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EJ'S NEWS

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CLUB MEETING

Jefferson County Library

Sat. Oct. 13th, 2018

Board Meeting9:00a.m.....

PROGRAM: 9:30am

**Discussion on the
Mentorship program**

for next year,

Winterizing

Q and A-s

THE PREZ SEZ

Dear Fellow Beekeepers,

Thank you, Rich Thomas, for volunteering to lead our mentorship program for 2019. This is a program that is intended to engage our experienced beekeepers with new and aspiring beekeepers. The number of volunteers we'll require in 2019 is dependent on the number of folks in our organization that request assistance.

Will mushroom extract help to keep our colonies healthy? A recent article in the Seattle Times that references a scientific paper published in the journal Scientific Reports describes how bees, given a small amount of mushroom mycelia extract exhibited significant reduction of viruses associated with Varroa mites. Researchers at WSU have conducted small scale experiments demonstrating the effectiveness of adding mushroom mycelium to sugar water with excellent outcomes. They are now working with commercial beekeepers in Oregon to see how it works on a larger-scale basis.

Tim Lawrence from the WSU Extension program on Whidbey Island will be back with us again for our November 10th meeting. Tim will provide an updated assessment on what mite control methods are working and what is on the horizon.

The following have been nominated to serve as the Association's officers and trustees in 2019:

- President.... Tony Goldenberg
- Vice President... Blake Winn
- Secretary ...Beth Kelley
- Treasurer ...Harry Prather
- Trustee ...Paul Jendrucko
- ...Micheal Cavett
- ...John Lizwinko

Additional nominations will be accepted prior to the election at our general meeting on October 13.

Respectfully,
Dave Morris

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

President: David Morris

Vice President: Frank Neal

Secretary: Nancy Morris

Treasurer: Harry Prather

Trustees:

Paul Jendrucko

Micheal Cavett

John Liczwinko

Slovenia

EJ BEES' WORKERS

These people have volunteered to head committees in 2018:

APPRENTICE CLASSES: Harry Prather

NEWSLETTER: Gloria Neal

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MEDIA CONTACT: Gail Moa

WEBSITE: Mike Edwards

MEETING AND ACTIVITY

CO-ORDINATORS:

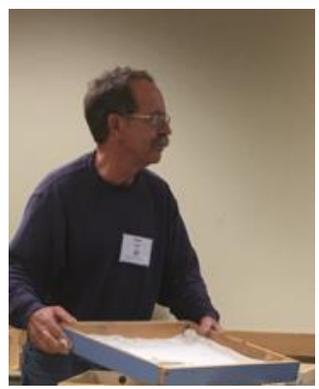
Tony Goldenberg, Harry Prather,
and Gloria Neal

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

EJ Beekeepers...

Our September meeting was full of information, thanks to all those who attended and shared their beekeeping knowledge with the club!

With Winter approaching us, Rich Thomas shared his knowledge of sugar cakes and quilt boards. Since this was a very dry summer, some colonies may be going into winter with light honey stores. This is an excellent way to supplement our colonies. Many of our members have been using these techniques on their smaller colonies with lots of success for a number of winters.



THANKS
TO
BOTH
FOR
SHARING
WITH
US



How do you know if the honey you've extracted has the right amount of moisture, especially if it is uncapped? Grant Simpson brought his hand held refractometer to demonstrate testing different honeys that members brought.

That's the buzz for October,

Gloria gloria@tarboovalleywoodenware.com

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtu.be&v=9XsPySG2vJk>

This is a really terrific video featuring honey bees working in scotch broom. Finally I know they do forage in it. While the entire video is likely too long to play at a meeting, I'm hopeful we could watch part of it...particularly the close ups towards the end.

Patsy Simpson



OCTOBER'S HONEY-DO LIST

* Remove any honey supers, filled or empty.

* Your colony will need 60 lbs “plus” of honey to feed themselves through the winter. Sixty pounds would be the equivalent of 10 deep frames, or 15 western frames full of honey. If your colony is short on food stores, never feed your bees liquid food during the winter. Cane sugar, sugar cakes or fondant won't create the deadly moisture that can kill your bees during cold weather!

* Feeding fondant or candy boards is a wonderful alternative for a colony short on food stores. A quilt box above it assures you that your bees are kept dry and warm when feeding on the candy.

* Make sure you remove any queen excluders, as this could prevent your queen being able to move freely through the colony with the cluster.

* Using your sticky boards continue doing mite counts. Over 24 mites on a natural mite drop in 24 hrs is too many.

* Consider combining weak colonies, and saving the best of the two queens.

* Make sure your bees have good ventilation during winter.

* Robbing can still be a threat this month. If your bees suddenly seem very aggressive, they may be struggling from robbers...Get a robber screen on and see if that settles them down!

* Keeping a journal on your bees is an important part of beekeeping.

COLORS OF HONEY'S





BUZZING WITH



Blake

Bee-lieve me. It's a fact!

The Queen was thought to be a king until 1660, when dissected and found that she had ovaries!-----Blake



Thanks to Rich Thomas for sending me this very interesting documentary on skep beekeeping in Germany. It shows the old world way of keeping bees. It was originally shared with him by Tony Goldenberg, and then was unavailable for a while! Take time to watch this interesting video showing the care taken by these beekeepers with their bees....

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hn5OxMXCSz8>

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.

NEW WEBSITE: tarboovalleywoodenware.com

NEW EMAIL: frank@tarboovalleywoodenware.com

Get a head start on your honey bee needs for next year! **10% off** all items in our shop from November 15th to December 15th.2018

No other discounts apply during this time.