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EJ'S NEWS

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EJ is East Jefferson Beekeepers Association's Mascot.

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CLUB MEETING

Jefferson County Library

Sat. Sept. 9th, 2017

Board Meeting

.....9:00a.m.....

Club meeting at 9:30 a.m.

JANOLYN KELLER

"LITTLE NICKLEBUSH FARM"

Making healthy products from bees wax, essential oils, and other organic products.

THE PREZ SEZ

Dear Fellow Bee Keepers

Thank you to Rich Thomas and his wife Susi for leading a workshop on bees at the School of Green in Port Townsend on August 23rd.

The Chimacum Valley annual Farm Tour is coming up on September 16-17th. Gary Coyan, his students and their bees will be on the tour that runs from 10 am until 4 pm each day. Gary has invited our association to participate. It would be helpful for experienced beekeepers to be available to answer questions posed by the tour participants. I'll be asking for volunteers at our September 9th meeting. Just an hour or two would be great. They will be at the Chimacum HS greenhouse and take tours out to their hives.

We are looking for volunteers to administer the association in 2018. I will ask for nominations at our meeting although nominations are accepted up to our October 14th meeting when elections are held.

The number of U.S. honeybees rose in 2017 from a year earlier, and deaths of the insects attributed to a mysterious malady that's affected hives in North America and Europe declined, according a U.S. Department of Agriculture honeybee health survey released Tuesday.

The number of commercial U.S. honeybee colonies rose 3 percent to 2.89 million as of April 1, 2017 compared with a year earlier, the Agriculture Department reported. The number of hives lost to Colony Collapse Disorder, a phenomenon of disappearing bees that has raised concerns among farmers and scientists for a decade, was 84,430 in this year's first quarter, down 27 percent from a year earlier.

Honey bee pollination is a critical component of Pacific Northwest agriculture. In the 2016 survey of commercial beekeepers in the PNW, representing almost 200,000 colonies showed that pollination income for commercial beekeepers averaged \$134.00 per hive in 2016. This was led by the almond orchards who paid \$185.85 per hive. Our Washington orchards pay considerably less with averages generally in the \$50-70 per colony range.

Respectfully,

Dave Morris

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

President: David Morris

Vice President: Frank Neal

Secretary: Nancy Morris

Treasurer: Harry Prather

Trustees:

Paul Jendrucko

Calvin Lomsdalen

Linda Pfafman

EJ BEES' WORKERS

These people have volunteered to head committees in 2017:

APPRENTICE CLASSES: Harry Prather

NEWSLETTER: Gloria Neal

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MEDIA CONTACT: Gail Moa

WEBSITE: Mike Edwards

MEETING AND ACTIVITY

CO-ORDINATORS:

Tony Goldenberg, Harry Prather, and
Gloria Neal

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

EJ Beekeepers...

What's so special about a beekeepers' club? Why is it so necessary? Some beekeepers may be asking themselves that question and using it as an excuse to not get involved. Here's some of the reasons that I think having a club is so important!

As we have seen in the last even 10 years, beekeepers have had to make some dramatic changes in order to keep our colonies healthy and surviving. Having a group of people who are all interested in the same goals goes a long way in keeping up with all the new information as it becomes available. Teaching the new beekeeper how to care for their bees successfully is a vital part of beekeeping.

One of the most wonderful parts of a club is having so many experienced people with the knowledge we all need in getting some of those mystifying bee problems answered. We have a group of the finest beekeepers around, who are so willing to share their knowledge with the rest of us!

Thanks to the wonderful officers who have unselfishly given their time to keep our club going this year and the years past! Please think about what you might be able to do as a club member or becoming an officer as we approach election time for 2018.

That's the buzz for September.

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SEPTEMBER'S HONEY-DO LIST

*** Remove all honey supers, using bee escapes, or your favorite method.**

*** Be watching for “Robbers” this time of year. Use entrance reducers on smaller colonies.**

*** When inspecting your bees, check for eggs. Eggs mean that your queen was there at least in the last 3 days. Larvae means she was there within the last week.**

*** Make sure the upper brood box is full of honey. If you need to feed (late August or early September), fall feeding is 2 parts sugar to 1 part water.**

*** Start mite treatments as soon as honey is removed.**

*** Continue keeping a journal on your bees. It is an important part of beekeeping.**

Tony Weller sent me pictures of his wild flower gardens. I was so encouraged, I'm considering making more gardens for my bees, I wanted to share them with all of you! Tony plans on converting his property over to wildflowers and eliminating the work of mowing....GREAT IDEA TONY!!!





BUZZING WITH



Blake

Bee-lieve me. It's a fact!

A western honey super can hold up to 35 lb's of
honey in a season---

BEE-licious!!-----Blake



LAST REMINDER:

The first annual [Mite-A-Thon](http://www.pollinator.org/miteathon) will take place Saturday, September 9 to Saturday, September 16, 2017 and we invite you to participate!

CONTACT: Miteathon@pollinator.org or 415-362-1137
Learn more and stay up to date at [www.pollinator.org/miteathon!](http://www.pollinator.org/miteathon)

Thank you,
The Mite- A-Thon Partners

AN EXPERIMENT SHOWED THAT BEES, DESPITE HAVING A BRAIN THE SIZE OF A SESAME SEED, CAN RECOGNIZE HUMAN FACES.

The bees were presented with photographs of two faces, one face had sucrose in front of it, the other a quinine solution that is bitter to bees. Later when the reward and punishment were removed, bees tended to go to the face that used to offer a reward. One bee got the "right answer" 93.99% of the time on the first day of training and 75.9% two days later. However, if the photos were turned upside down, performance declined significantly.

(Dr Jamoke's little book of Hitherto Uncompiled facts and Curiosities regarding bees)

LOCAL BEE RESOURCES

TARBOO VALLEY WOODENWARE & HONEYBEES

Frank Neal- Ph. # **360-301-0686**... (If stopping by, PLEASE CALL AHEAD)

REMEMBER, CLUB MEMBERS GET 5% DISCOUNT.

September Sale Items

Winter Patties....\$3.00

Provides carbohydrates and only a small amount of protein.

Does not encourage brood rearing.

(Tip: dip your hands into sugar before handling patties.)

PARA-MOTH- for storing your used extracted honey frames

1# container- \$18.50

(3 oz. per stack of up to 5 honey supers)

Mite-away- \$6.00

(For mite control over winter)

New Website: tarboovalleywoodenware.com

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