

The Bee Line

Pineywoods Beekeepers Association

Next meeting August 8, 6:30 pm

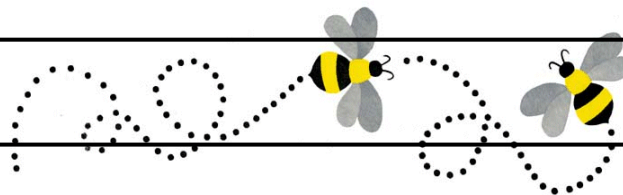
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August Program

This month, we'll have a group discussion on dearth planning – what to do to help your bees when there's a shortage of nectar or pollen.

Welcome (and welcome back) to our Brood!

Jayne Clark, Rebecca & Dale Staggemeier

Assorted Buzziness

The Board would appreciate your feedback on a number of issues. I've sent emails regarding these items, but I'll list them below as a reminder. If you have input, you can search your inbox and respond to the original message, or you can email me or another Board member.

- Meeting location – meal ideas, food limitations, room setup, etc. If money is preventing you from ordering, please see Wendy or Edward.
- Bee School – Hold in February?
- Club extractor – We have a 2-frame manual extractor that is available for member use. See Walter if you'd like to borrow it. Some ideas: have two small extractors, have a small and a large extractor, have a manual and an electric extractor
- Sugar or syrup in bulk – Do you have a source? If we find one, are you interested?

What's Buzzing

10/24 – **SFA Gardens Fabulous Fall Festival Plant Sale**, 9am – 2pm, Pineywoods Native Plant Center. The sale will feature an array of hard-to-find "Texas-tough" plants like East Texas native plants and pollinator-friendly selections. Expect to find great trees, including Japanese maples, red buds, bald cypress and more. A list of all available plants will be posted on the SFA Gardens website two weeks before the sale. Parking for the Fabulous Fall Festival will be available at SFA's Janice A. Pattillo Early Childhood Research Center, located at 2428 Raguet St. Visitors are encouraged to arrive early and bring a wagon for their plants.

<https://www.sfasu.edu/academics/colleges/forestry-agriculture/research-outreach/sfa-gardens/visit-events>

At-Home Beekeeping Series presented by the Lawrence Co. Alabama Extension Office. 6:30-7:30pm. Recordings from this series are available **for only two weeks** after each session on the Lawrence County Alabama Extension Office Facebook page. <https://www.aces.edu/blog/topics/bees-pollinators/at-home-beekeeping-series/>

2024 Dates and Topics

August 27 – Yellow-Legged Hornets

Lewis Bartlett, University of Georgia

September 24 — Bee Breeding in the Age of Genomics

Garett Slater, Texas A&M

October 29 — Hot Topics in Beekeeping

Amy Vu, University of Florida

November 19 — Breeding for Varroa-Resistant Honeybees

Frank Rinkevich, USDA

December 31 — No Session

2025 Dates and Topics

January 28 — Coming Out of Winter

David Tarpy, North Carolina State University

February 25 — Honeybee Nutrition

Priya Chakrabarti Basu, Mississippi State University

March 25 — Colony Losses in the United States of America

Geoff Williams, Auburn University

April 29 — Honeybee Nest Architecture

Michael Smith, Auburn University

May 27 — TBD

Melanie Kirby, Institute of American Indian Arts

June 24 — TBD

Liz Walsh, United States Department of Agriculture-Agricultural Research Service

Seasonal Tips

Robert Jones

August is a very HOT and dry time in Deep East Texas. Any final extraction duties should be finished during this month.

This time of year has very little to offer as far as nectar or pollen during this month. This month should be dedicated to hive-robbing control and fall splits if you want more colonies. These colony splits will be done with whole hive supers and by the use of live queens or reared cells. The swarm impulse will not be there to help aid in queen production so it will take a large colony of young hive bees. The goal is to produce and mate a queen with a large number of bees with plenty of resources, adding a super on top for the fall weed honey production, and feeding, as well, to be certain of enough winter resources. There are plenty of bees at the end of a honey flow and by splitting late with the extra resources you can take advantage of this.

It is hot work this time of year so work late in the evenings for splits and grafts. This also gives time for any honey that is exposed to be taken care of by the bees over the nighttime.

If using cells, you will need to check the quality of your queens' mating by looking at their egg-laying patterns just like you did in the springtime. If live queens are used, you will need to check them as well. Any queen that proves un-mated or bad should be killed and the super stacked on something that needs it.

Comb-Grown Goodness

Simple Honey Glazed Pork Tenderloin

<https://www.heavenlyhomemakers.com/simple-honey-glazed-pork-tenderloin-crock-pot-recipe>

2 pounds pork tenderloin
½ teaspoon sea salt
¼ teaspoon black pepper
2 teaspoons garlic powder
¼ cup honey
¼ cup balsamic vinegar
½ cup water
2 tablespoons soy sauce



Place the pork tenderloin in the crock pot. In a small bowl, whisk together the remaining ingredients. Pour the mixture over the pork tenderloin. Cook on low for 6-8 hours or until pork is tender and falling apart.

Roasted Brussels Sprouts with Honey-Chipotle Glaze

<https://www.marthastewart.com/1543922/roasted-brussels-sprouts-with-honey-chipotle-glaze>

1 tablespoon chopped chipotle in adobo, plus 1 tablespoon sauce
2 tablespoons honey
1 tablespoon reduced-sodium soy sauce
1 tablespoon fresh lime juice
1 clove garlic, minced
1 pound Brussels sprouts, trimmed and halved
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
Kosher salt



Preheat oven to 400°F. Stir together chipotle and sauce, honey, soy sauce, lime juice, and garlic. Toss sprouts with oil, season with salt, and arrange in a single layer on a baking sheet. Roast until crisp-tender and bright green, about 25 minutes. Brush both sides of sprouts with glaze, then continue roasting until crisp and golden, about 10 minutes more. Serve.