

The Bee Line

Pineywoods Beekeepers Association

Next meeting Thursday, October 14, 6:30 pm

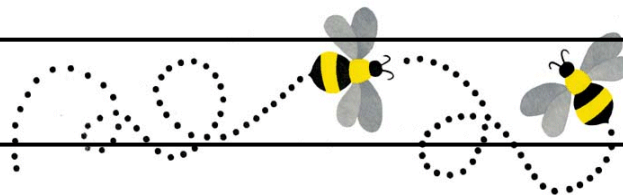
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1615 South Chestnut, Lufkin

<https://www.pineywoodsbeekeepers.org/>

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October Program

Bob Love will discuss how to prepare your hives for winter. Steven Josephsen will demonstrate how to make a candy board.

Due to the increase in the number of Covid cases, masks are encouraged.

Beverages: Richard Peters; Snacks: Kenny and Gaye Standridge, Karen Mitchell, Joanie Kochanek

Bringing beverages or refreshments? If unable to attend, please notify Rachel Payne at 936-715-0362 or texasbeegirl@gmail.com so that we can supply them.

Assorted Buzziness

Elections for the 2022 Board will be held in November. If you'd like to volunteer for a position or nominate someone, please see a current Board member.

What's Buzzing

10/23-24 – **Natural Beekeeping Workshop**, Cabool, MO. \$399, \$299 per person for a party of 2 or more. <https://horizontalhive.com/natural-beekeeping-conference/seminar-workshop-course.shtml>

10/30 – **Advanced Natural Beekeeping Workshop**, West Plains, MO. \$149 before Sept 30, \$199 during Oct. <https://horizontalhive.com/natural-beekeeping-conference/kirk-webster-advanced.shtml>

These workshops in MO are put on by Dr. Leo Sharashkin, editor of *Keeping Bees with a Smile* and founder of HorizontalHive.com. He keeps Layens hives, about which Karen gave a program a few months ago. She plans to go (I believe to the Oct 30th workshop).

11/6-7 – **Texas Beekeepers Association Annual Convention**, Galveston. Keynote speakers are Dr. Lewis Bartlett and Megan Mahoney. \$125/members, \$160/non-members, \$50 for 17 and under. Pre-registered hotel guests will have the opportunity to purchase discounted weekend passes to Moody Gardens with unlimited access to all attractions. A detailed schedule and other info can be found on-line. <https://texasbeekeepers.org/annual-convention-2021/>

At Home Beekeeping Series

Each presentation will be held on the last Tuesday of the month starting July 27th. You can watch these presentations live via Zoom at <https://auburn.zoom.us/j/904522838> or on the [Lawrence County Alabama Extension Office](#) Facebook page. There is no need to register in advance for these sessions, you can just log on a few minutes before the presentation begins.

Topics include:

October 26: Pollinating partnerships among bee species

- Keith Delaplane (UGA)

November 30: Viruses

- Alexandria Payne (TAMU)

January 25: The Many Facets of Honey Bee Nutrition

- Priya Chakrabarti, Mississippi State University

February 22 – Integrated Pest Management in the Hive

- Cameron Jack, University of Florida

March 29 –Methods for Controlling Varroa That Work

- Jennifer Berry, University of Georgia

April 26 – How to Make Great Queens and Avoid Poor Ones

- David Tarpy, North Carolina State University

If you are unable to attend the live session, recordings of these presentations will only be available on the Lawrence County Alabama Extension Office Facebook page for 2 weeks after each presentation.

More information about this series can be found on the event's Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/212886730734383?ref=newsfeed>

Buy or Sell

For sale: Homemade bee vacuum (pictured at right), \$150.
kenny_standridge@yahoo.com or 936-635-4177 (That's kenny_standridge@yahoo.com)



Seasonal Tips

Robert Jones

October will give us the major goldenrod flow along with a variety of other weeds this time of year. The flow can be exceptional, but again, if too much rain is falling the nectar can be washed out and you will need to supplement with sugar syrup. The fall flow normally lasts until the first fall frost but can be slowed by early cold snaps as well.

This is the time, at the end of this flow, to decide what needs help and what can stand on its own. Several things must be considered at this time. The quantity of honey must be at a minimum of 40lbs, or a medium honey super full above a deep brood box. Additionally, the quantity, or number, of bees must

be observed. Hives with nests smaller in size than a basketball will not produce enough bees at this point to over-winter. On the coldest winter days, the over-winter process sees the outer layer of bees die off due to cold. If there are not enough bees at this point, the hive will be lost.

It is best to stack two weak colonies, picking the best laying queen of the two, for winter survival. Leaving both as they are will most likely see the die-off of both colonies. Saving the resources this way will allow you to easily spring-split this colony because it survived the winter with the resources that it needed.

Comb-Grown Goodness

Honey-Glazed Chicken

<https://www.marthastewart.com/336483/easy-honey-glazed-chicken>

- 1/3 cup honey
- 1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
- 2 teaspoons dried thyme
- Coarse salt and ground pepper
- 1 chicken, cut into 8 pieces (about 3 pounds)



Preheat oven to 475. Line a rimmed baking sheet with foil. In a small bowl, whisk together honey, vinegar, thyme, 1 1/2 teaspoons salt, and 1/4 teaspoon pepper. Place chicken pieces on prepared pan; brush with honey glaze to coat. Roast, brushing twice with glaze (do not baste during last 5 minutes of cooking), until chicken is deep brown on the outside and opaque throughout, 20 to 25 minutes.

Honey Apricot Bread

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- 3 cups whole wheat flour
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 t nutmeg
- 1 1/4 cups milk
- 1 cup honey
- 1 egg, slightly beaten
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 cup chopped dried apricots
- 1/2 cup sunflower seeds, chopped walnuts, or chopped almonds
- 1/2 cup raisins

Combine dry ingredients in a large bowl. Combine wet ingredients in a separate bowl. Pour wet mixture over dry mixture and stir until just moistened. Gently fold in apricots, sunflower seeds, and raisins. Pour into greased loaf pan and bake at 350 for 55 to 60 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean.