blake



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