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## President's Report



Hello Friends

We really enjoyed the Winter Delegates Meeting in Salado, Texas. It was good to see friends and enjoy fellowship with all who were there. Rain, rain, rain: during the meeting a wonderful thunderstorm poured out of the clouds.

The winter and early spring have been wetter than the last few years here in South Texas. It is showing with an abundance of wildflowers blooming along Highway 37 South. I don't remember a bloom like the showing this spring in many years. Sylvia and I have been traveling from San Antonio to Corpus Christi in the last two months and have seen a very early spring popping out. Two months ago the mesquite trees started to leaf out and this past Saturday the mesquite limbs were touching the ground, heavy with blooms. Looks like the possibility of a good nectar flow from San Antonio and South this spring.

Alamo Area Beekeepers are planning a Field Day. Hopefully other associations are going to do the same. The flowers and weather will make for a great learning day.

My daughter Sandra Parsley, past Honey Queen, and I went out to the beeyard to get bees for our observation hive for the Honey Princess to give presentations at Mrs. Priest and Sandra's schools. This hive was a very strong hive. Within the two days that the queen and two frames of bees were out of the hive, the wax moths moved in and totally destroyed the hive, and the remaining bees were robbed. We need to continually watch our beehives for predators.

We look forward to seeing many of you at the Summer Clinic in Belton, TX on June 9th. Please try to be there where we can continue our discussions of bees and the beekeeping world.

Eddie Priest  
President

## Dates For Your Diary

### Summer Clinic

June 9th

Belton, TX

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### Evening at the Ballpark

July 20th

Round Rock, TX

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### Annual Convention

November 8th - 11th

Killeen, TX

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## Vice President's Report

*from Blake Shook*



Hello Texas Beekeepers!

I hope all of you are enjoying our incredibly warm and bee friendly spring! I know at my age this isn't saying much, but I'll say it anyway. I've never seen a spring this warm this early. Let's just hope that doesn't mean we are going to have another scorching summer. In North Texas some of my hives were bringing in pollen the 3rd week of January. The bees brooded up extremely quickly and I was able to begin splitting on March 12th. I would predict the honey flow in much of the state will be a week or so early, so make sure you have your supers and hives ready to go a little early this year!

If you are a sideline or commercial beekeeper and sell honey by the barrel, it looks as though this will be your lucky year. If you have to buy honey and bottle it, you may want to stock up now. I have heard several rumors that we will once again see record

high honey prices this year. This could be caused by many things...bad harvests overseas, a drought in many states this past year, etc. Whatever the cause, it is a good time to be in the business! I considered sharing a prediction on the cost per pound of honey that we could see this year, but, if I could predict future market activity accurately, I wouldn't have to be a beekeeper.

Unfortunately my report is going to be quite short this issue. I'm finishing up splitting for the year which means splitting all day and moving bees most of the night, which doesn't leave much time for writing reports. I would encourage anyone to become a commercial beekeeper, but work with one for a year or so before making the leap...commercial beekeeping isn't all fun and games.

See all of you soon!

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## Director's Report

*from Clint Weaver*

*Montgomery County Walker County  
Central Texas*



Hello Texas Beekeepers!

What a spring, what a spring! Our bees are looking really good right now. So good in fact that after two rounds of shaking, I am still making the rounds on swarm patrol. The mild winter has really allowed the bees to get out and gather pollen early and vigorously build brood. I hope everyone else is experiencing this blessing. This is the first time that I can remember having a good problem!

On March 24 the Central Texas Beekeepers hosted a beekeeping school that has become an

annual event. By the time the news letter gets out it will have come to pass but they are expecting 240 at this time and I am pretty sure it is going to be stronger than that. You can contact Michael Kelling at [centraltexasbeekeepers@gmail.com](mailto:centraltexasbeekeepers@gmail.com) for more information about their group. It is a strong one.

Every Saturday in April we have package pick-up days for our customers. I would like to encourage anyone to show up because it is turning into a fun day. We talk bees and I demonstrate my incredible package installation skills! Hope to see you soon.

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## Coastal Bend Beekeepers Association

*Deborah Houlihan, President*

The Coastal Bend Beekeepers Association (CBBA) is up & buzzing (or rather running)! We had our second meeting in February with Wendy Riggs as our guest speaker. The first CBBA Beekeeping 101 class was Saturday, March 17th., with a dozen members attending the Beeville training. This was my first hands-on experience with bees and everyone asked a lot of great questions.

Our membership is growing! The CBBA will have a presence at the upcoming Big Bloom at the South Texas Botanical Gardens and we have speakers lined up through the month of June.

Our local news featured a bee extermination story yesterday and the CBBA is going to be featured this week on the news with a story highlighting the importance of bees and alternatives to destroying them.

## Texas Beekeepers Association 2012 Convention Site



**Shilo Inn Suites Hotel - Killeen, TX**  
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## **AGENDA**

Fellowship & Story Swapping  
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Lunch

Learning Stations

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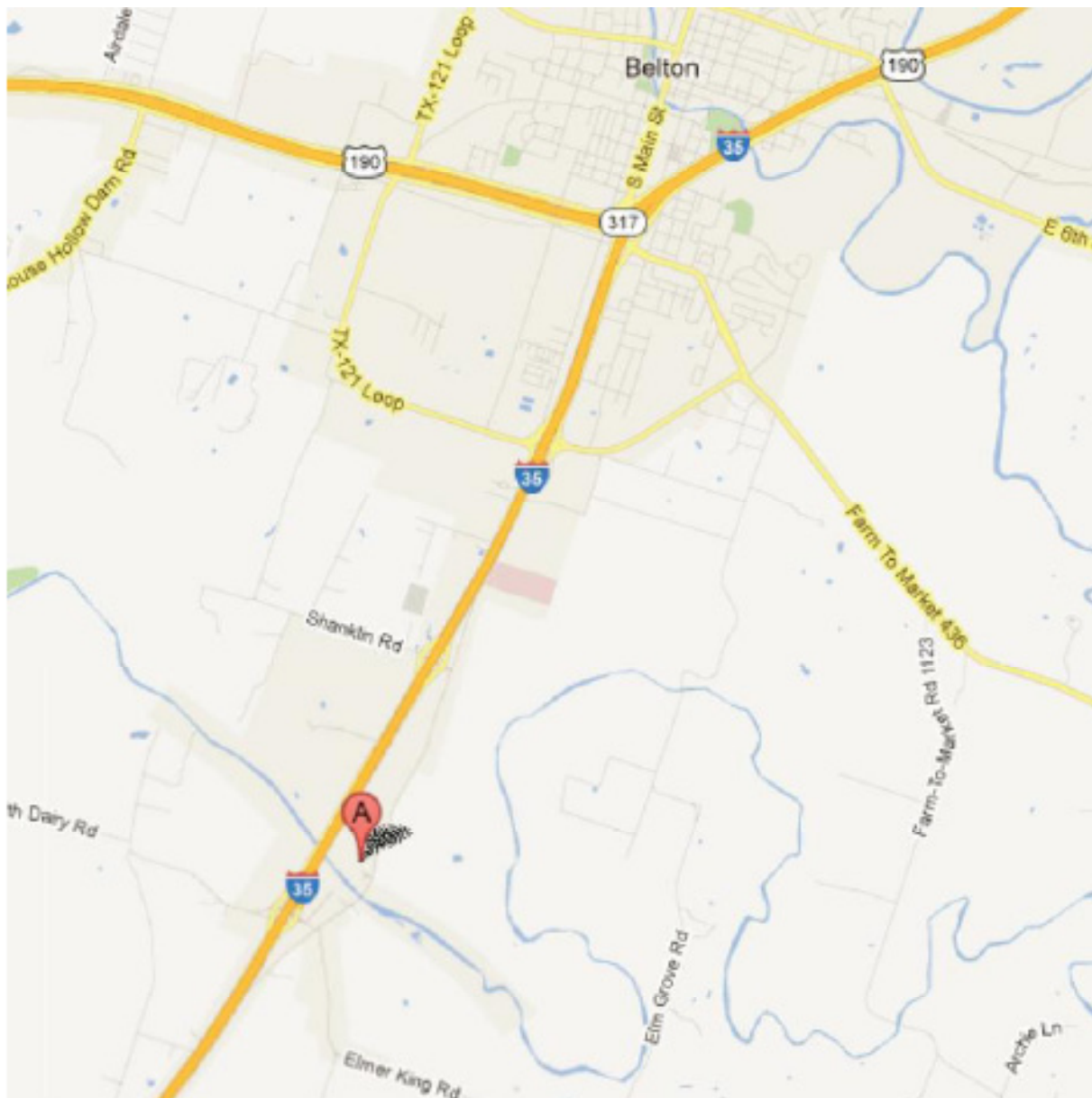
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Turn right on Tollbridge Road, and 6200 Tollbridge Road is down 1 mile on the right,  
just before the road blocks where the bridge is out.



# Evaluating Pollen Potential

*William G. Meikle, Acting Research Leader,  
Honey Bee Research Unit, Weslaco, TX*

Although several other research units in the Kika de la Garza Subtropical Agricultural Research Center are being closed, the Honey Bee Research Unit is going strong with work on pesticide residues, pollination and bee diseases and pests. One project of particular interest to professional beekeepers and growers is in the study of the relationship between the number and distribution of hives in almond orchards and the pollination success.

Frank Eischen and I have been working with some data that he and his team collected during their annual month-long visit to California for almond pollination. For growers and commercial beekeepers, a crucial question in pollination efficacy is the proper density and distribution of beehives per acre. Growers of course pay for the hive rental. They are naturally interested in getting the most pollination for their money and also the most pollination they can, since increasing the overall nut set even a few percentage points can be very profitable. And beekeepers like renting as many hives as they can. One logical approach to the problem is to determine how bees in a given hive distribute themselves over the landscape, then map out the distribution of hives, estimate the average number of blossoms per tree and the number of foraging bees per hive, and use those to calculate the number of blossoms per bee, which we use as “pollination potential.”

The heart of the program is the relationship between bee forager density and distance from the hive. Obviously it is harder work and more risky for bees to forage further and further from the hive, so we expect a higher bee density closer in compared to further out. But what, exactly, are the numbers? How fast does forager density drop off as one goes further from the hive? Dr. Eischen’s team had set up observation hives specially designed to allow people to observe all activity on the comb. The hives had eight frames, but the frames were spread out edge to edge, like they were laid out on a tabletop held up on its side, so the hive itself was essentially two frames deep by four frames high and one frame thick, with glass on either side for the observer to watch any bee

dances. Bee dances provide information to other bees on the distance a particular nectar or pollen source is from the hive. Researchers could watch bees arrive, do their dance, and for each dancer calculate the distance to the nectar source and count the expected number of recruits. Dr. Eischen’s team collected the data over many hours during two years of almond pollination in California.

Once that relationship between forager density and distance was established, the rest was just crunching numbers. The almond orchard, about 4400 acres, was divided into plots, each a little less than 2 acres. In addition to the grid coordinates, the data for each plot also included the number of hives on that particular plot. In almond pollination, hives are usually kept together in groups of about 20-25 hives on average in each group. The computer program then calculates, for each plot, the expected contribution of foragers from each hive in the entire orchard. If the plot was more than 2 miles from the hive, the program assumed the number of foragers from that hive was negligible. The program then adds up all the virtual bees in the virtual plots and checks to make sure all the bees are accounted for. If all the virtual foragers for a given hive are not assigned, then the program distributes the remaining bees proportionally.

So far it has been a very interesting exercise. The next step is to collect what we call “validation data.” Validation data is data used to see if the program is forecasting the pollination accurately. We will need data on the nut yield of individual plots or even trees throughout the almond orchard. Of course, some pollination will occur because of wild honey bees, or other kinds of bees, or flies or even just wind. Also, the program as it is assumes all hives behave the same way, the “average” hive, although anybody who works with bees knows that hives can behave very differently. But if the assumptions on blossoms and bees are good, if honey bees are doing most of the pollinating, and if we are reading their dances right, then the program should give us a good idea of pollination coverage.



# WCABA Crowns Lesli Tucker 2012 Area Honey Queen

*Jimmie Oakley, TBA Treasurer  
and WCABA Honey Queen Chair*

The Williamson County Area Beekeepers Association crowned Miss Lesli Anne Tucker from Belton, Texas, as WCABA Honey Queen, at a Coronation Ceremony held during their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday evening, February 28, 2012. Miss Rebekah Jones, 2012 Texas Honey Princess and former WCABA Honey Queen, and Mr. Jimmie Oakley, former Texas Honey Queen Chair, were on hand to sanction the activity and conducted the crowning ceremony, assisted by 1993 Texas Honey Queen, Christy Oakley Chartier.

The Coronation was the highlight of the evening's activities and contained all the "pomp and circumstance" that befit the occasion. Mr. Oakley provided a short history of the WCABA Honey Queen Program and its participants over the past years, and former WCABA Honey Queen, Rebekah Jones, took opportunity to express her appreciation for the club's support during her reign.

Then Miss Lesli Tucker was asked to come forward where Texas Honey Princess Rebekah draped her with a white on black satin sash designating her title. Mrs. Chartier then gave Rebekah a beautiful rhinestone tiara that she ceremonially placed on the head of the WCABA Queen candidate, crowning her officially as the Williamson County Area Beekeepers Association Honey Queen.

Kayla Olson granddaughter of Chris & Shirley Doggett, presented Queen Lesli with a beautiful bouquet as a token of appreciation

from them and the members of WCABA.

Queen Lesli then introduced herself as the 15 year old daughter of David and Jan Tucker. She lives in Belton, Texas, where she is homeschooled. She got her start in beekeeping as a WCABA Scholarship recipient and now has three hives.

She thanked the club and her parents, for making it all possible; with assurance that she was ready to go to work. The meeting concluded with the all important photo ops of the Queens, the family, and friends.



*WCABA Honey Queen  
Lesli Tucker*



*The Royal Family*

*Brothers Scott, David and Brian, Jan Tucker, and Honey Queen Lesli Tucker,  
Honey Princess Rebekah Jones, Rachael and Cindy Jones*

# My Experiences as a Participant in the 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest

*Shelby Kilpatrick, Collin County Hobby Beekeepers Association Honey Queen*

Hello, Texas Beekeepers!

My name is Shelby Kilpatrick and I am the 2012 Collin County Hobby Beekeepers Association (CCHBA) Honey Queen. In my 4-H career I have had many honors and privileges at the club, county, district, state and national levels. I am currently serving as a member of the Texas 4-H Council and the Texas 4-H Technology Team. I am also a Master Gardener Intern in Denton County and will graduate with the 2012 class.

When Mr. Chris Doggett asked me to write an article about my experiences as a participant in the 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest, I was very excited about the opportunity. I hope that by sharing my experiences, you will gain insight into how a 4-H member enters the contest and some of the skills that they gain through their participation.

I first entered the Texas 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest in 2009. The essay topic that year was "The Dance Language of Honey Bees". I started researching the topic in December 2008. At the time, my father had taken a work assignment in India and my family and I were visiting him there. This meant that I had limited access to resources, so I read books, reports and articles on the internet. I printed sources, highlighted notes that I wanted to use and kept a running list and file of them. My major learning curves were how to research a topic and how to write an essay, as I had no previous experience. I submitted my essay entitled "Bee Lingo" at the end of January 2009 and in early March (by then I was back in Texas) received a letter from the State 4-H Office informing me that my essay had placed 3rd at the State level. I was thrilled and could not wait for the 2010 essay topic to be announced so that I could write more.

In December 2009, "Is My Community Honey Bee-Friendly?" was revealed as the essay topic. I did just as recommended in the rules and guidelines and created a survey addressing four main themes; Landscape, Pest Management, Local Laws and Restrictions, and General Honey Bee Questions. I distributed the survey to my friends, 4-H members, beekeepers, Master Gardeners, Master Naturalists, Extension Agents and a large email parent's network through my dad's company. One hundred thirty-five

surveys were returned, providing input from a variety of people and geographically representing the North Central Texas Area: my community. Once I had the results back, I organized them into an easy-to-sort format. Then, I expanded my research to include reading books, articles, reports and city

codes of ordinances, as well as conducting telephone interviews. At the end of January 2010, I had finished my paper, "For Bee or Not For Bee?", and concluded that my community was indeed "For Bee". At the end of March, the State 4-H Office sent me another letter, this one telling me that I had been selected as the Texas winner and my essay would be sent on to the national competition! Initially overjoyed, now all I needed to do was wait about six weeks in anticipation for the national results to arrive...

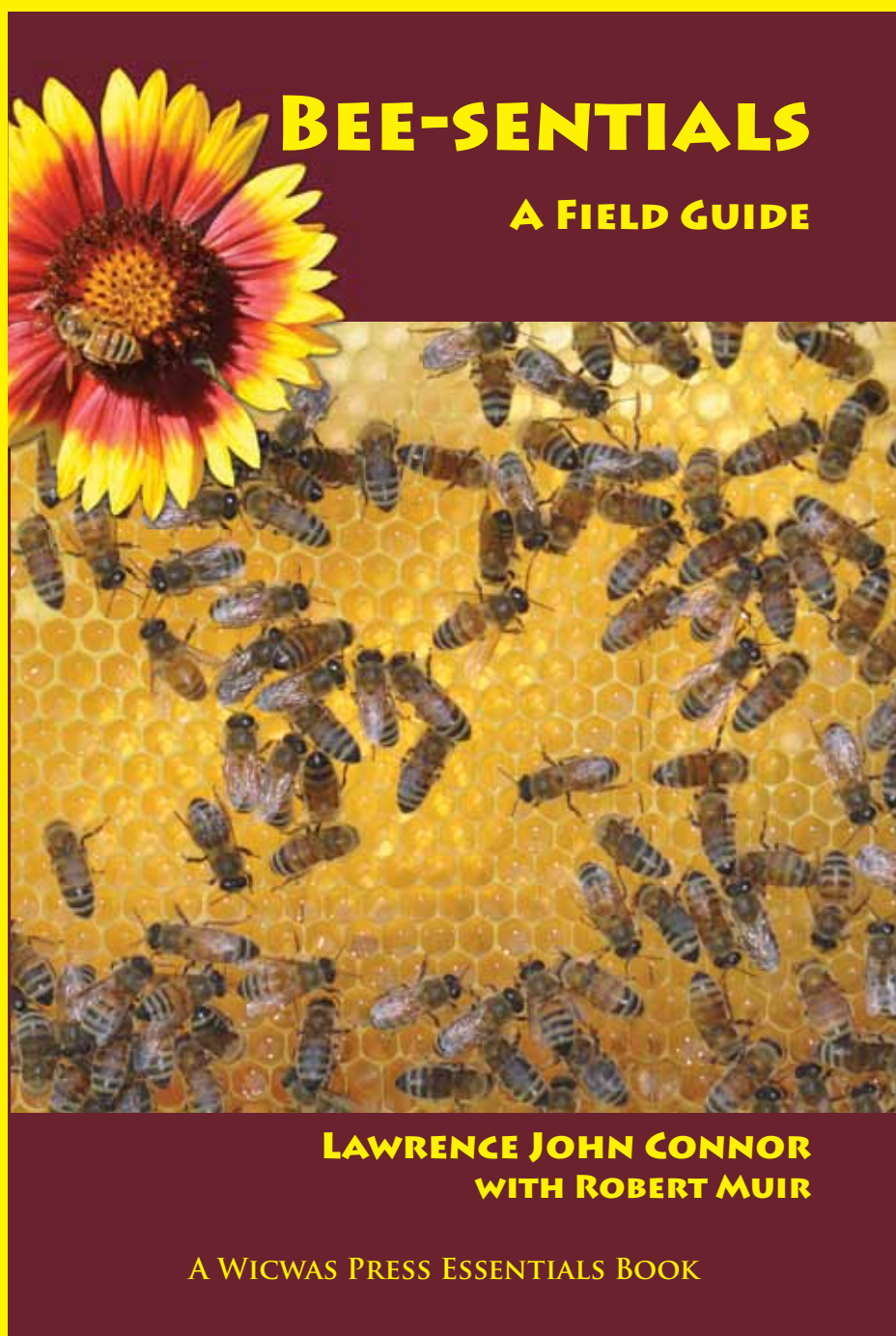
In May, I received an envelope from the Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc. (sponsored by the American Beekeeping Federation, Inc.). I remember standing in the driveway with my mom just looking at the package, not sure what was in it, but hoping that it was good. I was not disappointed. Enclosed was a book on beekeeping and a letter congratulating me for being selected as the 2010 National 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest winner! I could hardly believe that I had actually won; I was ecstatic.

Since I joined 4-H in 2004, entomology has been my main project. I started beekeeping in 2007 as a CCHBA Youth Scholarship student as a way to



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## WCABA Bee Scholarship Recipients Recognized and Scholarships Awarded for 2012

*Jimmie Oakley, WCABA Program Chair*

The Williamson County Area Beekeepers Association awarded the Ed Wolfe-Robert Bost Memorial Scholarships for 2012 at their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday evening March 27th. This year's recipients were eleven year old Will Hilscher, from Round Rock, Texas; thirteen year old Payton Bauer, from Hutto, Texas; thirteen year old Jennifer Youngblood of Liberty Hill, Texas and fourteen year old Callie Herring of Briggs, Texas. The youngsters received their wood ware and protective gear as part of the scholarship and they assembled their bee box and frames at the meeting with assistance from club members and the Honey Queens. They will receive their package of bees the second Saturday in April.

At the same meeting, the prior year's recipients were recognized for their year long commitment to the program and each received a framed "Certificate of Achievement" for their accomplishment. Recognized were twelve year old Abishai Mark Gundy, from rural Manor, Texas; twelve year old Joseph Nemec, from Taylor, Texas; fourteen year old Isaiah Perusek of Copperas Cove, Texas; fifteen year old Lesli Tucker of Belton, Texas and seventeen year old Laura Lee Blackburn of Lakeway, Texas. The certificates were presented by Caroline Adams, Texas



*Texas Honey Queen, Caroline Adams, 2011 Scholarship Winners, Abishai Mark Gundy, Laura Lee Blackburn, WCABA Honey Queen, Lesli Tucker, Joseph Nemec and Texas Honey Princess, Rebekah Jones*

Honey Queen, from Plano, Texas and Texas Honey Princess, Rebekah Jones, from Spicewood, Texas. WCABA Scholarship Chair, Jimmie Oakley officiated the recognition ceremony.

We are very proud of the success of this program and the young people who have gone through it and we acknowledge the dedication and leadership to youth development of the individuals for whom the program is named. For more information on the program visit our website at [www.wcaba.org](http://www.wcaba.org).



*Callie Herring, Will Hilscher, Payton Bauer and Jennifer Youngblood  
in front of Caroline Adams, Lesli Tucker and Rebekah Jones*

# Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo 2012 Bee Booth Display

Feb 28th to Mar 18th 2012

*Harry R. Reichart, Harris County Beekeepers Association*

The Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo 2012 proved once again that everything here in Texas is big. Throughout our great nation rodeoing is a big event at this time of year and here in Houston, Texas it was no exception at the huge 62,072 square foot facility at the Reliant Center Complex in the Ag-Venture building.

Harris County Beekeepers once again took the lead and joined hands with Houston Area Beekeepers and Fort Bend County Beekeepers for another exciting year at the Bee Booth display and the Gazebo area with live bees and marked queens, furnished by members of the HCBA. Thanks to our President Don Angle and Jennifer Scott who came through in an emergency condition to bring a colony of her bees out for the observation plus the ones in the gazebo

On opening day, February 28th thousands of



*Texas Honey Queen, Caroline Adams points out the Queen in an Observation Hive*

students converged on us like a swarm of bees. They were led by the Ag-Venture staff of 200 + volunteers under the direction of the Chairperson Betty K. Bishop who is now serving as the new Chairperson, replacing Pat Mann-Phillips who, after three years of leadership, stepped down and is now back with the staff of volunteers.

Students from all over the Greater Houston area really enjoyed the program and learned a lot of what goes on in this bee world with such questions as “Where is the Queen?”; “Why does she have a white

dot on her back?”; “How many times have you been stung ?” The beekeepers from HCBA, HBA, & Fort Bend Counties answered many a good question.

It always amazes me to witness the number of young people stepping up to help out. Every year the FFA students from the Greater Houston area give us their all. It is a pleasure to have them working the bee booth helping to educate the thousands of students who visited our display. These students tell the story of the various bee dances and explain that this is their way of communicating with each other. Our many thanks to these well-mannered young men and women who served.

On March 10th & 11th we were visited by the Texas Honey Queen & the American Honey Queen.

Our Texas Honey Queen, Miss Caroline Adams, the daughter of Ned & Caryl Adams, began beekeeping about five years ago through the Collin County Hobby Beekeepers Association and has thoroughly enjoyed it ever since. She is a home-schooled graduate and is currently working for her degree in American Sign Language. Besides beekeeping, Caroline also enjoys teaching violin, playing traditional Irish music, english country Dancing, serving her church, cooking, sewing and spending time with her family.

The American Honey Queen, Alyssa Fine hails from Pennsylvania in the Pittsburgh area. Alyssa is the daughter of Albert and Darlene Fine of Monongahela, Pennsylvania. She is a graduate of Penn State University with a degree in Agribusiness Management and a Spanish language minor. From a young age, Alyssa grew up with an appreciation for her father’s beekeeping hobby. Today she and her family have transformed that interest into the Fine Family Apiary, where she is instrumental in



*Don Angle  
President HCBA*

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# The (almost) Death and Rebirth of a Bee Club or How To Keep Your Club Growing

*Michael Kelling, President, Central Texas Beekeepers Association*

The December 2007 meeting of the Central Texas Beekeepers Association had three members present! Our president had announced that this was his last meeting since he was moving 150 miles away. Our meetings were quarterly, which meant that people often forgot about the date until it was past. We had no mailing of notices about the meeting.

The three of us looked at each other and decided that we either needed to disband or make some changes and try to salvage our club.

Fortunately, we chose to move forward and today our club has grown beyond that which any of us could have imagined.

We visited the Montgomery County Beekeepers meeting and were surprised to see in excess of 50 members present and participating! I was envious and dreamed of the day that we could have 20 people at a meeting again.

Deciding that we needed to reach out to those who were interested in bees, we scheduled our “grand re-opening” for Feb. 21, 2008 at the local high school. We invited the public to attend an informational session on honey bees and what it takes to raise them. Our intention was to have examples of equipment as well as handouts and photos that would demonstrate the craft of beekeeping. The meeting was publicized in the local newspaper and we were set to go.

Then on Tuesday, I received a call from the newspaper asking me to come remove bees from behind the tail light of one of the workers’ cars where a swarm had just moved in over the last hour. Of course, the paper photographer shot images as I worked and the result was that the next day, THE DAY BEFORE OUR “FIRST” MEETING, I was the lead photo on the front page of the paper.

We had 35 people show up at the meeting. God is sure a good publicity agent!

That is the story of our new beginning. We now regularly have over 40 people at our monthly meetings and our membership is growing.

What can YOU do to help your club revitalize and increase membership?

The main thing is to have something available for the people you want to attract. If you have topics that people are interested in learning about, they will make

an effort to attend.

The meetings prior to our “re-organization” consisted of watching a beekeeping video for 45 minutes and then the “old-timers” telling “war-stories” about beekeeping 30 years before.

There was no real opportunity to learn.

People who want to start beekeeping want to know how and when. They want to ask questions. They want to be “hands-on” as much as possible.

Second, you need communication. Many clubs have a monthly newsletter that is filled with articles and comments from members. These are wonderful. It is like a newspaper for your small beekeeping community. Members can ask questions, offer items for sale, share experiences and find links to bee-related sites on the internet. This is like a mid-month mini-meeting.

With almost everyone having an email address, communicating through the internet is free and fast. People can respond and get answers quickly. There is no reason not to have an email list and use it often to keep your members informed and connected.

Third, publicity helps. New members are the source for growth for your club. Announce your club meetings in your local newspaper, on the local radio stations and any other place that is available to the public. Many county extension agents have a weekly radio station and they will be glad to include your information in their program. Print fliers that promote your club and have your members ask to put them in the businesses that they frequent. Don’t limit this to the farmers co-op or the feed store. At least half of our new members are women and most of them visit their hair dresser or a salon several times a month.



*Michael Kelling*

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# 2012 Texas Honey Queen Report

*from Caroline Adams*

Hello, Beekeeping Friends,

I hope you (and your bees) are having a wonderful spring thus far! Our hives are doing pretty well, though we decided to go ahead and re-queen two of them - one due to a laying worker and the other to some extreme irritability. Hopefully, with the new queens in the hives both problems will be resolved and the girls will be ready to go once the honey flow truly starts.

I have been very busy lately with several Honey Queen events that I would like to share with you:

On February 18th, I traveled to Salado, TX for the annual TBA Winter Delegates' Meeting. TBA Delegates and interested beekeepers from around the state visited the meeting and it was a wonderful chance to fellowship and catch up with my fellow Texas beekeepers. Numerous Honey Queens and Princesses from around the state attended: 2012 Collin County Honey Princess, Shannon LaGrave; 2012 Collin County Honey Queen, Shelby Kilpatrick; 2012 East Texas Beekeepers' Association Honey Queen, Rebekah Lenamond; and 2012 Texas Honey Princess, Rebekah Jones, as well as soon-to-be 2012 Williamson County Honey Queen, Lesli Tucker. The young ladies gave short presentations about themselves and the invaluable work they do for our industry through their educational presentations to the public.

While at the meeting, the attendees also heard a report from Dr. John Thomas about the Janice and John G. Thomas Honey Bee Facility at Texas

A&M, as well as information about the 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest.

Also, there was a bit of a lively discussion about when and where the 2012 TBA Summer Clinic should be held.

It is tentatively scheduled to be held the second

Saturday in June and I sincerely hope you will all be able to attend!

On the way home from Salado, I had the opportunity to stop in Rogers, TX at the Walker Honey Farm Store. Mr. Clint Walker warmly welcomed our car-load of beekeepers into his store and we had a wonderful time browsing through his products. As an extra treat, Mr. Walker generously allowed us to sample some of his different varieties of honey including Yaupon Holly, Sourwood, and Jalapeno. The honey was delicious and I had a great time visiting with Mr. Walker and seeing his beautiful store. If you ever have a chance to stop in, I highly encourage you to do so – it is certainly worth it. Thank you, Mr. Walker, for making our visit so enjoyable!

On February 23rd, I went to Greenville, TX with Honey Queen Chairperson, Shirley Acevedo to visit the Hunt County Master Gardeners Club. I was the club's guest speaker for the day and gave a general presentation about honey bees, pollination, honey production, the work of a beekeeper and hive products. Following the presentation was an opportunity for questions and answers – one of my favorite parts of presentations! There were about 23 people in attendance and they were a wonderful group. I had a great time visiting with them, sharing lunch with them, and listening to their club's general meeting. Many of the people present were interested in honey bees and I had an opportunity to encourage



*Shelby Kilpatrick, Caroline Adams, Lesli Tucker  
Rebekah Jones and Shannon LaGrave*

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# 2012 Texas Honey Princess Report

*from Rebekah Jones*

Dear Beekeeping Friends,

Happy spring to you all! I hope all of you are getting some of the rain that we've been having recently. At our place we've been getting a lot of rain and I'm sure the honey bees are really appreciating it. Out here in the hill country the bluebonnets are in full bloom and look so gorgeous. My schedule is really starting to pick up and I'd like to share with you what I've been doing.

On February 16th I went and gave a presentation to the McCoy Elementary Junior Master Gardeners Club in Georgetown. It was a small group, about 25 total, but they had really great questions and it was a lot of fun. They were in the 4th and 5th grade and because of their age it gave me a wonderful opportunity to talk about the scholarship program at the Williamson County Beekeepers Association. A quick thank you to Mr. Oakley for setting that up for me!



*Rebekah Jones at McCoy Elementary School in Georgetown*

On Saturday, February 18th I was able to go the TBA Winter Delegates Meeting in Salado. It was held at the beautiful Stagecoach Inn right off of I-35. It was such a pleasure to be with all of the beekeepers there and to enjoy a delicious lunch. I was given the opportunity to give a short report about the events I had done so far and share a little about myself. We then heard reports from the various clubs represented and finished the meeting off by deciding where the TBA Summer Clinic would be held.

The next event I did was the San Antonio Livestock

Show and Rodeo on February 25th. The Alamo Area Beekeepers Association had a beautiful booth there and were selling honey to the people who passed by. It had a big observation hive to draw people in and it gave me the opportunity to share about honey bees and to help the beekeepers sell a lot of honey. I also was able to give out autographs to the kids who came by the booth. A big thank you to Richard and Peggy Trevino, who took such good care of my mom and me.

Then, on February 28th, I had the great privilege of crowning the new WCABA Honey Queen, Lesli Tucker. This was the first time I'd ever crowned anyone, but it all went very smooth and I had a lot of fun. I am so looking forward to working with Lesli and I am positive she will do a fantastic job in her new role.

Another big event I did was on March 9th. This time I headed to San Antonio and had a day full of school



*Rebekah Jones at the Alamo Area Beekeepers Booth at the San Antonio Livestock Show*

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# Honey Queen Committee Chair Report

Dear Texas Beekeepers,

Have you given thought recently to something you could do in memory of a dear Texas beekeeper who has passed on? May I suggest a donation to Texas Beekeepers Association Honey Queen Program in honor of a loved one?

Why donate to the Honey Queen Program? The affection of a loved one lives on in the TBA Honey Queen Program as our Texas Honey Queen and our Texas Honey Princess share the spirit of keeping honey bees - with students and teachers at schools, with visitors at garden events and with folks purchasing honey at sales booths. The joy and value of honey bees gets passed on from one to another.

What can the Texas Honey Queen and the Texas Honey Princess do for your local beekeeping club?

One, these two young women will spur interest from your community to visit your local beekeeping club meeting or event. Be certain to advise the local news media of the Queen's and Princess' visit.

Two, the Queen and the Princess are very qualified to judge honey submitted at a gathering of beekeepers.

Three, the young women add interest to the drawing of prize tickets.

Four, the Queen and the Princess know how to give cooking demonstrations and provide delicious foods made with honey.

Five, they can provide the program at a club meeting, sharing about their own introduction to beekeeping and how they presently keep honey bees.

Six, the Queen and the Princess naturally enroll youth and families to participate in a club's youth opportunities, as the young women share the obvious value of beekeeping for them and their families.

For all of the above reasons, **consider making a donation to the Texas Honey Queen Program in honor of a loved one.** Send a check to Jimmie Oakley, 1799 Goodson Court, Round Rock, TX 78664.

**Consider inviting** Caroline Adams, our 2012 Texas Honey Queen, and Rebekah Jones, our 2012 Texas Honey Princess, to your club gathering or event in your home area.

Bee blessed!

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## Texas Honey Queen Conducts Mini Kids LAB for WCABA

*Jimmie Oakley, WCABA Program Chair*

Hosted by the Williamson County Area Beekeepers Association and sanctioned by the Texas Honey Queen Program, a mini Kids LAB was conducted on Wednesday, March 28th from 10AM to 1PM at the First United Methodist Church in Georgetown, Texas. It was an opportunity for interested youngsters to learn more about the amazing and remarkable honey bee. The event was free and open to homeschooled children in the area accompanied by their teacher (or parent).

Educational stations were tended by experienced beekeepers and provided information on pollination, demonstration of, or explanation of, beekeeping protective gear and equipment, the bee hive (using the standard Langstroth hive), and a demo honey extracting operation with honey.

The Texas Honey Queen, Caroline Adams, Texas Honey Princess, Rebekah Jones and the WCABA

Honey Queen, Lesli Tucker escorted groups of homeschoolers through the sessions as Samuel Oakley demonstrated beekeeping equipment, Chris Doggett explaining with great interest how the beehive works, and Josiah Youngblood showing how honey was extracted. The Honey Queens took turns explaining the pollination exhibit as their group went through. Sherry Youngblood, Shirley Doggett and Kay Oakley worked in the scheduling of the groups for the presentation, while Mary Bost headed up a huge group of volunteers in the candle rolling activity that marked the end of the event. Thanks to the efforts of Wanda & Kaylynn Mansker, Cindy Jones, Christy Chartier, Sarah Oakley, and Jenni Youngblood, all the visitors to the Kids LAB went home with a honey stick and a candle they had hand rolled. Thanks to the Honey Queens and the members of WCABA for making the Kids LAB a great success.



# Texas Honey Queen Report

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them to become involved in beekeeping, answer their questions about how to handle problems they may have with bees, and share hive products with them. The level of interest was very encouraging and I hope some of them will start hives of their own.

On February 25th, I attended the North Texas Beekeeping Seminar led by beekeepers John Talbert, Blake Shook, and Jim Rowe. These gentlemen's knowledge and experience are extensive and the seminar was excellent. Some of the topics included raising queens, natural and chemical treatment of pests and diseases, nutrition and feeding, bee removals, rules and regulations for beekeeping and honey houses, and expanding your beekeeping business. The program was very informative and around 100 people were in attendance from across north Texas. The day was filled with instruction and fellowship between beekeepers and I sincerely enjoyed it. Thank you, John Talbert, Blake Shook, and Jim Rowe for leading this seminar!

On March 8th, I had the opportunity to travel to Houston, TX for the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. This is the world's largest livestock show and it was wonderful to attend! While in Houston, I had the opportunity to work alongside of Alyssa Fine, 2012 American Honey Queen. Alyssa is an outstanding representative and it was a great privilege for me to learn from Alyssa as we promoted and represented the beekeeping industry together. I also had the great blessing of staying with Ed and Elaine Michalik, of the Harris County Beekeepers Association. The Michaliks are incredible people and they took excellent care of Alyssa and me during our visit. Thank you, Ed and Elaine, for your wonderful hospitality!

The day before attending the Livestock show, Alyssa and I had the opportunity to take the Level 9 tour of NASA at the Johnson Space Center, thanks to the kindness of Mr. Harry Reichart. Mr. Reichart is also a member of the Harris County Beekeepers Association and used to work at NASA. Now he serves as a volunteer and generously makes it a point to take the Queens on this tour, if at all possible. The tour was absolutely incredible! It is something I will never forget and a huge thank you goes to Mr. Reichart for allowing us to take it. Also, as we were dressed in full professional attire (including sashes and crowns) while on the tour, Alyssa and I were naturally asked many questions – I am now fully convinced that no matter where you are or what you are doing, there is always an opportunity to spread the good word about honey bees!

The following two days, Alyssa and I worked at the Livestock show with Don Angle. Mr. Angle is a member of the Harris County Beekeepers Association and he very graciously provided transportation and assistance to us during our visit. Thank you, Mr. Angle, for all of your help!

The Livestock show has a wonderful observation hive set up, along with a bee-zeebo with live honey bees, beekeeping supplies, and fun displays with important information about honey bees. I spoke to hundreds of people as they came by the booth. There is always an interest in honey bees and due to the fact that the



*Rachael Seida, Shelby Kilpatrick, Caroline Adams and Shannon LaGrave speaking with Clint Walker at Walker Honey Farm*

observation hive was mounted on a small table, lots of people were able to come right up to the glass to see the bees. We would also allow small children to sit on the table beside the observation hive and it was so neat to see the little ones look at the bees and put their hands up to the glass. The fascination of children is wonderful! I had a great time talking with booth visitors, helping people who were interested in learning more about becoming involved in beekeeping, and meeting other beekeepers from across the state.

A huge thank-you goes to you – the Texas Beekeepers' Association – for allowing me this incredible opportunity to serve as a spokesperson for our industry. This privilege means so much to me and I so appreciate all of the trust and support that you continually show to me. Thank you, thank you for blessing me in this way; it is an honor to serve such an outstanding organization as the TBA.

God bless you – I hope to see you all very soon!

## Report from Winter Delegates Meeting

*Dick Counts, Delegates Chair*

Our meeting place this year was in Salado, TX at the Stagecoach Inn. 44 of us enjoyed a great meal.

Several reports from various TBA officers, featuring president Ed Priest, executive director John Talbert, and Dr. John Thomas spoke on activities in Texas, the Texas A&M Bee Lab and efforts to secure a research scientist. Each of the Honey Queens and Princesses present was given opportunity to speak.

Several persons expressed an interest in youth programs and beginner beekeepers classes.



*Shelby Kilpatrick, Caroline Adams and Rebekah Jones with delegates at the Winter Meeting*

The location of our Summer Clinic was settled and it will be held in Belton at the home of David & Jan Tucker located at 6200 Toll Bridge Rd. (see announcement in Journal, page 6). With several clubs in the area this promises to be a very good gathering. We may be asking you to bring your honey for another Honey Swap.

We also voted to hold 2013 winter meeting at the same place, The Stagecoach Inn in Salado. Reservations were made before I left, for 50 people as I planned on YOU being there.

The TBA board is trying to keep both meetings in the central part of the state and this year's TBA convention will be in Killeen at the Shilo Inn & Suites at 3701 South W. S. Young Drive Killeen, TX 76542, November 8-11, 2012.

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*Dr. John Thomas, Professor of Entomology Emeritus  
at Texas A&M University speaking at the Winter  
Meeting*





## 2012 American Honey Queen & Princess from Pennsylvania and Wisconsin

The American Beekeeping Federation is proud to announce that Alyssa Fine and Danielle Dale were selected as the 2012 American Honey Queen and Princess at its annual January convention in Las Vegas, NV.

Queen Alyssa is the 22-year-old daughter of Albert and Darlene Fine of Monongahela, PA and the granddaughter of William and Louise Mandekic of McKeesport, PA. Alyssa is a graduate of Penn State University with a bachelor's degree in Agribusiness Management. She previously served as the Pennsylvania Honey Queen.

Princess Danielle is the 19-year-old daughter of Rich and Lorie Dale of Sparta, WI and the granddaughter of Emily Livangood of Cataract, WI and Nancy and Harold Dale of Stoddard, WI. Danielle is a sophomore at Western Technical College in LaCrosse, WI, pursuing an associate's degree with plans to seek a bachelor's degree in marketing or communications. She previously served as the Wisconsin Honey Queen.

Alyssa and Danielle will spend the next year promoting the beekeeping industry throughout the United States in a wide variety of venues, including fairs, festivals, schools, and media interviews. To schedule an appearance with American Honey Queen Alyssa Fine or American Honey Princess Danielle Dale, please contact American Honey Queen Program Chairperson Anna Kettlewell at (414) 545-



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## 4-H Beekeeping Essay

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enhance my project and learning experiences. Even though I had already been beekeeping for a few years before I first entered the 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest, I have learned so much from the experience; writing, researching, critical thinking, organization, and of course, more about the wonderful world of honey bees. This contest is a great opportunity for 4-H youth who are interested in learning these skills let alone about honey bees, without having to be or know a beekeeper. As a result of entering, they may even find that beekeeping is something that they have an interest in.

I would like to thank each of the individuals and beekeeping organizations who currently or have formerly supported this contest. In addition to gaining skills and knowledge, I was rewarded with a total of \$900 for my essays. The money that I receive from contests like this one is used to further my education and my entomology/beekeeping projects. I plan to pursue a career in a field of entomology, and I know that beekeeping will always be a hobby, if not my main career path.

## Texas Honey Princess Report

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presentations. I started off the morning by visiting the Northwest Hills Christian School and giving two presentations. The Priest's provided an observation hive and it really grabbed the attention of the kids and brought to life what I was talking about to them. That afternoon I also went to Driggers Elementary and did four more presentations. These went really great and the kids were amazing. I even got to use a microphone in two of the presentations I did there. In total that day, I spoke to about 390 kids from grades 1st through 4th. Thanks to Sylvia Priest and Sandra Priest Parsley for arranging these events for me.

Upcoming events I'm looking forward to include a bee school in Brenham, a visit to WCABA by the Texas Honey Queen and attending the opening of the Georgetown Farmers Market with WCABA Honey Queen, Lesli Tucker.

I hope that you are doing well and I look forward to seeing you soon! God bless you all!

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## Houston Livestock Show

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developing beeswax and honey cosmetics. In addition to beekeeping, Alyssa also enjoys knitting, writing poetry and short stories, and scrapbooking.

On March 9th I had the distinct pleasure of escorting Queen Caroline and Queen Alyssa to Space Center, Houston for the Level 9 tour of NASA. The tours included having lunch in the cafeteria where the astronauts have their lunch and then to Building # 32 that houses the two huge Vacuum Chambers "A & B". Next on our tour was the NBL (The Neutral Bouncey Lab) a big swimming pool of six million gallons of water, then to Building # 30, Mission Control Center, and finally to the Rocket Park that houses a Saturn Five Rocket.

On March 13th an unusual event took place at the Bee Booth. The Channel 11 News team showed up and asked us for an interview about the recent beehive theft that had occurred in the Houston area recently, so one of our members, Jennifer Scott and myself, voiced our opinion about what we thought about this occurrence. My version was that this was a case of "bee rustling" that is equivalent to cattle rustlings that

happened years ago. Bee rustling is an old thing; why they do it I do not know. This segment was aired on the 5 o'clock news that same day.

Our many thanks to the volunteer beekeepers from all three organizations, the FAA students for all their hard work, and especially the Ag-Venture staff helping us put on a great performance. Thanks also to the President of the Harris County Beekeepers organization, Don Angle, for all his hard and dedicated work that went on behind the scene, such as furnishing the bees for the observation hive, the executive committee helping out.

And so on March 18, 2012 the final curtain of the Houston Live Stock Show & Rodeo closed with another fine record breaking attendance year, the total attendance: 2,147,000.

It was another great year for all of us. A lot of hard work went into this year's performance and we will be looking for a better year next year. You can visit us on the web site at:

[www.harriscountybeekeepers.org](http://www.harriscountybeekeepers.org)

# Death and Rebirth of a Bee Club

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Fourth, have refreshments at your meetings. Food always helps attendance at a meeting. At first, I had to beg 2 or 3 people to bring one item to share. Now we have 8-10 different dishes at each meeting. People love to eat!

Next, host a scholarship program for youth. This automatically brings publicity AND grows your membership. Provide the youth with protective clothing, basic woodenware for a hive, bees and a mentor. There are several programs throughout the state that you can build on. I hope to expand on this in the future.

The Williamson County Beekeepers Association in Georgetown regularly has over 120 people at their monthly meeting. A member of that group attributes this to the Beekeeping 101 class that is held at the beginning of each meeting, the scholarship program for young people, the honey queen program, as well as the subjects addressed during the main part of the meeting. This allows new beekeepers to learn and attracts those who might be exploring. Getting people in your door gives you a better chance of having them

become members.

One club has a “plant of the month” presentation and also a “what’s going on in the hive” segment, both with examples on power point. Many members find this helpful and interesting.

Perhaps the most important aspect of helping your club grow is dedicated people in leadership. If you have no one to organize, arrange, ask, present or lead, your club will not survive. Multiple dedicated leaders is a wonderful situation and hard to find. Many times the retired members have much more time to dedicate to this aspect of the club. Just make sure that they are open to change and that they don’t want to just “get by” or “do it the way we always have”. It is important to be open to new ideas.

Beekeeping has changed over the past 5 years and we could say the same thing about each 5-year period for the last 30 years. In the same way, the demographics of the people in your area have changed. If your club holds their meetings the way they did 30 years ago, you probably won’t grow much.

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## Email to the Editor

*We received the following email from Tammy Kubecka, Chair of the Burleson County Historical Commission, and thought it to be of some interest.*

I don’t know if the Texas Beekeepers Association can help me...but maybe so.

Do you have any information on bee trees in Texas?

I am a steward for the Texas Archeological Stewardship Network, via the Texas Historical Commission, and am working on a research project concerning the Battle of Walker Creek in 1844 (in Kendall County).

This is going to be an odd question.....is there any kind of estimate of how many bee trees might be in Texas...namely the Hill Country?

The Battle of Walker Creek involved Capt. Jack Hays and 15 Rangers in a conflict with the Comanche in June 1844....the location of the Battle is a source of all sorts of conflicting information, opinions, assumptions, etc. A couple of accounts start with two rangers climbing a bee tree to rob it, and seeing the Indians approach. In the 1950s, one “historian” vows

he found the location using local information about a bee tree. Of course it’d already been cut down.

By coincidence, last year or so the THC was investigating a possible burial place of the ranger Coryell....based on a pile of rocks found near a bee tree. Supposedly they were robbing a bee tree when they also spotted Indians. Apparently you can spot Indians simply by climbing a bee tree!

It’s possible I’ve found an alternate location for the Battle of Walker’s Creek. However, the paper I’m writing is more about exploring different possibilities and doing good research than finding the exact location. I’d like to point out that there’s more than one bee tree in Texas.....that’s the long way of asking if there’s any way to know how many bee trees exist!

I contacted the Texas Forest Service at A&M, who does inventories of trees, but they have no information about bee trees. They were interested in knowing if a count has been made though.

Any information would be appreciated!!

*If you have any information for Tammy please send to the Editor at [ckdoggett@gmail.com](mailto:ckdoggett@gmail.com)*

# **Listing of Local Beekeepers' Associations in Texas with TBA Delegate and Regular Meeting Information Shown for Each**

Please forward any changes and/or additions to  
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## **Alamo Area Beekeepers Association**

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[edward\\_p@sbcglobal.net](mailto:edward_p@sbcglobal.net)  
9570 Maidenstone - San Antonio, TX 78250  
**Meetings:** 3rd Tuesday on odd # months; at  
Helotes Ind. Baptist Church  
15335 Bandera Rd; Helotes @ 7 pm

## **Brazoria County Beekeepers Association**

Larry Hoehne - (979) 848-8780 or (979) 236-1385  
233 Crestwood, Clute TX 77531  
[bcbassociation@gmail.com](mailto:bcbassociation@gmail.com)  
[www.brazoria-county-beekeepers-association.com](http://www.brazoria-county-beekeepers-association.com)  
**Meetings:** 2nd Monday of each month at 7pm;  
Brazoria County Extension Office  
21017 County Road 171, Angleton TX 77515

## **Central Texas Beekeepers Association**

Michael Kelling - (979) 277-0411  
[CentralTexasBeekeepers@gmail.com](mailto:CentralTexasBeekeepers@gmail.com)  
[www.centraltexasbeekeepers.org](http://www.centraltexasbeekeepers.org)  
1997 Tonckawa Hills Ln - Brenham, TX 77833  
**Meetings:** Monthly on the 4th Thursday  
(except November and December) at the  
Washington County Fairgrounds  
Brenham @ 7 pm

## **Coastal Bend Beekeepers Association**

Deborah Houlihan - (361) 788-2428  
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445 Parade Dr., Corpus Christi, TX 78412  
**Meetings:** First Thursday of each month at 6:30pm;  
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[www.northtexasbeekeepers.org](http://www.northtexasbeekeepers.org)  
**Meetings:** 2nd Monday of each month;  
Heard Craig Hall, 306 N. Church St,  
McKinney @ 6:30 pm

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Travis Lane - (325) 653-7226  
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[cvbeeassoc.com](http://cvbeeassoc.com)  
**Meetings:** 3rd Tuesday of each month Jan-Nov  
Texas A&M Research and Extension Center  
7887 US Hwy 87 N, San Angelo @ 7:30 pm

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**Meetings:** 1st Tuesday of month  
Chachi's Mexican Restaurant  
Highway 67 in Glen Rose @ 7pm

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**Meetings:** 1st Thursday of each month;  
Room 104, RTDC Building; 1530 NE Lp 323  
Tyler @ 6:45 pm

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December) Conference Room, Fort Bend Co. Extension  
Office, County Fairgrounds  
Rosenberg @ 7 pm

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**Meetings:** 4th Tuesday of each month  
Golden Acres Center - 5001 Oak Avenue  
Pasadena @ 7 pm

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## Heart of Texas Beekeepers Association

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511 Edwards St., Riesel, TX 76682

**Meetings:** 4th Tuesday of each month  
(except December) Mama Baris Restaurant  
1201 Hewitt Drive, Hewitt @ 6:30 pm

## Houston Beekeepers Association

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7611 Fondren Rd - Houston, TX 77074

[www.houstonbeekeepers.org](http://www.houstonbeekeepers.org)

**Meetings:** 3rd Tuesday of each month; Bayland Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet St.  
Houston @ 7:30 pm

## Metro Beekeepers Association

Stan Key, President

[stankey.texas@gmail.com](mailto:stankey.texas@gmail.com)

[www.metrobeekeepers.net](http://www.metrobeekeepers.net)

8413 Castle Creek Rd., North Richland Hills,  
TX 76182

**Meetings:** 2nd Monday of each month; United Co-op Services Community Room, Bethesda Rd at I 35 W.,  
Burleson @ 6:30 pm

## Montgomery County Beekeepers Assn.

John Hicks - (936) 756-9708

[johnhicks12003@yahoo.com](mailto:johnhicks12003@yahoo.com)

[www.mocobees.com](http://www.mocobees.com)

**Meetings:** 3rd Monday of each month at  
Montgomery County Extension Office @ 7 pm

## Permian Basin Beekeepers Association

J.C. and Dean Brittingham

(915) 332-2215

2312 N. Adams - Odessa, TX 79761

**Meetings:** Not meeting regularly.

## Pineywoods Beekeepers Association

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301 Carriage Dr. - Lufkin, TX 75904

**Meetings:** 2nd Thursday of each month  
Chamber of Commerce Building, Highway 287 and  
Highway 58 Intersection  
Lufkin @ 7:30 pm

## Red River Valley Beekeepers Assn.

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1952 - A Hines Blvd.

Wichita Falls, TX 76301-7961

**Meetings:** 3rd Tuesday of each month (except December)  
Bolin Science Hall, Room 209  
Midwestern St. University  
Wichita Falls @ 7 pm

## Rio Grande Valley Beekeepers Assn.

Billy Wright - (956) 464-5042

Route 5, Box 74 - Donna, TX 78537

**Meetings:** 3rd Tuesday of each month; TAMU Res. and  
Ext. Center, 2401 E. Highway 83  
Weslaco @ 7:30 pm

## Trinity Valley Beekeepers Association

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[abees@swbell.net](mailto:abees@swbell.net)

9702 Vinewood Drive - Dallas, TX 75228

[www.tvbees.org](http://www.tvbees.org)

**Meetings:** 1st Wednesday of each month (except August),  
Continuing Education Center, C.C. Young Facility, 4847  
West Lawther Dr.,  
Dallas, TX 75214 @ 7 - 9 pm

## Walker County Area Beekeepers Assn.

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**Meetings:** Last Thursday of each month at Walker County  
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1799 Goodson Ct. - Round Rock, TX 78664

**Meetings:** 4th Tuesday of each month  
(except December) 1st United Methodist Church -  
410 E. University Ave  
Georgetown, TX 78626 @ 7 pm

# Membership Report 12-1 *by Jimmie Oakley*

## 2012 New Members

2/6	<b>Jeske</b>	Martha M.	Tyler, TX	20
2/6	<b>Lenamond</b>	Rebekah	Wills Point, TX	20
2/6	<b>Pannett</b>	Bob	Tyler, TX	20
2/6	<b>Pannett</b>	Sandy	Tyler, TX	20
2/6	<b>Robson</b>	Willy	Athens, TX	20
2/6	<b>Thomas</b>	Norman C.	Mabank, TX	20
2/6	<b>Wolf</b>	Hayden L.	Big Sandy, TX	20
2/6	<b>Smith</b>	John C.	Tyler, TX	20
2/13	<b>Murphy</b>	Martha E.	Campbell, TX	20
2/17	<b>Herbert</b>	John	Erath, LA	20
2/28	<b>Feller</b>	Angelo	Austin, TX	20
3/2	<b>Tauck</b>	Kimberly Y.	Anna, TX	20
3/5	<b>Choate</b>	Bob	Lexington, TX	20
3/13	<b>Brooks</b>	Sondra R.	Spicewood, TX	20



## 2012 New Association Members

3/28	<b>Brazoria County Beekeepers Association</b>	Angleton, TX	25
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## 2012 Renewing Members

1/26	<b>Rogers</b>	Harrison	Brookside Village, TX	20
1/27	<b>Pelham</b>	Royce	Whitehouse, TX	20
2/1	<b>Brecheen</b>	Wyvonne	Allen, TX	20
2/2	<b>Oakley</b>	Randy	Manor, TX	20
2/6	<b>Abercrombie</b>	Ray	Ben Wheeler, TX	20
2/6	<b>Collins</b>	Eddie	Whitehouse, TX	20
2/6	<b>Eudy</b>	Cecelia	Bullard, TX	20
2/6	<b>Eudy</b>	Dan	Bullard, TX	20
2/6	<b>Harmon</b>	Gloria J.	Wills Point, TX	20
2/6	<b>Moench</b>	Joe	Mt. Enterprise, TX	20
2/6	<b>Robson</b>	Sheri	Athens, TX	20
2/8	<b>Eynon</b>	Alan	Dallas, TX	20
2/8	<b>Hadley</b>	Mark	Rochelle, TX	20
2/8	<b>Smaistrila</b>	Albert	East Bernard, TX	20
2/10	<b>Johnson</b>	Chad	Blossom, TX	20
2/11	<b>Hall</b>	Stephen B.	Grapevine, TX	20
2/13	<b>Compton</b>	Paulette	Plano, TX	20
2/14	<b>Rodriguez</b>	George	Pearland, TX	20
2/18	<b>Mauldin</b>	Steven L.	Frisco, TX	20
2/18	<b>Cleveland</b>	Dwain	Glen Rose, TX	20
2/18	<b>Cleveland</b>	Polly	Glen Rose, TX	20
2/24	<b>Kohnke</b>	Christopher	Katy, TX	20
2/27	<b>Walker</b>	Elizabeth	Rogers, TX	40 (13 & 14)
2/27	<b>Kristof</b>	Harold C.	Friendswood, TX	20
2/29	<b>Barnett, Jr.</b>	John	Gladewater, TX	20
2/29	<b>Nixon</b>	Faybert I.	Luling, TX	25



### 2012 Renewing Members (contd.)

3/5	<b>Thomas</b>	Louis	Mabank, TX	20
3/7	<b>Duke</b>	Jane S.	Farmers Branch, TX	20

### 2012 Renewing Associations

2/8	<b>Trinity Valley Beekeepers Association</b>	Dallas, TX	25	
2/21	<b>Houston Beekeepers Association</b>	Houston, TX	25	
2/27	<b>Dino-Bee Beekeepers Association</b>	Glen Rose, TX	25	
3/5	<b>Harris County Beekeepers Association</b>	Houston, TX	50	(12 & 13)
3/8	<b>Coastal Bend Beekeepers Association</b>	Corpus Christi, TX	25	
3/23	<b>Montgomery County Beekeepers Assoc.</b>	Conroe, TX	25	

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