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Ashley Ralph

TBA President

Happy New Year! We have so much to look forward to this year and I'm grateful to be working with an energetic and committed board, team of volunteers, and beekeeping community.

Before I dig into all of the updates from the ABF Conference and some of the initiatives we have for the TBA Board going into 2022, I wanted to take a moment for a sad announcement. Texas has been lucky to call Mary Reed our Chief Apiary Inspector for the State. She has taken a new position in her home state of Florida where she'll be overseeing the plant nursery industry. She will miss serving the beekeepers of Texas and we will absolutely miss her. Bill Baxter will serve as the interim Chief and TAMU will begin their search for the next inspector to fill the Chief position. We are in great hands in the interim and will be following the process and working with TAMU as they seek a qualified candidate for the position.

Texas has a great turnout at the American Beekeeping Federation's Annual Conference Honey Show from blue ribbon honey to wax entries across the board, Monica Siwiak and Danessa Yaschuk walked away with more honey show placements for Texas than any other state.

The conference was filled with information ranging from Dr. Judy Wu-Smart's research on treated seed disposal practices negatively affecting honey bees to Dr. Jamie Ellis discussing pressing needs for research on honey bee stressors as well as nutritional supplements. The tone of the conference keynote speakers was one of warning and a call to action on issues that affect honey bee health - encouraging collaboration for solutions that are practical and possible. For example, Dr. Wu-Smart warned us as beekeepers to understand that a full ban on treated seed wouldn't be practical (or likely), but we could encourage limited use where possible.

ABF gave an update on the Anti-Dumping lawsuit in response to that is affecting the domestic honey market. The International Trade Commission has ruled that U.S. Honey Producers have been injured by low imported honey prices (an estimated 381 million pounds of honey valued at \$300 million was imported in 2020 alone). Adding insult to injury, these honey imports are often adulterated with "extenders" that affect the quality of the product which negatively reflects on those of us who take pride in our pure U.S. honey. All honey producers are ultimately affected by the national honey prices and while small-scale beekeepers are very likely able to sell their honey for significantly more than the national average (\$2.03 / per pound in 2020 with a relatively significant increase in 2021 to somewhere in the \$2.40 / per pound range) when honey prices rise and fall, it can affect consumer habits. You can read more about the Anti-dumping lawsuit on our website or through ABF. ABF has committed to taking on the brunt of the cost of the lawsuit and is asking every beekeeper to donate \$0.05 per pound that you produce to the lawsuit through the Honey Defense Fund - <http://bit.ly/HoneyDefenseFund>

One of the big focal points for the TBA board this year is to reignite membership by offering targeted information and event programming for various shared interest groups across Texas. These interest groups range from commercial beekeepers to small-scale and everything in between. Our events team is focused on providing programming that educates beekeepers across all levels of knowledge as well as interests ranging from bee removal, queen rearing, honey production, various management styles, and more.

For our Texas local beekeeping clubs, we are committed to making it easier for your new club members to get their first year, free membership with TBA as well as providing regular communication through our Club Liaison. The membership committee is working hard to simplify the process and bring more value to our members with the help of our other committees.

As the new TBA board works together to set goals and further initiatives for the year, we'll keep you posted with progress and calls to action. If you're interested in giving back to the beekeeping community or becoming more active in TBA, please volunteer - we would love to work with you!

For those of you who are preparing to send your bees off for pollination in California, I hope they're looking healthy and strong - we wish you the best in the journey to California. For those of you who are patiently awaiting the Texas bee season, hang in there - we're close! Remember, early in the year is one of the most common times for bee colonies to fail due to starvation and with our unpredictable Texas weather, sometimes the bees are more active than we'd like for the amount of food sources available to them. Check your hives for healthy weight and feed them if necessary. Without an abundance of nectar and pollen sources to forage, bees get bored, seek out alternative food sources from compost piles and chicken feed so don't be surprised if your neighbors are calling asking why your bees are swarming their feed bowls on warmer days.

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vice president's

report



Dodie Stillman

TBA Vice President

As this edition of the Texas Beekeepers Association Journal reaches you, I hope you have enjoyed a wonderful holiday season, and are well into a joyous new year.

As you begin to see changes in presentation in the TBA Journal, Chris Doggett would like to thank Darin Duvall for his help in making this happen and for completing most of this month's publication. Please send us your thoughts and ideas through the links below or at the end of this Journal.

Another way we are going to try to improve our communications is by creating [Shared Interest Groups](#). We will be opening up the membership profiles so that you can update your profile to select the groups you would like to be associated with. While many beekeepers belong to multiple groups, we feel these groups will help the TBA to improve communication about relevant topics, provide diverse educational opportunities throughout the year, and encourage collaboration and communication across various interest groups. Look for more details on this initiative as we firm them up and get them activated.

As we approach Central Texas' "real winter" those of us here in the middle of Texas are looking at a week of nights near and at freezing temperatures as our current warming trend nears its end and the forecast states a possibility of wintry mix coming our way. With vivid memories of last year's "snowpocalypse" we did a quick lift check of the hives and they are all still heavy with resources so I'll just keep my fingers crossed and hope they stay warm enough. While it might OK to do a quick peek inside on days when it's warmer than 50*, remember you are breaking that propolis seal so make sure your girls will have enough warm weather to re-seal the cracks before the cold sets in again. And, duct tape is my friend! If I'm in doubt I'll help them with a strip around the lids!

Since the bees are set for the cold, my focus has shifted to the yearly TBA events. We have moved the 2022 events back to tried and true locations after reviewing the feedback we received from the after event survey we sent out. While we are always on the lookout for new locations, we are grateful that these locations have worked out for so many in the past. Also from past feedback we will be including the panel discussions and demonstrations to create more "hands-on" options.

Remember, it is early in the year and these events are subject to change, but please add these dates to your calendar:

*Summer Clinic on June 25 in Conroe, Texas at the Lone Star Convention Center
Featured Speaker Dr. Keith Delaplane*

*Fall Convention on November 4-6 in Temple, Texas at the Mayborn Convention Center
Featured Speaker Samuel Ramsey*

We look at each event to make sure we are meeting the needs of the membership - this includes everything from the length of the event, to the content, and social experiences, so please continue to give feedback and make suggestions as they come to mind. And of course we are always looking for volunteers. If you have suggestions or would like to help you can always reach out to me at vp@texasbeekeepers.org

In that vein, we are currently working on a large membership survey we would like your help with. This survey will help us prioritize our time and resources as we work for all the beekeepers in Texas. So, please, when you see the survey, take a few minutes to answer the questions so we can make sure we are putting effort in the correct direction!

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the brantley column



S. S. Brantley

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We will have to wait and see if the December weather pattern repeats in January or not. If January has as many up and down temperatures as December, it should certainly be taken advantage of by the beekeeper because the honey bee has definitely made the most of the situation.

(Editor's note: Because of some family travel activities in mid-January, Mr. Brantley wrote this article on January 9. As his article is being prepared for publishing in the latter part of the month, we are heading into our longest and coldest period of this winter to date.)

During the December holiday season, here in my Ark La Tex area, I was able to spend part of each day before Christmas in our local club apiary. That was really a joy but also an eye-opener. I spent part of that time trying to save a high-dollar queen purchased in August. She was in a hive consisting of eight frames of mostly open pollen and two frames of brood. Using a Snelgrove board, I placed this brood chamber on top of a strong hive. I opened one of the Snelgrove board's doors just enough to provide space for one or two bees to enter at a time. The next morning, I checked to see how things were going. As you might expect, there were robber bees removing the stored honey. I immediately closed the door to stop the robbing activity. The following day, I moved that brood box with its queen and about two frames of bees and placed it on top of a different hive in the apiary. This time, I used a Queen Excluder between the hives rather than the Snelgrove board to separate the two hives. When I checked on the day following, the queen seemed to be doing well and was joined by many bees from the bottom hive.

The hive under the Snelgrove board appeared to be in the process of being robbed out also even though the entrance had earlier been reduced to about two inches. The hive next door, about twenty inches away, appeared as if it was included in the robbing activity even though its entrance was also only two inches wide. Using steel wool, I further restricted the entrance of both hives to make the bees have to work to get into the entrance. There was no fighting between bees but they were beginning to stack up on the steel wool and the face of the hive. I was still unsure of the situation as the amount of bees continued to increase. These two hives were sitting on two eight-foot sections of utility poles. As the number of bees continued to grow at each hive, a column of bees about six abreast, being unable to enter the western hive, began crawling along the utility poles to the eastern hive. Upon arrival, they mingled with east hive bees without fighting. I finally concluded all these bees were foragers and possibly some orienting bees or others taking cleansing flights in the eighty degree weather and did in fact belong in these hives. So, I removed some of the steel wool from the entrances and all soon grew much quieter at the doors.

During all of this activity, an adult hive beetle flew in and landed on the front corner of the east hive. I reached over and smashed it and it stuck to the hive. Earlier, I noticed a Grand-daddy Long Legs crawling on the side of the hive near the back. I became interested in the bee activity and was surprised to look up and see the spider had removed the smashed hive beetle from the hive, had it in her mouth, and was headed to the back of the hive. I guess the moral of the story is: Smash a hive beetle and feed a spider!

With the wild swings in temperatures, we need to be aware that queens will begin to lay more eggs during the warm days. This brood will need to be fed and stores of pollen, bee bread and nectar will soon be gone. Supplies of food in the hive must be maintained to prevent the bees from starving during the next cold spell. If the weather permits, open the hive and inspect for food stores. If needed, consider feeding 2-to-1 sugar syrup. If the hive appears to be low on stored pollen, you can feed a small amount of a pollen pattie or dry protein supplement. The supplemental food needs to be readily accessible to the cluster. When frames of brood are present and there is a cold snap, the bees will attempt to keep the brood warm and may starve or freeze in the cluster if food is not readily available.

why do you want to be

a keeper of the bees?



Roger and Sue Farr

Caddo Trace Beekeeping Association

“The Continuing Journey of Two Ninth-Year Small-Scale Beekeepers”

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People keep bees for a variety of reasons.

We are in bees for the beekeepers. Full stop. We routinely go back to this base reason to ground ourselves and to give us “bumpers” in making decisions about what we will and will not do. At the beginning of each year many people indicate their interest in keeping bees by reading books, watching videos, or hopefully, attending your NewBee class. Try asking these interested folks the question, “Why do you want to be a keeper of bees?” You will get many answers.

We’ve taught beekeeping classes for several years and ALWAYS start out with the “Why?” question. From there we get pointed and share what it takes to be a beekeeper. Finally, after 30 minutes, we ask them if they still want to be a beekeeper. Our role is to help them sort out fact from fiction and YouTube video influencer from reality. Typically, we have 10-20% of the class leave, and we refund them their money. The rest are much more motivated to learn and grow.

Here are the questions we’ve received. We present them as a role play between an interested person and an experienced Texas beekeeper. You might consider your answers to these typical NewBee reasons so you are well prepared. We’ve shared below our answers to some of the questions.

- “I want to have lots of pure unfiltered organic honey.”
- “I want free honey, because I use it in baking.”
“Free” honey isn’t free. The rough numbers are these: \$1500 initial cost for the first year for average 30 pounds of honey. That’s \$50 per pound of honey, and that doesn’t include beekeepers’ blood, sweat, and tears. There is a common saying in

beekeeping: “If you want to be a millionaire beekeeper, start with two million.” Do not go into beekeeping to become rich. Or famous.

- “I want to help save the baby bees.”

We appreciate your zeal. There are no baby bees. Bees go through complete metamorphosis from egg to larvae to pupae to adult. Every bee in the colony of 20-50,000 is an adult. Honey bees have experienced setbacks in past decades from a variety of causes. We will discuss some of those today. You can then talk with friends and neighbors and intelligently share knowledge and best practices to help bees and beekeepers.

- “I want to have local pollen to help my allergies.”
- “I plan to retire in a few years, and I want to develop a side business generate supplemental income.”

Most Texas beekeepers are “hobbyists or small-scale” and have between 2 and 25 hives, and they, we, make enough money to keep the activity going. A handful of NE TX beekeepers are “sideliners” with 25-300 colonies. They spend a lot of time and money to make some money. A few beekeepers are “commercial” and have thousands of hives. Most commercial beekeepers specialize in raising and selling queens, selling bees, making honey, and doing pollination work across the country. Few do it all. Commercial beekeepers can receive thousands of dollars when they sell a tanker-load of honey, but they also can see their entire apiaries wiped out in hurricanes. Beekeeping is an

enjoyable hobby. If you and a family member or great friend want to keep bees, welcome. Listen, learn, ask questions, and follow a wise beekeeper.

- “I want to have bees’ wax to make candles and lip balm.”
- “I want to have bee colonies on my property for tax purposes, to have an Ag Exemption.”
- “I want to have bee venom to use for apitherapy.”

Apitherapy is using products from honey bee hives to address health issues. I’m not a medical doctor so cannot give you medical advice. There are some people who know a lot about apitherapy, but I’m not one of them. Talk with us, please, at the break and we’ll put you in contact with someone who does know about apitherapy.

- “We live on a farm. I want to teach my children to keep bees as part of our sustainable agriculture.”

Beekeeping can be an integral part of a sustainable farm. I suggest you read *The Marvelous Pigness of Pigs* by Joel Salatin if you haven't yet.

Children can learn to respectfully move and work around bee hives on the farm, but you probably should wait until a child is about 10 years old or so before you suit him or her up to go into an open hive. Before this, a child can help collect pine needles for the smoker, prepare sugar-water feed, melt wax in a solar wax-melter, and stick labels on honey jars.

- “My grandfather kept bees, and I remember hearing him tell great stories about his days in the bees. I now own the property and have his bee equipment. I want to be a beekeeper like Granddad.”

Beekeeping in Texas has changed since your grandfather's beekeeping days. That's primarily because we now have different, more defensive, bees and different pests. Make a list of questions you have and talk with experienced beekeepers today. All have great bee stories. Your goal should be to discover how bees are kept in 2022 and decide if you want to do it. Later, you can inventory Granddad's equipment alongside a local beekeeper and see what is there for you to use and if it is safe or advisable to do so.

- “My husband (wife) wants to keep bees, but I don't. I'm afraid I can't keep up and do what he (she) needs me to do with the bees.”

Let's discuss this as a wife asking about her husband. The answer would be similar if the roles were reversed.

Beekeeping does require physical activity, balance, awareness, ability to withstand heat. It might be helpful for you and your husband to visit a local lady beekeeper, talk with her, see her equipment, note her methods, and watch her work – all before you invest in bees. Listen to the different beekeepers today, talk with lady beekeepers during breaks, and keep an open mind and heart. You will know wisdom when you hear it.

- “I want to keep bees to help pollinators decrease their interactions with humans. I want to have a 'Flow-Hive' like I saw on the internet, so that bees can do their thing without human intervention.”
- “I want to keep bees 100% naturally.”
- “We want to start a B&B with a 'backyard beekeeping experience' for guests.”

Interesting idea. We have friends exploring this, and we've discussed several things with them: legal liability, insurance, transportation needs, hive placement, and personal protective equipment. Talk with us at a break, and we'll give some details.

- “I want to have pollinators in my yard and garden for my prize-winning tomatoes.”

Congratulations on your hard work! Want to trade some tomatoes for some honey? It is important to have pollinators in our garden. Bees, butterflies, beetles, flies, small animals,

birds, rodents, wasps, and even humans pollinate plants. However, bees do 70% of the pollination work, and honey bees account for most of that. Honey bees are the poster children for pollination and pollinators.

Keeping a few honey bee hives will not contribute much to the global shortfall of honey bees, but it can make a tremendous impact on your garden and your neighbors'. You can also learn to attract many of species of native bees – mason bees, sweat bees, and leafcutter bees, and they'll do their thing with little fuss. Talk with a Master Gardener (several in this room) about pollination and pollinators.

- “I already have bees in the wall of my kitchen, so I just want to keep them there. Can you teach me how to get the honey out?”

- “All of my homesteading friends have bee hives, and I want bees, also.”

Honey bee colonies are an important part of homesteading and sustainable agriculture. You could learn to keep bees yourself or hire a beekeeper to place hives on your property and care for them. Take lots of notes in class!

Asking hard questions up front with those who want to start beekeeping is essential. Unfortunately, we have a long list of nice people to whom we've sold nucleus hives over the last five years who are no longer active beekeepers. We've even had the call “Come get *your* bees!” from some who simply wanted OUT NOW! As beekeepers we can help people make informed decisions about beekeeping BEFORE they invest their money, or we invest our time.

We'd love to hear about your beekeeping adventures and your club's plans for new beekeeper training!





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the rangel report



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Update from the Rangel Lab at Texas A&M University

Dear TBA members,

Happy new year to all of you! I hope you had a restful and safe holiday season. My family and I went to San Diego, CA, to visit my mother and brothers, and we had a great time. I was able to do a lot of walking outdoors, and we went to the beach a few times. It was definitely a breath of fresh air, and now I'm back and ready to take on 2022 full of energy.

And I need all the energy I can get, as this will be one of the busiest semesters since I started working at Texas A&M University. As in every spring, I am teaching the undergraduate courses ENTO 320 Honey Bee Biology and ENTO 321 Introduction to Beekeeping. I am also teaching a graduate seminar course on Insect Behavioral Ecology and Sociobiology. All in all, together with research and grant writing, this promises to be a very hectic semester. But despite all the academic obligations, I have still committed time to present our work to various beekeeping organizations around Texas and the U.S.

Now with the recent and future activities that our lab has been involved in. I was the keynote speaker for the online meeting of the Clearlake Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas. I gave a talk about the nutritional ecology of honey bees in a changing landscape. The meeting was well received, although cut short. <https://npsot.org/wp/clearlake/>

Also, as I had mentioned in my last column, early in January Alex Payne, Taylor Reams, and Myra Dickey received scholarships in the amount of \$5,000 USD each through the 2022 award cycle of the Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees Scholarship Program. purpose of this scholarship, in addition to providing financial support for research, is to foster professional development of emerging apiculture scientists by allowing award recipients to attend the American Beekeeping Federation (ABF) Conference & Tradeshow. I also presented some of our work with queens at the conference, and it was well received. For more information about the conference, visit https://www.abfnet.org/mpage/2022_Conference

Members of the Texas A&M University bee lab, including myself, premiered as part of Charlie Bee Company's new TV show on Saturday, 22 January, on Austin's PBS station. It will likely air on other PBS affiliates in Texas and potentially stations all across the U.S. (as well as streaming at [PBS.org](https://www.pbs.org)), starting in March. Here's a link to the show's schedule: <https://austinpbs.org/program/42189>

Now for some upcoming events. I am the invited speaker for the monthly meeting of the Montgomery County of Pennsylvania Beekeepers Association. The meeting will take place on Thursday, 27 January, 6-7pm via Zoom, and can be found at <https://www.montcopabees.org/event-4109062>

I am also presenting as Keynote for the South Carolina Beekeepers Association Spring Conference, to take place in Spartanburg, SC, 25 and 26 February. The theme of this year's conference is "The Journey of Honey Bee Nutrition: From Fare to Table." More information about the meeting can be found at <https://scstatebeekeepers.com/>

I am also giving a couple of talks for the Worcester Beekeepers Association of Massachusetts. Interestingly, this organization was founded in 1900, and as such, it is the oldest beekeeping organization in the U.S. and has hundreds of members from all over New England. This will be my second time visiting the group. I will be traveling via Providence, RI, and will be presenting on Saturday, 5 March. More details can be found at <https://wcbamembers.wildapricot.org/Bee-School-2022>

I am also presenting at the 27th Annual Alabama Beekeepers' Symposium! I will be speaking on the Effects of agro-chemicals found in wax on the reproductive quality of honey bee queens. You can register for the Alabama Beekeepers' Symposium here: <https://bit.ly/33zfHsQ> Registration gets you a direct link to the Symposium on Saturday February 5th, starting at 8:25AM running till 12PM; and February 6th, starting at 2PM running until 5PM. Registration also gives you access to the recorded talks for 2 weeks after the Symposium so you don't have to miss any talk in the multi-track Symposium! Topics will cover the 3 biggest concerns standing in the way of beekeeper success: Queens, Nutrition, and Mites. Speakers will feature notable scientists Dr. Samuel Ramsey; Dr. Priya Basu; and Dr. Juliana Rangel. Our other speakers are from the southeastern USA and the Auburn Pollinator Laboratory. The symposium is spread over 2 days for 4 hours of speakers per day. Registrants will be able to question the speakers live on Zoom and will also get 2 weeks of access to the Symposium recordings.

I am also an invited speaker for the Annual Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Workshop on February 10-11, 2022, and the Breeder's Day on February 12th, 2022, in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. The event will be a hybrid conference, with speakers presenting in person and remotely (like me) via zoom. The IPM is a 2-day workshop featuring the latest in honey bee IPM research, and the Breeder's Day is a 1-day workshop featuring both beekeepers and science experts sharing their queen rearing knowledge and management practices, as well as the latest in honey bee queen research. For more information please visit <https://www.albertabeekeepers.ca/2022-ipm/>

Also, the next session in the At Home Beekeeping Series will be Tuesday, 25 January 2022, from 6:30-7:30 PM CST. Our speaker this month is Dr. Priya Chakrabarti, Assistant Professor at Mississippi State University. She will be speaking about the many facets of honey bee nutrition. We're offering beekeepers the chance to attend virtual meetings from the comfort of one's own home using a computer or mobile device. Speakers include university researchers and extension specialists from across the SE as well as USDA ARS researchers. Each event will bring participants up to date on timely beekeeping topics with time for Q & A included.

The lineup for 2022 talks is as follows:

- February 22: Integrated Pest Management in the hive, with Cameron Jack (UFL)
- March 29: Methods for controlling Varroa that work, with Jennifer Berry (UGA)
- April 26: How to make great queens and avoid poor ones, with David Tarpy (North Carolina State University)

Please help us out by sharing this info on your social media sites and sending the flyer to your partners and local beekeeping associations. Here is the link to the event on Facebook: <https://fb.me/e/KSe55Cpn>. As always, all the presentations are posted for two weeks after the live showing at the Lawrence County Extension page <https://www.facebook.com/LawrenceCountyextension>. Feel free to re-share this post from that site, share the event onto your Facebook sites, or create your own post with the jpg attached.

Finally, continuing with the series I am calling REASONS TO CELEBRATE, I want to share with you more of the multiple accomplishments of our incredible group of students and staff.

REASON TO CELEBRATE #20: Congratulations to all Rangel Lab graduate students for presenting wonderful talks at the 2022 American Bee Research Conference (ABRC), which was held via zoom on 12 and 13 January. Alex was one of five students to receive the Outstanding Presentation Award at the conference. Congratulations Alex!

That is all for now. I look forward to interacting with many of you in the coming months. As always, for up-to-date information regarding our program, or for new and interesting posts regarding bees and beekeeping, please visit us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/TAMUhoneybeelab>.

Sincerely yours,

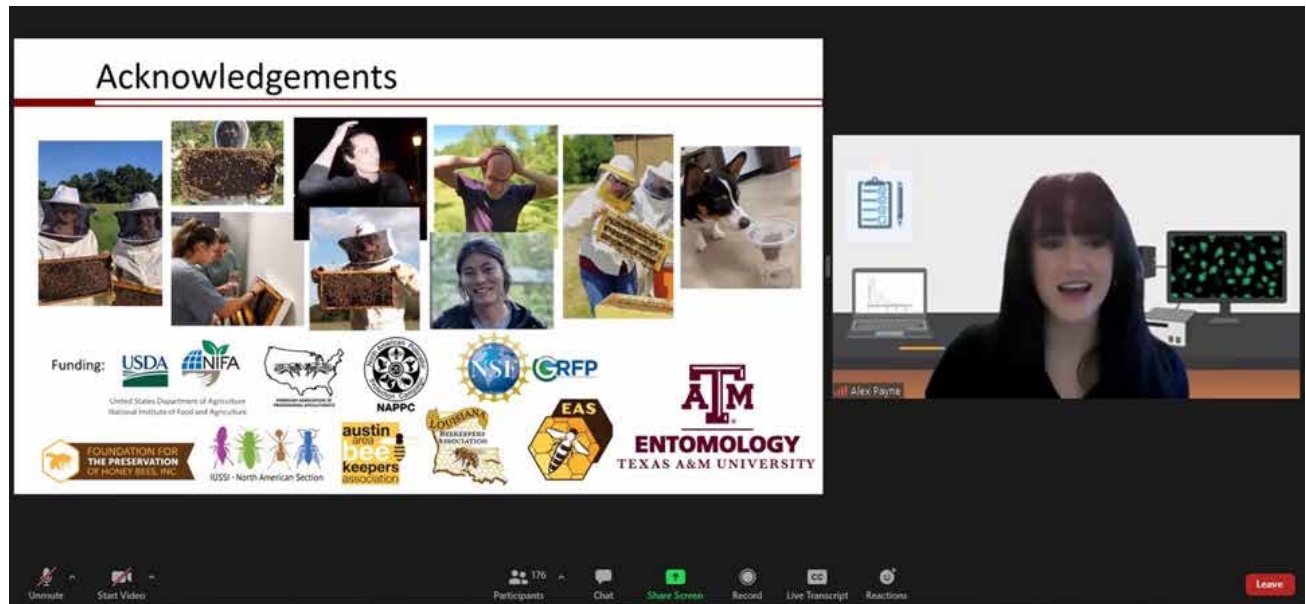
Juliana Rangel



Mr. Eric Zylman, STEM teacher at College Station Middle School, is the new TAMU Bee Lab Apiary Manager. Here, he appears receiving the Teacher of the Year by the Air Force Association's Aggieland Chapter Award in late 2020. He received a certificate, cash award and a pin along with a chance to win another award at the national level. The purpose of the program is to recognize classroom teachers at the chapter and state level for their accomplishments and achievements in exciting K-12 students about science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM), and preparing students to use and contribute to tomorrow's technologies. This is a unique opportunity for chapters to recognize and reward outstanding teachers who are furthering excellence in making coming to class an adventure.

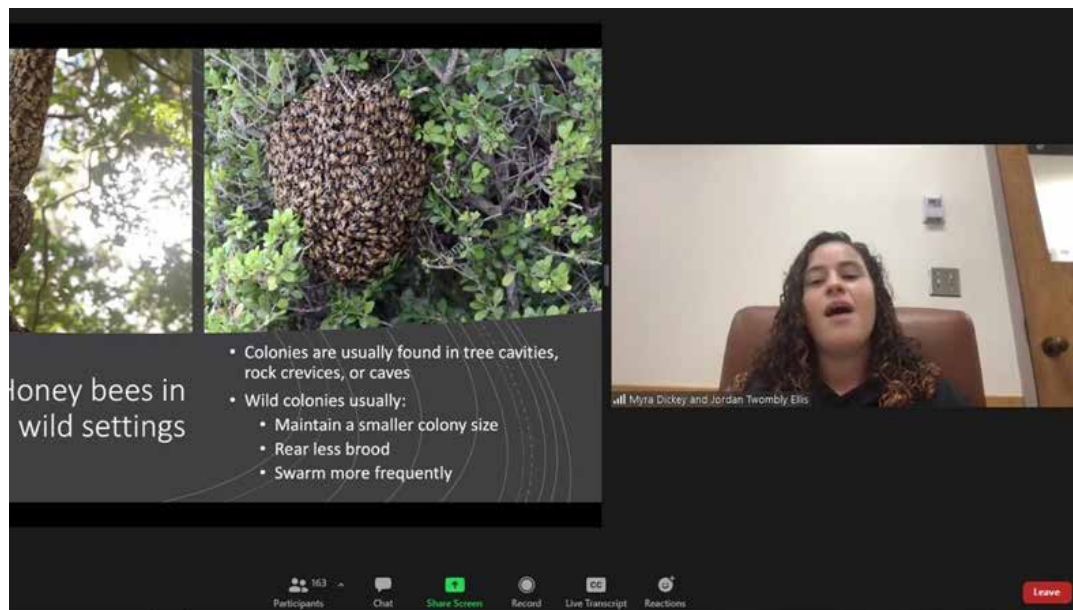


Rangel lab graduate students with past president of the ABF, Mr. Gene Brandi, at the luncheon organized for the recipients of the 2022 Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees Scholarship. The event took place on January 5-8, 2022, in Las Vegas, NV, at the South Point Hotel.

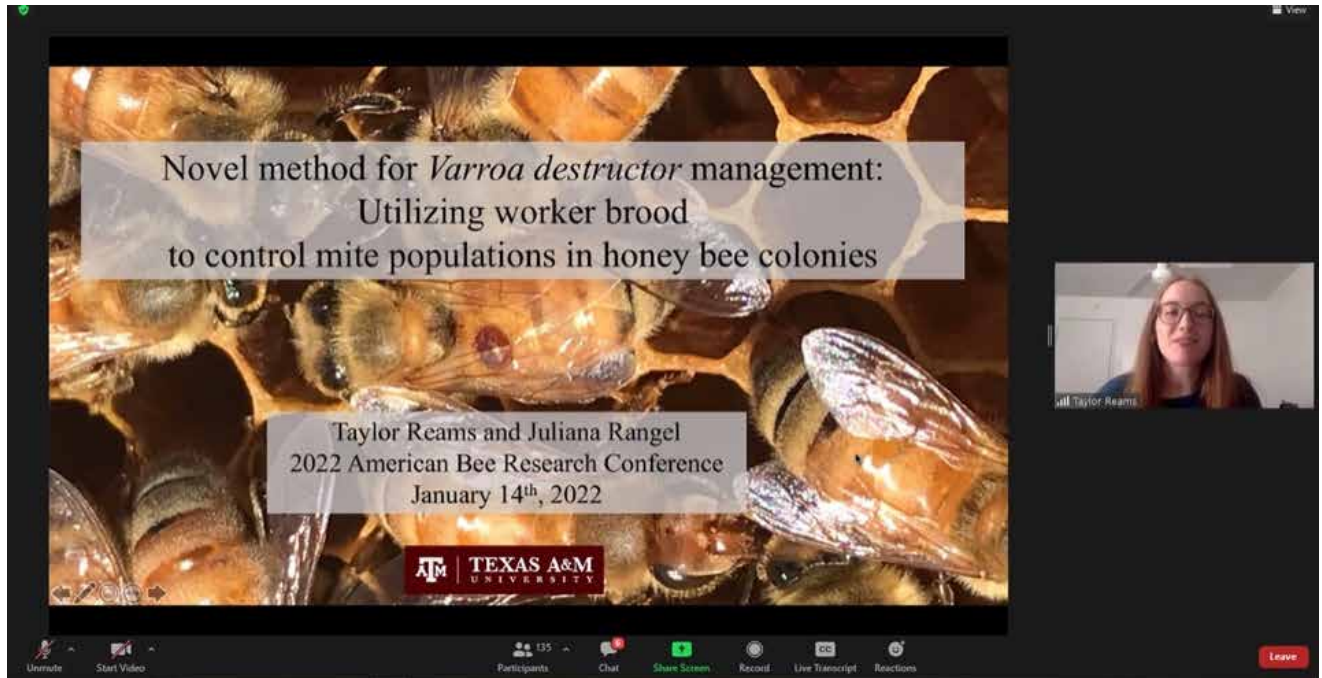


Alex Payne presenting her work at the 2022 ABRC.

Alex was one of five students to receive the Outstanding Presentation Award at the conference!



Myra Dickey presenting her work on wild Africanized honey bee colonies during the 2022 ABRC.



Taylor Reams presenting her work on Varroa management at the 2022 ABRC.

Precocious foraging behavior

Precocious foraging can be caused by:

- Increased juvenile hormone titers
- Decreased vitellogenin levels
- Underdeveloped hypopharyngeal glands

Timeline of Development:

Day	Event
DAY 0	Adult bee: Emerges and cleans her cell
DAYS 0-2	Cleaner: Cleans out cells for queen egg laying
DAYS 2-5	Nurse: Feeds larvae and/or tends to the queen
DAYS 5-12	Builder: Produces wax and builds comb
DAYS 12-21	Forager: Bee moves toward outside of the colony; receives foragers
DAYS 21 and onward	Forager: Collects pollen and nectar for the hive

Factors Affecting Foraging Behavior:

- WEATHER PATTERNS
- NUTRITION
- QUEEN FAILURE
- GENETIC WEAKNESS
- PESTICIDES
- PARASITES
- DISEASES
- BEEKEEPING PRACTICES

Citations: Kraij and Fuchs, 2006; Wang et al. 2016; Nelson et al. 2007

Jordan Twombly Ellis presenting her research at the 2022 ABRC.



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- Nov. 30: Honey bee viruses and best beekeeping practices, with A. Payne (TAMU)
- Jan. 25: The many facets of honey bee nutrition, with P. Chakrabarti (MSU)
- Feb. 22: Integrated Pest Management in the hive, with Cameron Jack (UFL)
- March 29: Methods for controlling Varroa that work, with J. Berry (UGA)

Last Tuesday of the month

6:30 – 7:30 pm
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Watch via Zoom Webinar

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2022 texas honey queen



Marie Yanchak

Double Major Student – Texas A&M University
Entomology/Agricultural Leadership & Development

We welcome the leadership of Marie Yanchak as the 2022 Texas Honey Queen.

As a student at Texas A&M University, Marie is currently pursuing a double major in Entomology and Agricultural Leadership and Development. With background experience in beekeeping both professionally at a commercial apiary and as a hobbyist, she continues to learn more about honey bees each day.

The last decade of Marie's life has revolved around agriculture in some way or another.

She enjoys communicating the importance of agriculture to others, and uses her communication skills to help promote and advocate for honey bees and the beekeeping industry. She enjoys connecting people to honey by helping consumers learn how to support local beekeepers and buy real, local honey. We are thrilled to have Marie as an advocate for bees and a partner of the Texas Beekeepers Association, and we look forward to seeing her articles right here in the Journal!

My favorite fact about honey bees has to be that the generalist bees that overwinter with the queen live so much longer than the workers that exhibit age polyethism in the spring. While this may not be the most flashy or interesting fact about honey bees, to me it says so much about how honey bees have perfected what they do.

A worker that is born in March works for 6 weeks straight and lives a hundred different lives with all of the jobs she carries out in her life, and then she forages until her wings can't take her anymore. The same worker, if she had been born in late fall could have lived a relatively cushy life through January. It is a perfect example of how specialized and brilliant honey bees are."

- Marie Yanchak



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Youth Beekeeping Grant Highlight - Keldyn of Elm Fork Beekeeper's Association

With the leadership of Elm Fork Beekeepers Association, the support of his family, generous sponsors, and THBEA grant money 14 year old Keldyn Lehner is a beekeeper! He built his boxes, hived his nuc, performed hive checks and finished his **FIRST** four seasons as a beekeeper.

Your club can jump start its youth beekeeping education this spring with the help of a Youth Beekeeping Grant from THBEA. To apply goto: THBEA.com and head to our Grants Page. Applications are due February 10, 2022, and winners will be announced February 28, 2022.

From Keldyn, "For me beekeeping sounds like a grand adventure. I've been raised to embrace adventure and be on the lookout for chances to grow. That's what I see in this. I want to learn and use this time to meet new people, glean ideas, and help my family all at the same time. It is my intention ot grown from one hive to several as I learn to manage bees, their habitats, and behaviors."

Way to go, Keldyn!



THBEA 2021 scholarship award

Byron Compton

EFBA Education Director & Scholarship Mentor

- Dec 7, 2021

From: Elm Fork Beekeepers Association

To: Texas Honey Bee Education Association

Subject: THBEA Youth Scholarship Final Report

1. Funds spent to-date, detailed by budget category

Category	Source	Item	Cost
Equipment	Atwoods (via Jan R Hodson)	Frame holder and 2 queen excluders	\$30.47
	Dadant (via STG Farms)	2 hives with 2 brood boxes, 1 super, frames and foundation	\$452.25
	STG Farms	Smoker	Donated
Protective Clothing	TBS (vas STG Farms)	Air Mesh Suit	\$139.95
	TBS (vas STG Farms)	Goatskin Vented Gloves	\$29.05
Books	EFBA	Keldyn's books for class (First Lessons in Beekeeping & The Beekeepers Handbook)	\$35.52
Bees	Natures Nectar (via STG Farms)	Keldyn's 1 st Nuc	\$200.00
	Honey Bees Unlimited	Keldyn's 2 nd Nuc	Donated

Previously reported Sub-Total Expended: **\$887.24**

Nuc	Natures Nectar (via STG Farms)	Replacement Nuc for absconded hive, Spring 2022 (overage covered by EFBA)	\$150.00
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Remaining: **\$-37.24**

2. Expectations for the future structure and process for our Scholarship Program

Based on Keldyn's final report (attached) we will be modifying our program to include more regular check-ins and interim reports from the students, providing additional mentors for students vice a single mentor to provide exposure to different beekeeping techniques, and assigning topics for students to research and report throughout the term of the scholarship. Other modifications are also under consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Byron Compton

EFBA Education Director and Scholarship Mentor



award recipient's report

Keldyn Lehner

November 18, 2021

I am the recipient of the 2021 EFBA scholarship, and I'm excited to tell you a little bit about my experience, thoughts and suggestions for this amazing program. In the beginning I had no idea what to expect, nor did I imagine the work or care that went into raising bees. All I knew was that bees are really cool and I love talking to people, adventures and learning. And....I love honey! I was referred to the EFBA program by a friend who was also a past recipient and wanted someone to raise bees with. I was stoked and couldn't wait to start!

Upon receiving the scholarship, I got my very own suit, hive smoker, two Nuc's, two hive bodies, schooling and an amazing mentor in Mr. Byron Compton. He worked with me to build my setup and brought my Nucs out. He showed me how to do things and then gave me that chance to do it with his help. He showed me how to survey an area to locate a desirable spot for a hive. One with plentiful shade, nearby water and centered among flowers, field and gardens.

About 3 months after receiving my bees I discovered an infestation of pests. The worst was an infestation of fire ants invading the hives and making nests inside. If not caught soon enough they will eventually weaken the colony and open the defenses for other pests like wax moths and hive beetles. Mr. Compton quickly helped me resolve this issue and taught me how to prevent that problem in the future. I also dealt with occasional issues of both hive beetles and wax moths but was able to stay on top of that with one hive. 8-9 months in I lost my strongest hive unexpectedly to this issue. It was a devastating discovery, but I took this opportunity to learn and began setting scheduled days to check the bees so I could catch problems sooner. It gave me an opportunity to see where I could improve.

This is an area that I think the scholarship program could improve also. We all need accountability, but especially young adults, and specifically boys. I'm a procrastinator, and I think it's common among young men. It's encouraging to participate with others and especially when others are interested in helping me learn. I think it would be helpful to have weekly check-ins with scholars, either through text or phone calls. It's a way that the hives can be checked on, questions can be answered and can even include pictures of the hives progress. This is accountability for hive checking but can also help the hives succeed by catching problems early. It's a way for anyone experienced with bees to be involved without having to drive. I don't always notice everything I should, or even know all the things to look for so I would have really enjoyed visits from several experienced bee keepers. It would have been a great encouragement to know that my succeeding was important to the whole club.



TAIS update

Bill Baxter

Acting Chief Apiary Inspector

This will be a short article, just wanting to highlight recent changes in our agency.

Many heartfelt thanks to Mary Reed for the hard work and effort she put into improving our agency. I will be temporarily leading the **Texas Apiary Inspection Service** until a new chief is named. I have requested of our TAMU Entomology Head, Dr. Phil Kaufman, to move promptly to find the best person to be an excellent fit for our state, our beekeepers and our agency.

Due to the current situation, exams for the Master Beekeeper Program will be offered virtually in late March, probably over several days, to be more readily accessible to beekeepers, also probably to closely align with the Brenham Bee School. Registration will open soon. Plans are progressing and more information will be available on the website <https://masterbeekeeper.tamu.edu>

Many thanks to Lance Wilson for the time and work he puts into the Master Beekeeper Program. Many thanks to our inspectors Hannah Blackburn and Taylor Powell. They bring integrity and professionalism to our agency and I could not do it without their help.

To beekeepers who do not know me, I look forward to meeting you in person. I have been with TAIS for 35 years and have seen the major changes in beekeeping, through tracheal and varroa mites, Africanized honey bees and Colony Collapse Disorder. Years ago, bees went through that cycle and it was termed disappearing disease.

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TEXAS BEEKEEPING 101 WEBSITE NOW AVAILABLE

College Station, Texas – December 30, 2021 – Funded by a Southern Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) Professional Development Program grant, AgriLogic Consulting, LLC in cooperation with Texas Beekeepers Association (TBA), the Texas Apiary Inspection Service (TAIS), Texas AgriLife Extension Service (TAES) and several Master Beekeepers have compiled this website resource in an attempt to transfer the wealth of knowledge and wisdom that currently exists within the beekeeping community itself, into a basic understanding and education of apiculture to beginning beekeepers of all ages and those who may wish to lead and guide them.

The website and its content is intended to be used by both the educators as well as those seeking to learn. The target audiences for this grant project were (1) agricultural extension agents serving the 254 Texas counties; (2) 4-H extension agents/FFA sponsors wishing to offer beekeeping contests, clinics or competition options to their youth; and (3) existing beekeepers wishing to serve as mentors to youth and new beekeepers.

We hope that you will find the site to be fun, easy to navigate, useful and most of all informative as you begin your beekeeping journey or help someone else begin theirs! The website is available free of charge and can be accessed at www.texasbeekeeping101.com. All county offices, clubs, etc. are welcome to include a link to this website on their existing websites as deemed applicable.

Please direct all questions about this resource or the project to ngueck@agrilogic.com and learn more about AgriLogic's current and past projects at www.agrilogicconsulting.com.



local clubs

with TBA delegate and regular meeting info

Alamo Area Beekeepers Association

Rick Fink - (210) 872-4569

president@alamobees.org

www.alamobees.org

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday on odd # months

Helotes Ind. Baptist Church

15335 Bandera Rd., Helotes at 7 pm

Austin Area Beekeepers Association

Dodie Stillman - (512) 560-7550

austinareabeekeepers@gmail.com

facebook.com/groups/Austin/AreaBeekeeperAssociation

www.meetup.com/Austin-Urban-Beekeeping/

Meeting: 3rd Monday of each month at 7pm

Frank Fickett Scout Training and Service Center

12500 N I-35, Near Parmer Lane, Austin

Bastrop County - Elgin Area Beekeepers Association

Joseph Hakkinen - (713) 408-1260

president@elginareabeekeepers.org

Meetings: 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7 pm Various Locations

Bees in the East Club

Mark de Kiewiet (210) 863-8024

beesintheeast@att.net

Meetings 4th Saturday of each month at 10am

Water Garden Gems, 3230 Bolton Road, Marion,

Bell/Coryell Beekeepers Association

Charles McMaster (703) 624-1337

bellcoryellbeeclub@gmail.com

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of each month (except December) at

Refuge Ministries, 2602 S. FM 116, Copperas Cove - 7pm

Big Country Beekeepers Association

Ken Hobbs - (325) 665-4045

paniolobee@icloud.com

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of each month except December at 6:30pm

1502 South Treadway Blvd, Suite B

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Blanco County Beekeepers Association

Teri Albright - (512) 636-9900

blancocountybeekeepers@gmail.com

Meetings: 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm

Blanco County Annex South, 402 Blanco Rd., Blanco

Brazoria County Beekeepers Association

Steve Brackmann - (832) 884-6141

stevenbrackmann@yahoo.com

bcha@brazoria-county-beekeepers-association.com

www.brazoria-county-beekeepers-association.com

Meetings: 2nd Monday of each month

Brazoria County Extension Office, 21017 CR 171, Angleton at

6:45 pm

Brazos Valley Beekeepers Association

Nathan Krueger - (979) 324-1160

info@bvbeeks.org

www.bvbeeks.org

Meetings: 3rd. Tuesday of each month (except Dec.)

First Christian Church, 900 S Ennis St., Bryan from 6pm

Caddo Trace Beekeepers Association

Terry Wright - (903) 856-8005

tcwright7021@yahoo.com

Meetings: 2nd Monday of each month

Titus County Agrilife Ext. Bldg., 1708 Industrial Rd., Mount

Pleasant at 7 pm

Caprock Beekeepers Association

Victoria Watts - (806) 392-2355

mystique175@att.net

Meetings: 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm

Freeway Bible Chapel, 5507 Marsha Sharp Freeway, Lubbock

79407

Central Texas Beekeepers Association

Michael Kelling - (979) 277-0411

CentralTexasBeekeepers@gmail.com

www.centraltexasbeekeepers.org

Meetings: Monthly on the 4th Thursday (except November and

December) Washington County Fairgrounds, 1305 E Bluebell

Rd., Brenham at 7pm

Chisholm Trail Beekeepers

Scott Zirger (682) 385-0008 or (510) 301-5796 (cell)

scott@zirger.us or chisholm-trail-beekeepers@googlegroups.com

Meetings: Last Monday of each month

Burleson Bible Church, 260 South Hurst Road, Burleson

Collin County Hobby Beekeepers Assn.

John (Skip) Talbert (706) 761-7893

president@cchba.org

www.cchba.org

Meetings: 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30 pm

Collin College Conference Center, (Central Park Campus)

2400 Community Dr., McKinney

Colorado County Beekeepers Association

David Behlen (832) 230-5740

coloradocountybeekeepers@gmail.com

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316 Spring Street, Columbus

Comal County Beekeepers Association

James Cobarruvias (210) 858-9011

[jacobarruvias@att.net](mailto:jcobarruvias@att.net)

Meetings: 1st Thursday of each month

Beefy's on the Green Restaurant, upstairs room

12910 US Hwy 281N at 6:30 pm

Concho Valley Beekeepers Association

Rex Moody - (325) 650-6360

cvbeekeeper@gmail.com

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of each month Jan-Nov at 6:30 pm
Texas A&M res. & Ext. Center, 7887 US Hwy 87 N, San Angelo

Deep East Texas Beekeepers Association

Ellen Reeder - (337) 499-6826

ellenswartz@sbcglobal.net

San Augustine Chamber of Commerce Building
611 West Columbia Dt., San Augustine

Denton County Beekeepers Association

Gary Barber - (972) 768-5505

board@dentonbees.com

www.dentonbees.com

Meetings: 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm
Please see club website for location

Dino-Beekeepers Association

Chip Hough (817) 559-0564

dino-beeclub@hotmail.com

www.dino-bee.com

Meetings: 2nd Tuesday of month at 6:30 pm
Glen Rose Citizens Center, 209 SW Barnard St., Glen Rose

East Texas Beekeepers Association

Richard Counts - (903) 566-6789

dick.counts4450@gmail.com

www.etba.info

Meetings: 1st Thursday of each month at 6:45 pm;
Whitehouse Methodist Ch., 405 W Main (Hwy 346), Whitehouse

Elm Fork Beekeepers Association

Jan Hodson - (940) 637-2702

janrhodson@gmail.com

Meetings: 3rd Thursday of each month
The VFW Hall, 3332 North Grand Ave, Gainesville

Fayette County Beekeepers Association

Bruce Ford

(713) 818-7348

rosscreekhoneybees@gmail.com

Meetings: First Saturday of the month, Feb, April, June, August,
October and December at 5 pm
Fayette County Ag. Bldg., 240 Svoboda Ln., La Grange

Fort Bend Beekeepers Association

Lynne Jones - (713) 304-8880

info@fortbendbeekeepers.org

Meetings: 2nd Tuesday of each month (except December) at 7:30
pm Bud O'Shieles Community Center
1330 Band Rd, Rosenberg 77473

Harris County Beekeepers Association

Jim Orr - (713) 213-7080

rjfarmandapiary@gmail.com

www.harriscountybeekeepers.org

Meetings: 4th Tuesday of each month at 7pm
Golden Acres Center, 5001 Oak Ave., Pasadena

Hays County Beekeepers Association

Nathalie Misserey (512) 699-0605

hayscountyba@gmail.com

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of each month at
Suds Monkey Brewing, 12024 US-290, Dripping Springs, TX
78737 at 6:30pm

Heart of Texas Beekeepers Association

Gary Bowles (254) 214-4514

gm.bowles@yahoo.com

Meetings: 4th Tuesday of each month (except Dec.) at 7 pm
Contact club to confirm meeting location

Henderson County Beekeepers Association

Kathi Murphy-Boley (972) 467-5092

kdbmurphy@gmail.com

Meetings: 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm
Faith Fellowship Church, 5330 Highway 175, Athens, TX 75762

Hill County Beekeepers Association

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Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm
Hill County Courthouse Annex, 126 S Covington St., Hillsboro

Hopkins County Beekeepers Association

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dalzelljon@aol.com

Meetings: 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm
Hopkins County Agrilife Bldg., 1200 W Houston St., Sulphur
Springs

Houston Beekeepers Association

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info@houstonbeekeepers.org

www.houstonbeekeepers.org

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm
5200 Montrose Blvd., Houston TX 77006

Houston Natural Beekeepers Association

Dean Cook

houstonnaturalbeekeepers@gmail.com

Meetings: Second Saturday of the month at 10 am
4466 Billy Street, Houston TX 77020

Johnson County Beekeepers Association

Bruce Watts, Jr. - (817) 992-2294

bruce.jr@sbcglobal.net

Meetings: 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm
2099 W FM 917, Joshua

Kaufman Area Beekeepers Association

John Guthrie - (214) 686-8585

kaufmanbeekeepers@gmail.com

Meetings: 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm
Kaufman United Methodist Church, 208 S Houston St, Kaufman

Lamar County Beekeepers Association

Randall Childres - (903) 249-9105

lamarcoba@gmail.com

Meetings: 1st Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm
Lamar County Fairgrounds, Bldg B, 570 E Center St., Paris

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