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Texas Beekeepers Association



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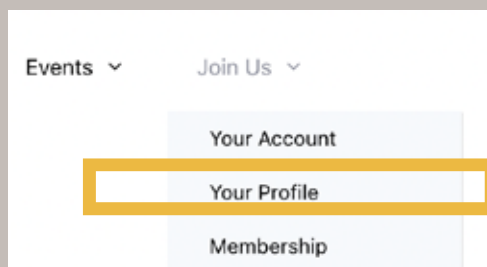
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## Update your Shared Interests & Services

### Shared Interest Groups

TBA will use Shared Interest Groups as a way to improve communication about relevant topics, provide diverse educational opportunities throughout the year, and encourage collaboration and communication across various interest groups.

### Beekeeping Services

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## President's Report from Ashley Ralph

It's hard to believe that honey bee season is coming to an end. As we prepare our hives for Fall and Winter, it's always a great time to reflect on the year - what went well and what would I do differently next season. Every year comes with lessons, growth, challenges, and everything in between.

I'm so looking forward to seeing everybody in Temple on November 3-5. The Thursday Workshop has two really awesome line-ups to choose from.

The "Professional" tract will be a must-do for anybody who is building a Sideline or Commercial bee business. Invite your friends in Texas and beyond because this is a unique event that will help bridge the gap of knowledge that so many of us struggle to learn as we build our businesses from the ground up.

The "Advanced" Tract includes hands-on experience and will be an amazing opportunity to learn from a researcher beekeeper about building strong, healthy colonies. Cameron Jack is an absolutely phenomenal speaker and resource so this workshop will be an amazing resource for those that attend.

We're so excited about the convention and hope that you can all make it to Temple. We have 3 amazing

keynote speakers with high energy, a ton of knowledge and a variety of topics from practical management to the most up to date science.

Be sure to check out our registration online for both attendees and vendors! The event team is doing a phenomenal job putting together a fun and educational weekend so register early to reserve your spot!

Texas Honey Queen Program applications are open - if you know someone who would be a great fit for the program, direct them to our website to apply. Our 2022 Texas Honey Queen worked to create a Youth Ambassador Program to spread out community outreach around the State of Texas. We're looking forward to what the next year brings as well and would love to have someone with high enthusiasm and love for honey bees.

The TBA Board has been hard at work on a variety of projects from membership benefits, legislative efforts, and so much more. The TBA depends on the energy of our volunteers so if you're looking for a place to help, reach out to us or apply for the TBA Board!

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## Vice Presidents Report

*from Dodie Stillman*



Feel that cool crisp air?? See the leaves all changing colors and falling? What about all the pumpkin spice products from coffee to air fresheners? And it's time to pull out the crockpot/slow cookers and make some beef stew!! Or is it?? While the calendar is saying the first day of Fall was Sept 22, the weather here in Central Texas says it's still Summer with high and almost triple digit temperatures!

In my bee yard this week, I saw the yellow buds on our favorite fall flower, goldenrod. I also saw drone brood built between the boxes of some hives. It's certainly not looking like Fall here!

But that shouldn't stop us from helping our bees get ready for winter. What should we be doing right now in this pre-fall time to help support our bees? Taking care of our bees right now is important because these are the bees that will be raising our winter bees. If you are not in any sort of fall flow, make sure to check the resources in your hives. You want these new winter bees to develop with plenty of royal jelly, nectar and bee bread... you want "wet" brood, not "dry" brood!

If your hives do not have resources, a great option is to use a trickle feeding method. You want your bees to have access to sugar syrup, but not so much that they backfill any cells that the queen might use for

eggs. Your goal is to have your colony reach at least 30 pounds of resources, that is capped honey and nectar, before it's too cold (54°F) for your bees to fly in search of resources.

Good luck building up your honey bees resources over the next couple of weeks. And I hope that we all get to enjoy Fall and all that comes with it soon!

One more thing that comes to mind for me when I think of Fall is the State Fair of Texas and the TBA Honey Booth. If you have ever thought of helping, now is the time to sign up to man the booth! The Fair dates are Sep 30th to Oct 23rd. The booth will be in a new location in the GO TEXAN pavilion (across from the old location to the center of the building). The Texas Department of Agriculture has moved the booth to better showcase the wonderful world of honey and honeybees. We have received several jars of honey to add to the booth, but we still have plenty of room to display your honey. You can contact Skip at [john.w.talbert@gmail.com](mailto:john.w.talbert@gmail.com) for more information to display your honey. We are also setting the schedule for volunteers to help run the TBA booth. If you are interested contact John at [beekeeper1959@gmail.com](mailto:beekeeper1959@gmail.com) to select a date/time to volunteer for a slot. I'll be working the first weekend, come work with me or stop by and say hello!!

***Renew your Membership, or Join Us.***

*[www.texasbeekeepers.org](http://www.texasbeekeepers.org)*

**If you change your address or email please contact**

**Shirley Doggett at [sdoggett@mindspring.com](mailto:sdoggett@mindspring.com)**

**or call (512) 924-5051**

***Look for the Honey Locator and Events Calendar***





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# Annual Convention

**Temple, Texas**  
**November 3-5, 2022**  
**Frank W. Mayborn Civic &  
Convention Center**

**REGISTRATION  
NOW  
OPEN**

**TICKETS: \$125/  
MEMBERS**  
MORE DETAILED PRICING AVAILABLE ONLINE



## **Thursday Nov 3**

### **SPECIAL WORKSHOPS:**

- Practical Beekeeping: Dig deeper into your beekeeping skills & learn with our experts!
- Professional Education: Sideline & Commercial Workshop
- Texas Master Beekeeper Program Testing



## **Friday Nov 4**

- Keynote speakers
- Educational Sessions
- Beekeeper networking
- Texas Honey Show
- Panel discussions
- Silent Auction
- Live Auction & Banquet



## **Saturday Nov 5**

- Honey Breakfast
- TBA Membership Meeting
- Beekeeper networking
- Breakout sessions for all interests
- Award Luncheon
- Silent Auction
- Panel discussions
- Interactive classes



PICK YOUR TRACT - ONE DAY WORKSHOP

# NOV. 3 ADVANCED WORKSHOP



*Strategies for Survival*  
***Building Healthy Colonies***  
*Hands-On Hive Visits*  
***Feeding Strategies***  
*Varroa and Pest Management*  
*for Your Apiary*  
***Growing Your Apiary***  
*... and More!!!*

## DR. CAMERON JACK TEACHES **PRACTICAL BEEKEEPING**

Learn with expert beekeepers from start to finish. Whether you're just getting started with bees and want to fast track your learning or you've got experience and want to take in practical information about honey bee management with one of the best in the U.S. this workshop will help improve your beekeeping skills. Learn how to keep thriving bee colonies, evaluate struggling colonies, and even get some hands-on experience in the bee hives - bring your suit!



**NETWORKING**



**LUNCH INCLUDED**



**PRACTICAL CLASSES**

**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN**

**\$90 PER PERSON**

For more information visit the link

**[WWW.TEXASBEEKEEPERS.ORG/](http://WWW.TEXASBEEKEEPERS.ORG/)**

PICK YOUR TRACT - ONE DAY WORKSHOP

# NOV. 3 PROFESSIONAL WORKSHOP



*Honey Sales: Honey House, Breaking into Retail,  
Marketing, Strategies*

***Insurance & Risk Management Programs***

*California Almond Pollination*

***Legislative Updates & Discussions***

*Hive Management for Larger Scale - Varroa*

*Control & Monitoring, Feeding and Tracking  
Strategies*

***Financials - An Open Look at a  
Commercial Beekeeping Operation  
... and More!!!***

## **SIDELINE TO COMMERCIAL PROFESSIONAL WORKSHOP**

*This session is absolutely packed with information that beekeepers with thriving businesses wish they would have learned sooner. This session is focused on practical business skills and growth strategies. From financials, evaluating your bees at a larger scale for treatment, to FSA loans and programs, packing honey, pollination, and more! Network with other beekeepers throughout the State and U.S. that are growing their businesses.*



**NETWORKING**



**LUNCH INCLUDED**



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# Meet Our Keynote Speakers

We've got leading scientists on varroa research and keeping healthy colonies joining us in November - hope to see you!

High energy and knowledgeable speakers all around - we can't wait to share them with you!

Practical tips from Youtube Star Kamon Reynolds on growing sustainable and strong colonies



Friday & Saturday  
**4-5 NOVEMBER 2022**

Register Online At

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



**Dr. Cameron Jack**

University of Florida



**Dr. Samuel Ramsey**

Ramsey Research  
Foundation



**Kamon Reynolds**

Professional  
Beekeeper &  
Educator  
Youtube Expert



## VARIETY OF TOPICS

### BEGINNER

*Getting Started Beekeeping*

*Bee Biology*

*All About Nutrition*

*Annual Management*

### INTERMEDIATE

*Texas Honey Bee Forage*

*Management Practices*

*Growth Strategies*

*Honey Production & Bottling*

*Monitoring Hive Health*

*Varroa & Pest Management*

### SHARED INTEREST

*Legislative Updates*

*Discussion Panels*

*Commercial and Small Scale Beekeeper  
discussions*



*Join Us:*

PANEL DISCUSSIONS  
HANDS-ON DEMOS  
EXPERT SPEAKERS  
Q&A SESSIONS  
BEGINNER TOPICS  
ADVANCED TOPICS

### ...AND MUCH MORE!



Additional speakers!



Quiz Games!



Live Demos!



The Texas Honey Show!



Silent Auction!\*



Q&As / Panels



Live Auction!\*



Beekeeping Vendors!

\*THBEA activities

**TICKETS: \$125/ MEMBERS \$160/NON-MEMBERS \$60/12 AND UNDER**

Join us on November 3rd through 5th in Temple for a fun-filled weekend of educational speakers, beekeeping vendors, the Texas Honey Show, and beekeepers networking. Bring the entire family for a buzz worthy weekend adventure.

## Thursday Schedule

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8:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Texas Master Beekeeper Testing

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
One Day Thursday Workshop

3:00 PM - 6:00 PM  
Honey Show Registration

## Friday Schedule

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### SPECIAL EVENTS:

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM  
Conference Registration

7:30 AM - 10:00 AM  
Honey Show Registration

Black Jar Honey Judging for  
"People's Choice"

Vendor Show

Banquet & Live Auction

8 AM - 5PM Presentations & Keynotes

- Seasonal Efficacy of Varroa Treatments
- Maximizing Honey Production
- American Beekeeping Federation - Honey Importation Lawsuits & Tallow Update
- Hive Security
- Discussion Panel: The future of managing pests & diseases with or without treatment
- Texas Honey Bee Forage: A Century of Change + Forecast (of more change)
- Discussion Panel: How & What Commercial & Small-Scale Beekeepers Can Learn From Each Other
- Door Prizes
- Mix & Mingle Breaks

6 PM - 10:30 PM TBA Banquet & Texas Honey Bee Education Association Auction benefiting youth education

## Saturday Schedule

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8:00 AM - 9:30 AM  
Business Meeting & Honey Breakfast

Vendor Show

8 AM - Business Meeting & Honey Breakfast

9:30 AM - 5 PM Presentations & Keynotes

- Keynote Presentation
- Breakout Sessions
- Mix & Mingle Breaks
- Vendor Show

Awards Luncheon & Social





## Pricing Information

Group	Item	Register by November 2nd	Register at Convention
<b>Thursday Workshops</b>	<b>Practical Beekeeping Workshop</b> – Thursday, November 3rd (including lunch)	\$90	\$90
	<b>Professional Beekeeper Workshop</b> – Thursday, November 3rd (including lunch)	\$90	\$90
<b>TBA Member</b>	<b>Full Conference Adult</b> Friday, November 4th & Saturday, November 5th (including Saturday Honey Breakfast and Awards Luncheon)	\$125	\$160
	<b>Children</b> 12 and under	\$60	\$60
	<b>Friday Box Lunch</b> – November 4th	\$15	\$15
	<b>Friday Banquet</b> – November 4th	\$40	\$40
	<b>Friday Day Ticket</b> – November 4th ONLY	\$95	\$95
	<b>Saturday Day Ticket</b> – November 5th ONLY (including Saturday Honey Breakfast and Awards Luncheon)	\$115	\$115
<b>Non-Member</b>	<b>Full Conference Adult</b> Friday, November 4th & Saturday, November 5th (including Saturday Honey Breakfast and Awards Luncheon)	\$160	\$160
	<b>Children</b> 12 and under	\$60	\$60
	<b>Friday Box Lunch</b> – November 4th	\$15	\$15
	<b>Friday Banquet</b> – November 4th	\$40	\$40
	<b>Friday Day Ticket</b> – November 4th ONLY	\$95	\$95
	<b>Saturday Day Ticket</b> – November 5th ONLY (including Saturday Honey Breakfast and Awards Luncheon)	\$115	\$115

## Convention Hotel Information



**Holiday Inn – Temple**  
5247 S General Bruce Dr, Temple TX 76502

Room Rate is \$126/night  
including 2 breakfasts.

To Book Room(s) please use  
the following link:

<https://www.holidayinn.com/redirect?path=rates&brandCode=HI&localeCode=en&region-Code=1&hotelCode=TPLTL&checkInDate=03&checkInMonthYear=102022&checkOutDate=06&-checkOutMonthYear=102022& PMID=99801505&GPC=TBA&cn=no&viewfullsite=true>



**Hilton Garden Inn – Temple Medical Center**  
1749 Scott Blvd, Temple TX 76504

Room Rate is \$119/night  
including 1 breakfasts.

To Book Room(s) please use  
the following link:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=TPLGIGI&groupCode=TBA&arrivaldate=2022-11-02&departuredate=2022-11-06&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

## Convention Registration

Select each individual event or ticket you would like to purchase by clicking “Add to Cart”. Once finished with your selections, click any “View Cart” option to enter quantity of tickets and attendee personal data. NOTE: You must provide names for each attendee!

If you would like to enjoy the full event with us, please select the following tickets:

**Thursday Workshop** (includes lunch) – either the practical or professional tract.

**Friday and Saturday event tickets** (includes Saturday honey breakfast and award lunch)

**Friday boxed lunch ticket** – stay at the venue, eat, network, and visit vendors

**Friday Banquet** – includes the Live Auction benefitting THBEA

IF YOU ARE A MEMBER OF TBA, PLEASE LOG IN BEFORE REGISTERING FOR SPECIAL PRICING!!!

### Proposed Change to the TBA Bylaws

ARTICLE VIII the bylaws states that the “bylaws may be amended or repealed, in whole or in part, by a majority vote at any organized meeting of the Association preceded by a thirty (30) day advance written notice to the membership of such proposed change. This will be done by means of publication in the TBA Journal in a timely issue, and/or sent to the members last recorded preferred contact address preceding such meeting.” The bylaws are posted on the TBA website.

The membership will be asked to consider and approve the following change to Article II Section 2 of the current bylaws at the 2022 Annual Meeting regarding the members of the Nominations Committee: “The Nominations Committee will consist of but not be limited to, the Immediate Past President, two ~~Directors at Large~~ Executive Committee members serving currently or who have served in the previous five years selected by the Executive Committee, and two members from the general membership.”

Having representation on the Nominations Committee from both the general membership and those who have had the experience of serving on the Executive Committee brings a well-rounded perspective to the Nominations Committee. This change is recommended to broaden the pool of potential Nominations Committee members selected from the Executive Committee because Directors At Large selected to the Nominations Committee who want to be considered for nomination to other positions must recuse themselves



# DONATIONS NEEDED

TBA/THBEA  
Auction & Online Raffle



**Email: [laura.weaver@thbea.com](mailto:laura.weaver@thbea.com)**

No donation is too small!  
We are interested in beekeeping  
equipment, experiences, bee centric  
gifts and merchandise, and more!  
Contact Laura with any questions!

## **Convention Registration is Open**

Go to [texasbeekeepers.org](http://texasbeekeepers.org)

Don't forget to log on

or call Shirley Doggett

(512) 924-5051

*[sdoggett@mindspring.com](mailto:sdoggett@mindspring.com)*

## **Convention Silent Auction and Banquet Auction**

Please bring items for the silent auction  
and the live auction for the only  
fundraiser of the year. Your contributions are vital  
to TBA and THBEA work throughout the year



November 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>  
Mayborn Civic &  
Convention Center,  
Temple

# 2022

## Local Club Centerpiece Contest



Are your fellow eclectic club members exceptionally artsy, or even crafty?

It's time to show off those skills at the 2022 TBA Annual Convention!

From artistic creations to bountiful baskets filled with your club member's favorite hive products, your local club talent's will shine as the centerpieces of our evening banquet. All entries are to be judged and auctioned benefitting our THBEA educational fund. Will your local club take home the winner's plaque this year? Will your club's entry win the highest bid at the auction? Register today and show us your club's unusual talents while supporting a great cause!



2019 People's  
Choice

Other centerpiece entries can be seen on the TBA Facebook pages.

### Rules for Entry:

- The club's total out of pocket expenses will be no more than \$50, all other items are to be from donations.
- Entry height and width not to exceed 18-20".
- The theme is anything regarding bees, but each entry should be a reflection of your regional club (references to famous landmarks, area delicacies, local favorite items). You can proudly display your club's name on your entry.
- Entry must be brought to the annual convention by a club member or representative
- Entries must be submitted at the registration table no later than 9:00 AM on Friday.

### Best of the Convention and our People's Choice Award:

- Voting will begin Friday at 10:00 AM and run until 5:00 PM
- 5 votes for \$5
- One set of votes per person

Contact Charlie McMaster at [Charles.McMaster@TexasBeekeepers.org](mailto:Charles.McMaster@TexasBeekeepers.org)  
or (703)624-1337





## Convention Vendor Information

*from Byron Compton, TBA Director*

**When:** November 3-5

**Where:** Frank W. Mayborn Civic & Convention Center, 3303 North 3rd Street, Temple, Texas

On behalf of the Texas Beekeepers Association (TBA), we are excited to invite you to connect with the largest audience of beekeepers in one of the busiest beekeeping areas in the state. Today, there are many challenges facing the industry that are endangering the very existence of nature's most valuable insect. From disease to shrinking habitat to detrimental legislation, Texas beekeepers rely on the TBA for the education they need to succeed in the business of keeping bees.

The Annual Convention is the TBAs major event running over 3 days. It promises to provide the most up to date information concerning TBA activities benefiting the Texas Beekeeping industry, and provides updates on the beekeeping industry. It also is a fantastic opportunity to network with hundreds of beekeepers eager to learn about the latest beekeeping technologies and innovations. Participants attend educational sessions and demonstrations on topics such as pollinator health, resistance to Varroa mites, sustainability in beekeeping and expanding beekeeping operations. For many attendees, the Convention serves as their primary opportunity to stay informed about the hottest products and services offered by our exhibitors and sponsors.

### WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT AS AN EXHIBITOR

Want to make a splash with your business? Consider being an exhibitor at the 2022 Annual Convention. Events are occurring each day. Thursday, Nov. 3rd will have guest lecturers providing all day sessions. Thursday will also have Texas Master Beekeeping Exams administered by TAIS. Friday will feature Keynote Speakers, a banquet and a live band! Saturday, Nov. 5th will have a honey breakfast, and an award lunch along with breakout sessions all day.

Our attendees will be free throughout the 3 days to view exhibitor booths and see your wares and offerings. They will be eager and ready to purchase supplies and services from the best businesses the bee industry has to offer. Don't miss out on this great opportunity.

We listened to your feedback and reduced the price for standard size booths (10x10) to only \$100. Additional 10x10 booths are only an additional \$50 each (Maximum of 3 - 10x10 booths per exhibitor.) If you need power at your booth, it is an additional \$15 per vendor. There is still a limit of 3 tables per 10x10 booth, and 6 personnel per booth total.

### TO REGISTER AS AN EXHIBITOR

Go to the Texas Beekeepers Association web page and click <https://texasbeekeepers.org/annual-vendor-trade-show/> for More Information! Click the "Trade Show Registration" button to begin the exhibitor registration process. Please note there is a limit of 3 tables and up to 6 booth operators. When you register, please enter the names of all workers for your booth (limit 2 per table). Only registered workers will be allowed at your booth. Also please specify if you need power to your booth. Booth space is limited so First Registered/First Paid for reserving your booth. Boxed and plated lunches will be available for purchase on the registration page for your booth workers for all 3 days or you may do lunch on your own.

If you wish to attend the Convention Banquet Friday evening, you will need to register and pay for the banquet separately on the Convention Registration page.



## Club Liaison Notes

*from Charles McMaster, TBA Director*

Our Club Liaison met with the Alamo Area Beekeepers on the 20th of September, in their recently reacquainted location in the San Antonio Botanical Gardens. The club has a very convenient location, just inside the entrance to the Gardens for their meetings and an open to the public area for their observation hive and a cabinet to hold all of their tools and materials for training and landscaping maintenance of the area. Weldon kept me smiling the whole night with his stories of how things were and how many honey competitions he's supported.

Not all beekeepers are members of the Texas Beekeepers Association, so in Mid-August I took a quick trip up to the AgriLife Research Facility in Stephenville to meet with the Erath County Beekeepers. Nice group led by James Goodpasture and supported by Kay Purcella. They are getting their team back together post Covid. Refreshed the group about the benefits of TBA and hoping to see some more of the group next months, especially at the Convention.

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### **TO REGISTER AS A SPONSOR/DONOR**

We have also simplified our Sponsor and Donor opportunities.

If you wish to be a SPONSOR and donate funds to TBA, we are asking for donations of \$250 (or more) which will be used to provide enhanced amenities for attendees. These funds will be used to provide coffee/tea stations, cookie/snack tables, awards for Honey Show winners, etc. All sponsors will have their company names posted on break-out room doors, video screens in main and break-out rooms, and on refreshment tables. The TBA Convention Registration page will have areas where you can specify you wish to be a sponsor and at what dollar amount.

### **TO DONATE ITEMS FOR AUCTION OR DOOR PRIZES.**

If you wish to donate items or merchandise, please contact Laura Weaver <laura.weaver@thbea.com> at Texas Honey Bee Education Association (THBEA) with your company name, types of items/services you will donate, and an approximate value. They will contact you to arrange acceptance of your generous donations.

If you have any questions, contact me at **TRADESHOW@TEXASBEEKEEPERS.ORG**.



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*searching for*  
**2022-2023**

# **TEXAS HONEY QUEEN**

## **TELL ME MORE:**

The TBA Honey Queen Program was started in 1979 to promote the Texas Honey Bee Industry through education and promotion. With 50 years of history, our program participants gain valuable experience in marketing, communication, and education. Honey Queens are 17-24 years of age. They'll promote the beekeeping industry through demonstrations, interviews, & promotion.



## **APPLICANTS MUST DEMONSTRATE:**

- Communication skills
- Poise, confidence, charisma
- Bee & industry knowledge
- Social media, video, and marketing skills

## **More Info:**

Find detailed application and program  
Information at  
[TexasBeekeepers.org/honey-queen](https://TexasBeekeepers.org/honey-queen)

Applications Due Nov. 1

**EDUCATE - NETWORK - PROMOTE**



## Texas Honey Queen Report

*from Marie Yanchak*

Howdy all! As we say goodbye to summer, I hope that many of you are seeing a fall honey flow and dropping temperatures soon. I ended summer on a sweet note by celebrating National Honey Bee Day with the Buffalo Bayou Partnership in Houston.

Despite light showers, we had an excellent evening providing opportunities for people across Houston to engage in the amazing world of honey bees. I was even able to admire this beautiful art car, the Steam Queen!

To celebrate National Honey Month this September, I will be attending and judging the second ever Honey Cook-Off at BeeWeaver Honey Farm. I am so excited to see the creative ways that Texas culinary geniuses use honey to make delicious dishes! I hope to meet

some of you there! I will also be representing the Texas Beekeepers Association at the State Fair of Texas. This will be an excellent opportunity for Texas honey to be featured in the Go Texan portion of the fair, and I am grateful for the chance to be a part of the amazing event that is the State Fair. Whether it's to volunteer for TBA, feast on fried food or watch football, I encourage everyone to stop by our display in the Go Texan area and talk to our fantastic volunteers. Maybe I will see you there!

I am quickly approaching the last 2 months of my term as Texas Honey Queen. I have enjoyed every interaction with you all, and I am very grateful for this opportunity to be a small part of something so special. Before my time as Texas Honey Queen is over, I would like to visit as many local bee clubs and meet as many of you all as I can! While I attend Texas A&M University full-time, I do my best to travel to every event I am requested for. No event or group is too small, and each event I attend connects me more to the beekeeping community, and helps me learn how I can better fill needs as a representative for the Texas Beekeepers Association. Thank you to everyone who has invited me to their events, everyone who has hosted me, and to every person I have met throughout this experience. You all have been so kind to me, and have helped me grow as an advocate and communicator this year. And I am not done yet! If you or your local bee club would like to request the Texas Honey Queen for a bee club meeting or events, please fill out the request form at this link: <https://texasbeekeepers.org/queen-program-request/> Thank you all so much!! See you in November







## **Texas Honey Bee Education Association**

### **Fundraiser in Memory of Janice Thomas**

The Nevin Weaver Fund was established in December of 2009 with an original endowment of \$75,000 from donors Dr. John and Janice Thomas and their daughter Valerie Hamilton under the administration of the TAMU Foundation. A guaranteed rate of 4% per annum of the endowment value is available to be used by Dr. Juliana Rangel to cover expenses and projects in her department. Only the interest on the endowment can be used, ensuring funds for the future.

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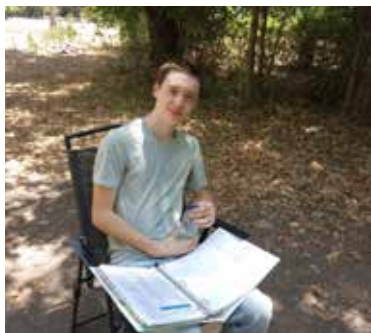
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# Youth Grant Update

Update from Northeast Beekeeper's Association



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## New Beek - Nate!

From volunteer beekeeper & mentor Ernie:

The severe drought brought on different conversations and opportunities. Nate and I have talked about equipment to help bees during this time as well as how much feedings is needed. We've gone over the issue of the queens shutting down during this time. Nate is gaining confidence during hive inspections, and is more secure with the lighting of his smoker and the separation and handling of the frames. He's gotten very good at reading frames and differentiating food and brood types. He's very interested in Beekeeping and likes to take notes. He's open to suggestions and asks intelligent questions. Overall, it's been a great experience with him.





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# Moving from Bee-Haver to Beekeeper

*"The Continuing Journey of Two Ninth-Year Small-Scale Beekeepers"*

TBA Journal Article – September 2022

by Roger and Sue Farr, Caddo Trace Beekeeping Association (CTBA), Mount Pleasant, Texas;  
Master Level Beekeeper - Texas Master Beekeeper Program (Roger)

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This type of call come to us frequently:

Voicemail to Roger Aug. 31 - "Hey, Roger, this is Mark. I have a couple of bee questions. Call me, please."

Phone conversation with Mark, Roger and Sue on speaker, Sept. 1 -

Mark: "Hey, my bees are really aggressive. I got stung a bunch of times, maybe 50, and I had a horrible reaction. That also happened last week, but this time was worse."

Sue: "Are you okay?"

Mark: "I had a fever several hours later, felt nauseous, and wasn't hungry. I was fine the next morning."

Sue: "Was anyone with you?"

Mark: "My wife was with me, but she only got a few bites. Should I get an Epi-pen?"

Roger: "You can certainly ask your doctor."

Mark: "I thought it might have happened because our neighbor mowed his vacant lot and stirred up the bees. He was in a cab tractor, so he didn't get stung. Do you think those bees got into my hives and are causing the trouble?"

Roger: "No, I don't think so. Honey bees don't live in the ground. Your neighbor probably hit a wasp or hornet nest. Honey bees fight to keep wasps and hornets out of the hive."

Mark: "Now, I'm afraid. They even bit my shoes. I haven't wanted to give them sugar water this week. I have to wait for my wife to do inspections, and she works all week."

Roger: "We don't want you to be afraid of your bees. Let's see if we can find ways to help."

These are comments and questions we usually hear from folks who are "bee-havers" rather than beekeepers. Read the script again and see if you've said any of these things lately. Yes, we assisted Mark with his immediate questions and needs, and we encouraged him to again attend his local bee club's Introduction to Beekeeping class in January. Mark also learned that honey bees do not bite!

You might be a **bee-haver** if these are true of you while you work with your bees: you are both excited and disinterested, fearful and fearless, cautious and rough, learning and ignorant, handy and simplistic, attentive and avoiding, and interested and internet.

**Beekeepers** usually exhibit different characteristics in their bees. Beekeepers strive to be calm, prepared, organized, patient, careful, inquisitive, efficient, future-oriented, learning, and teaching.

Our “bee-haver to beekeeper journey” started in 2014 at a TBA conference workshop. Commercial beekeeper Chris Moore entitled his presentation, “Are You a Bee-Haver?” and said that we all start out as bee-havers. Only those who continue to learn about honey bees and grow will ever be able to claim the title “Beekeeper.” Chris cautioned the attendees to not have one year of experience five times; rather, he challenged us to work to have five years of experience that build upon each other and the mistakes of the past. We, the Farris, committed to become beekeepers during our second year – and we are still learning.

Beekeepers not only know what to do, and how and when to do it in their beekeeping, they also know the reasons why. If they don’t understand why, beekeepers research and ask questions of knowledgeable sources to get to the answer. They evaluate each beekeeping year and make changes to their beekeeping practices to improve their results.

Bee-havers, on the other hand, listen, but they may not really understand the how, when, or why behind each what. Or, they may consult less-than-first-rate-sources for their information and suggested beekeeping methods. Many just want someone else to tell them exactly what to do and when to do it. Bee-havers never really “own” their bees and do not treat them as the livestock investment they are. It’s kind of like buying a cow for the milk but then wondering why she stops giving milk one year later. If you are in the cattle business, you’d better understand how cows work and what they require to produce good results. It’s the same with bees. The lessons Texas cows and Texas bees deal can both be expensive and painful.

So, are you a bee-haver or a beekeeper? If you’re new at this and want to move on from just having bees, are you ready to make progress toward becoming a beekeeper? Here are some suggestions we make to the “Marks” of the world:

- **Evaluate** – How are things going in your apiary this week? Are you achieving your goals? Are your bees healthy? Are you having fun?
- **Read** – Do you read each issue of the TBA *Journal*? Do you subscribe to *The American Bee Journal* or to other monthly beekeeping publication? Have you read, cover-to-cover, at least two introductory beekeeping books and one intermediate book that relate to Texas beekeeping?
- **Mentor** – Do you have a local beekeeper to answer your questions? Has he or she helped you with a hands-on inspection of your bees? Do the beekeeper’s words and methods match with what you read?
- **Go** – Have you visited your beekeeping mentor’s apiary and just watched? When’s the last beekeeping seminar or workshops you’ve attended? How many bee-club meeting have you attended this year?

To get you started, we recommend the following resources to help you learn to become a good Texas beekeeper:





## Books

- *The Backyard Beekeeper* 4th Ed. – Kim Flottum
- *Honey Bee Biology and Beekeeping* 3rd Ed. – Dewey Caron & Lawrence Connor
- *The Beekeepers Handbook* 4th Ed. – Diana Sammataro and Alphonse Avitabile
- *Garden Plants for Honey Bees* – Peter Lindtner

## Publications/Websites/Videos

- Texas Apiary Inspection Service – [txbeeinspection.tamu.edu](http://txbeeinspection.tamu.edu)
- Varroa Management Guide – [honeybeehealthcoalition.org](http://honeybeehealthcoalition.org)
- *The NewBees Guide to Texas Beekeeping* – Texas Honey Bee Education Association – THBEA.com
- Winter Loss Survey – Bee Informed Partnership
- ScientificBeekeeping.com – Randy Oliver

## Seminars/Workshops

- Texas Beekeepers Association (TBA) Summer Clinic – date and venue change annually
- TBA Annual Meeting - usually November (location varies)
- Various day-long bee schools held by area bee clubs in Texas

Emeritus Professor of Entomology and Nematology Dewey Caron says, “Beekeeping is applied bee biology.” The more you know about the biology of honey bees, the better the beekeeper you will be.

Keep growing and learning, and you, too, can grow from being a bee-haver to a beekeeper. Please contact us if we can assist you on your journey. If we don’t know the answer, we will ask our beekeeping mentors, and we’ll learn together.

Roger and Sue Farr - [rdfarr@gmail.com](mailto:rdfarr@gmail.com)

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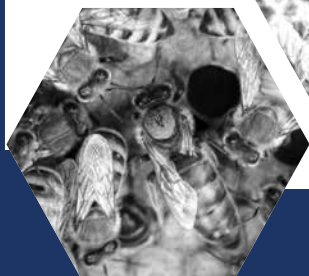


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## TAIS Update

*from Taylor Powell  
Chief Apiary Inspector*



Howdy Texas Beekeepers!

I hope this month has been productive for you and your bees. Fall is here and our inspectors are grateful for fewer triple digit temperature days. We are currently gearing up for our busy fall inspection season. Around this time of year, we often see a decline in brood rearing and higher varroa levels. With that in mind, we recommend sampling your bees to assess their mite load. You should also be monitoring their resource stores. There is usually a short nectar flow in the fall, but your bees may need additional supplementation if you harvested honey, or if they depleted their resources during the summer dearth.

If you're unsure about how to sample your bees for varroa mites, you can learn how to conduct an in-field assessment at my Varroa Mite Testing Methods lecture at the Brazos Valley Bee School on September 24th. I will also be presenting on Integrated Pest Management later in the day. If you're attending the event, stop by our table in the vendor area to get some awesome resources!

If you aren't able to attend the bee school, or if you just like hearing me talk, I will be presenting about varroa mites and honey bee diseases virtually for the Second Steps in Beekeeping series on October 19th and 26th. This series is geared towards people who already have bees, but have only had them for a year

or less (or so) and are wondering, now what? You can find information about how to register for this event on our Texas Apiary Inspection Service Facebook page or at <https://tamu.estore.flywire.com/products/second-steps-in-beekeeping--oct>.

I am also excited to announce that the Texas Master Beekeeper Program will be hosting its Fall 2022 exams on November 3rd in Temple, Texas! Participants can register for the exams until November 1st by following the links on our Master Beekeeper webpage (<https://masterbeekeeper.tamu.edu/2022-fall-exam-registration/>). If you stick around for another day or two, there will be a fantastic opportunity to attend the TBA annual convention. I look forward to seeing both new and familiar faces there!

Lastly, I would like to remind beekeepers who are needing intrastate, or bee removal transportation permits to mail in their yearly applications and corresponding fees if you have not done so already. The 2021-2022 permits expired on August 31st and the 2022-2023 permits will be valid from the date of processing until August 31st, 2023. If you have any questions, or would like to request an inspection, please feel free to reach out to our office via phone or email ((979) 845-9713; [tais@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:tais@ag.tamu.edu)).

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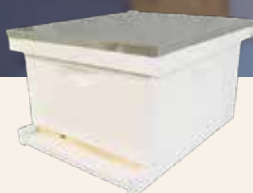
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## The Brantley Column

*from S. S. Brantley*

*2016 Life Member Texas Beekeepers Association*

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In October, we should begin to see the yellow flowers blooming along the ArkLaTex roads. The bloom should last until the first killing frost. With the unpredictable weather we have been experiencing, that frost may not occur until Thanksgiving although in my area of East Texas the first big frost usually happens around the 10<sup>th</sup> of November. Even then, we may continue to have 85-90 degree days until Christmas!

The honey bees will continue to search diligently for the last few resources that may be available, trying to build up enough stores to last until spring arrives. Beekeepers should pay close attention to their hives during the next couple of months to determine if sufficient stores have been put up. You can do a quick check of the hive weight by lifting the back edge with two fingers, what we call the “two finger lift”. Make sure the hive bottom board is not stuck to the support it is sitting on, then place two fingers under the middle back of the bottom board and attempt to lift the hive off its support. If it can be easily lifted off the support, there are two things you should do.

First, do a close inspection of the hive to see contents of each frame in the brood chamber. There should be one or two frames next to the outside wall that contain capped honey. These frames of capped honey help insulate the hive during cold weather. This honey will not have beautiful white cappings. Most likely, the caps will be dark brown to shades of black. If you are not sure what it is, stick the corner of your hive tool into one of the capped cells. You should find it is full of honey.

Frames number 3 and number 8 probably will have mostly pollen with an arc of capped honey across the top of the frame. The remaining frames in a ten frame single brood box should contain the eggs, larvae, pupa and capped brood. Hopefully there will be a nice brood pattern laid by the queen.

Secondly, if you do not find the frames to be as described above, you should begin to feed 2:1 sugar syrup. The supplemental feeding will allow the bees to fill those outside frames with the food needed to survive the winter.

Using the thicker 2:1 sugar water mixture requires the bees to work less in evaporating the water content down to a stable stored solution. Should you desire to do so, you can feed the commercially available liquid feeds purchased at the bee supply houses.

For a double brood box hive, the bottom box generally should still be as described above. The top brood box will probably contain nine or ten frames of capped honey. **DO NOT REVERSE THE TWO BOXES.** When colder weather arrives, the bees will cluster in the bottom box in order to keep the brood warm until it emerges. As the weather cools, the bees will consume the stores in the bottom brood box before they continue to move upward into the second brood box. They will remain in the upper brood box until spring when the colony begins its bee life cycle again. In March, you can decide if you want to reverse the boxes (putting the top brood box on the bottom). Do an inspection of the hive. If you find the bottom brood box has no food, no brood, and no bees, you can reverse the boxes. Be aware that sometimes you will find the queen and brood still in the lower box. In that case, you may wish to leave the boxes as they are.

October is almost your last opportunity to feed the colony to ensure there are enough “fat bees” in the hive to carry it through until spring. Feed any hives that are low on stores..

Install your entrance reducer if you have not yet done so.

Check the hive for mites and treat if needed.

Remember, if there is little to no brood present, the mites will be on the bees. I like to treat in October so I can pull out the treatment strips in early December.

October is also the time to start planning for the next bee season. Start building your list of needed supplies including queens and nucs as well as woodenware. Then start watching for late season sales at the bee supply houses. You can often save some money as well as beat any early spring price increases. Check with your chosen queen and nuc supplier and know when they will start taking orders for spring delivery.





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- Nov. 29: Liquid gold: A crash course on the types and properties of honey, with P. Lau (USDA-ARS)

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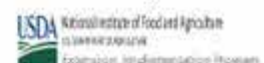
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## Greetings from Dr. Juliana Rangel at Texas A&M University

*Associate Professor of Apiculture, Department of Entomology,  
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Dear TBA members,

As I sit in my office, I am looking outside the window and wondering “where did this year go? It is almost October! And the stores are already selling fall-related goods while the temperatures are still in the 90’s!” Anyway, if you are like me, you are hoping for some cooler weather ahead of us and the ability to finish all my to-do lists before the year’s end. And that is because, as usual, we have been quite busy at the bee lab. Here are a few of our many activities in the last couple of months:

I want to let you know that Aggie Honey is back in stock and can be purchased at the Rosenthal Meat Center on the Texas A&M University campus. For more information contact them at <https://agrilife.org/rosenthal/> ALSO NEW THIS FALL: We have new T-shirts for sale! They are \$28 and all proceeds, like for honey sales, go right back to our research program, so please support us!

On 26 and 27 of August I had the pleasure of being Keynote Speaker for the Annual Convention of the Louisiana Beekeepers Association in Alexandria, LA. The meeting was very informative, especially because members of the USDA Bee Laboratory in Baton Rouge gave an update on all the many projects they are conducting at the moment. Also, as LBA scholarship recipients, Jordan Twombly Ellis and Taylor Reams also got to attend the meeting and present their work. More information about the conference can be found at <https://www.labeekeepers.org/2022-LBA-Conference>

On 10 and 11 September I traveled to Riverside, CA, as an invited guest for the University of California Riverside’s CIBER Bee Health Conference. CIBER stands for the Center for Integrative Bee Research. Located at the University of California Riverside, they conduct research to safeguard bees and their pollinating services to secure human food production and ecosystem stability. For more information about CIBER visit <https://ciber.ucr.edu/>

On 13 September I was the invited speaker for the Mile Hive Bee Club meeting. I got to talk about a topic that’s dear and near to my heart: the behavioral ecology of swarming! More information about the club can be found at [https://www.milehivebeeclub.org/?fbclid=IwAR1VHEvg1qQqgb75miqzgcyth-fjamCxLdAi\\_8yNI7mhDRaPfmwmmelhaiZY](https://www.milehivebeeclub.org/?fbclid=IwAR1VHEvg1qQqgb75miqzgcyth-fjamCxLdAi_8yNI7mhDRaPfmwmmelhaiZY)

On 21 September I presented a talk about Honey Bee Ecosystem Services to veterinary students at our school’s vet school. Former Rangel Lab undergraduates Jordan Gomez and Cora Garcia are now veterinary students and launched the new Bee Vets Club on the TAMU campus. I am their faculty advisor. You will be hearing more from that club in the months to come!

On 22 September I was the invited speaker for the monthly meeting of the Central Texas Beekeepers Association in Brenham, TX. The meeting was held at the Washington County Fairgrounds and started with great chats and a delicious potluck. They also had “gadget of the month” and “book report,” both of which were a lot of fun. And then I gave an update on some of the many research projects going on at the Texas A&M University Apiculture program!

On Saturday, 24 September, my lab once again participated with a booth at the Brazos Valley Beekeepers Association Bee School. We also had Jordan Twombly Ellis, Dr. Tonya Shepherd, and myself, presenting at the meeting. Please visit their website at <https://www.bvbeeks.org/> for more details on the club and their upcoming events.

Finally, the latest session in the At Home Beekeeping Series was on Tuesday, 27 September 2022, from 6:30-7:30 PM CST. Our speaker this month was our own Taylor Reams, Ph. D. Candidate working under my supervision at Texas A&M University. Her topic was ‘Behavior, chemical ecology, and genetics of



Varroa.' There are monthly speakers lined up, so 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/3lXYkI86X>. The event can also be found here: <https://www.facebook.com/LawrenceCountyextension>.

Information for the entire series can be found here: <https://www.aces.edu/.../bees.../at-home-beekeeping-series/>

That is all for now. I can't believe that the next time I write it will be for the last column of the year. Again, where did this year go?! 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>.



*Ph. D. Candidates Taylor Reams and Jordan Twombly Ellis presenting their work at the Louisiana Beekeepers Association Summer Conference in Alexandria, LA.*



*FINALLY!!! Our t-shirts have arrived and are for sale!*





*With Mr. Stanford Brantley at the Louisiana Beekeepers Association Summer Conference in Alexandria, LA.*



*Veterinary student and former Rangel Lab undergraduate Jordan Gomez outside of TAMU's Vet School before Dr. Rangel's talk to the new Bee Vets Club on campus.*



*Dr. Rangel attending the CIBER Bee Health Conference in Riverside, CA*



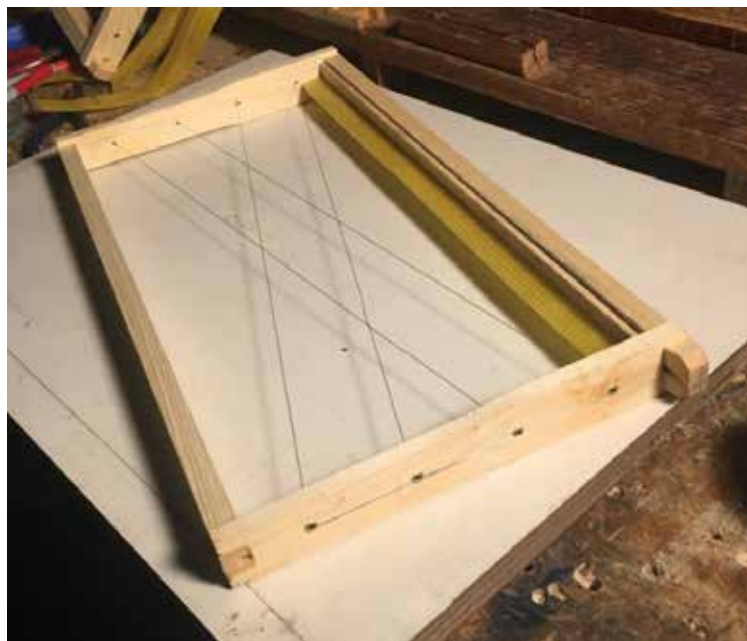
*Rangel Lab students during the Brazos Valley Beekeepers Association Bee School on 24 September.*

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I do not use plastic foundation in my frames. Plastic foundation may be convenient, but at what cost? Plastic foundation slowly leaches chemicals into the surrounding environment. In a wild bee hive, you don't find plastic.

**Natural Beeswax Starter Strips.** I prefer to build and use natural, bee's wax starter strip frames in my bee hives. I have found that young honey bees will festoon on the wax starter strip frame and produce the waxcomb very quickly. Wax is secreted from the glands on the underside of the abdomen when the workers are between 12 and 18 days old. As quickly as the wax comb is produced, the queen has locations to lay lots of eggs efficiently, which builds a new colony very quickly. This is why I use bees wax starter strips when building Spring nucs and new colonies.



**Herbal Teas.** As beekeepers, we know that spearmint and lemongrass attracts and enhances the honeybee health. I add other ingredients to weak teas to support and build the honeybees' immunity and digestive system. You can experiment with many culinary herbs and my favorites are yarrow and chamomile along with peppermint and spearmint, which are easy plants to grow in Texas.





Most herbs are medicinal and can be grown for antiseptic properties. Rosemary, *Rosmarinus officinalis*, repels moths and flies, and bees like rosemary. Echinacea, *Echinacea purpurea*, is the purple conflower that is believed to stimulate the immune system in humans. I use this plant in my weak tea for honey bees as the ingredients might help the bees.

My tea solution is easy: soak herb leaves, flowers and stems in a wooden container with hot rainwater. Strain the solids and add some honey to slightly sweeten the weak tea.

Reference: <https://spikenardfarm.org>

**Wildflower Field Seeding.** Honey bees are essential to our food security. Wildflowers add depth to our gardens, fields and farms by providing bees with habitat for food, pollen, nectar and immunity. We plant wildflower seeds in the Spring and Fall. We give the seeds contact with the soils and just add rainwater.

My favorite seed source in Texas is **Turnerseed.com**. This family run company supplies a great native wildflower mix and a clover seed mix for honey production.



Wildflower strips along other gardens can ensure a healthy, sustainable food supply for the honey bees and for food crops that rely on bee pollination.

Bruce Ford is active with the Fayette County Beekeepers Association and the Bastrop-Elgin Beekeepers Association. As a native Texan, Bruce is passionate about bird, butterfly and wildlife habitat development. He consults and mentors Texans on wildlife habitat management plans and permaculture homestead design planning. His skill sets also include “Back to Eden” garden philosophy, greenhouse construction, organic gardening and radio communication. Bruce is an active leader in the central Texas food security movement.



## It's Time !

I raise strong, healthy, gentle Italian honey bees with natural beeswax foundation starter strip frames.

I use probiotics for honey bees, from [StrongMicrobials.com](http://StrongMicrobials.com) and I treat for varroa mites.

I will have the first really strong nucs ready for pickup or delivery in March-April 2023. (Fayette county).

I am now taking a (\$50) deposit to reserve each Spring nuc, that will be ready for pick up or delivery near April 1, 2023. I supply an invoice-receipt by email, when a deposit is received.

Contact me at: [Rosscreekhoneybees@gmail.com](mailto:Rosscreekhoneybees@gmail.com)

\$225 balance is due when nucs are picked up or delivered. Any form of payment is acceptable.



From Rico Chan, Eagle Scout, Grapevine TX



## HONEY FOR HUNGER

"Daily media coverage of the war in Ukraine awakened me to the impact conflict has on children. I wanted to help, and I found Save the Children ideally suited to help children, not only in Ukraine, but in the many emergent crises worldwide. I was really impressed with Save the Children's charity rating, their flexibility and their reach," says high-school student Rico.

"Once I decided to help, I knew I needed to connect with donors. Working with what is most familiar to me was key. I have been beekeeping for four years and teach beekeeping courses to my fellow classmates and Scouts.

"The honey harvest is my favorite activity because it represents the reward for the yearlong care a beekeeper invests in his bees. Since Save the Children is dedicated to preventing malnutrition and honey is the only natural substance containing all nutrients necessary to sustain life, combining Save the Children with honey seemed a natural fit. I had a network of school friends and families who were already familiar with my bees and honey who I could introduce to Save the Children.

"Most people have heard of the honeybee's plight and fight for survival. Interestingly, Ukraine is Europe's top honey producer. It seemed fitting to donate my bee's precious summer harvest

to draw donors to help children in crisis. If the humble honeybee can help Save the Children, then surely each of us can too.



"The connection worked. Donors were thrilled to have a way to help children and were so happy to receive a jar of fresh, local honey. I'm pleased to report my \$5,000 goal was easily surpassed. Now each time I see my bees working together to make honey, I think of how our school community came together to help Save the Children."



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

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## **Alamo Area Beekeepers Association**

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[president@alamobees.org](mailto:president@alamobees.org)

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

**Meetings:** 3rd Tuesday on odd # months

San Antonio Botanical Gdn, 555 Funston Place, San Antonio

## **Austin Area Beekeepers Association**

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[facebook.com/groups/Austin/AreaBeekeeperAssociation](https://facebook.com/groups/Austin/AreaBeekeeperAssociation)

[www.meetup.com/Austin-Urban-Beekeeping/](http://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 Farmer Lane, Austin

## **Bastrop County - Elgin Area Beekeepers Association**

Joseph Hakkinen - (713) 408-1260

[president@elginareabeekeepers.org](mailto: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

[beesintbeeast@att.net](mailto:beesintbeeast@att.net)

**Meetings** 4th Saturday of each month at 10am

Water Garden Gems, 3230 Bolton Road, Marion,

## **Bell/Coryell Beekeepers Association**

Nan Helmke (254) 289-5802

[bellcoryellbeeclub@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:paniolobee@icloud.com)

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

4857 Buffalo Gap Road, Abilene 79606

## **Blanco County Beekeepers Association**

Teri Albright - (512) 636-9900

[blancocountybeekeepers@gmail.com](mailto:blancocountybeekeepers@gmail.com)

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

Blanco United Methodist Church - Social Hall, 61 Pecan St., Blanco

## **Brazoria County Beekeepers Association**

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[www.brazoria-county-beekeepers-association.com](http://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**

Justin Russell - (979) 492-4114

[info@bvbeeks.org](mailto:info@bvbeeks.org)

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

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

Bryan High School, 3450 Campus Dr. Bryan from 6pm

## **Caddo Trace Beekeepers Association**

Dale Vanhooose - (903) 573-6954

[dcv836@gmail.com](mailto:dcv836@gmail.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](mailto: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**

Karl Cottrell

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

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**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](mailto:president@cchba.org)

[www.cchba.org](http://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](mailto:coloradocountybeekeepers@gmail.com)

**Meetings:** 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm

316 Spring Street, Columbus

## **Comal County Beekeepers Association**

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**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:board@dentonbees.com)

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

**Meetings:** 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm

Please see club website for location

**Dino-Beekeepers Association**

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[www.dino-bee.com](http://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**

Jim Biles (281) 451-6069

[www.etba.info](http://www.etba.info)

**Meetings:** 1st Thursday of each month at 6:45 pm;

Whitehouse Methodist Ch., 405 W Main (Hwy 346), Whitehouse

**Bastrop County - Elgin Area Beekeepers Association**

Joseph Hakkinen - (713) 408-1260

[president@elginareabeekeepers.org](mailto:president@elginareabeekeepers.org)

**Meetings:** 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7 pm

Various Locations

**Elm Fork Beekeepers Association**

Jan Hodson - (940) 637-2702

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**Meetings:** 3rd Thursday of each month

The VFW Hall, 3332 North Grand Ave, Gainesville

**Fayette County Beekeepers Association**

Bruce Ford

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**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](mailto:info@fortbendbeekeepers.org)

**Meetings:** 2nd Tuesday of each month (except December) at 7:30 pm

Bud O'Shies Community Center

1330 Band Rd, Rosenberg 77473

**Harris County Beekeepers Association**

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

**Meetings:** 4th Tuesday of each month at 7pm

Golden Acres Center, 5001 Oak Ave., Pasadena

**Hays County Beekeepers Association**

Georgia Miguez 512) 827-6239

[hayscountyba@gmail.com](mailto:hayscountyba@gmail.com)

**Meetings:** 3rd Wednesday of each month at

Suds Monkey Brewing, 12024 US-290, Dripping Springs at 6:30pm

**Heart of Texas Beekeepers Association**

Gary Bowles (254) 214-4514

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**Meetings:** 4th Tuesday of each month (except Dec.) at 7 pm

Contact club to confirm meeting location

**Henderson County Beekeepers Association**

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**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 each month at 6:30pm

Hill County Courthouse Annex, 126 S Covington St Hillsboro

**Hopkins County Beekeepers Association**

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

**Meetings:** 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm

Bayland Community Center, 6400 Bissonett, Houston

**Houston Natural Beekeepers Association**

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**Meetings:** Second Saturday of the month at 10 am

4466 Billy Street, Houston TX 77020

**Johnson County Beekeepers Association**

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**Meetings:** 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm

2099 W FM 917, Joshua

**Kaufman Area Beekeepers Association**

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**Meetings:** 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm

Kaufman United Methodist Church, 208 S Houston St, Kaufman

**Lamar County Beekeepers Association**

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**Meetings:** 1st Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm

Lamar County Fairgrounds, Bldg B, 570 E Center St., Paris

**Longview Beekeepers Association**

Myra Smith (903) 639-2910

**Meetings:** 1st Tuesday of each month at 6 pm

Texas Agrilife Extension Office, 405 E Marshall St., Longview

**Magnolia SWARM Beekeepers**

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<http://www.magnoliaswarm.org>  
**Meetings:** 1st Tuesday of the month  
 Various Locations (go to website)

**Metro Beekeepers Association**

Russ Killingsworth - (817) 751-9513  
[president@metrobeekeepers.net](mailto:president@metrobeekeepers.net)  
<http://www.metrobeekeepers.net>  
**Meetings:** 2nd Monday of each month 6:30 - 8:30  
 Southside Preservation Hall, 1519 Lipscomb St. Ft. Worth

**Marshall Beekeeping Association**

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**Meetings:** 2nd Thursday of each month at 5:30 pm  
 Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 501 Indian Springs Dr., Marshall

**Montgomery County Beekeepers Assn.**

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[www.mocobees.com](http://www.mocobees.com)  
**Meetings:** 3rd Monday of each month at 6:30 pm  
 Montgomery County Extension Office, Tom Leroy Education Bldg., 9020 Airport Road, Conroe

**Northeast Texas Beekeepers Association**

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**Meetings:** 2nd Monday of each month at 5:45 pm  
 Canton Baptist Church, 303 South Athens St., Canton, TX 75103

**Palo Duro Bee Club**

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**Meetings:** 1st Thursday of each month  
 Creek House Honey Farm, 5015 4th Ave, Canyon

**Pineywoods Beekeepers Association**

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**Meetings:** 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm  
 Lufkin/Angelina County Chamber of Commerce  
 1615 S Chestnut St. Lufkin (just off Loop 287)

**Red River Valley Beekeepers Assn.**

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**Meetings:** 3rd Tuesday of each month (except December) at 7pm  
 Bolin Science Hall Room 209, Mid West State University,  
 310 Taft Blvd., Wichita Falls

**Rusk County Beekeepers Association**

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**Meetings:** Last Thursday of each month at 6 pm  
 Church of the Nazarene, 906 W Main St, Henderson

**San Jacinto County Beekeepers**

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<https://www.facebook.com/SanJacintoCountyBeekeepers>  
**Meetings:** 2nd Tuesday of each month  
 Calvary Baptist Church, 65 Petroleum Rd., Coldspring 77331

**San Marcos Area Bee Wranglers**

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**Meetings:** 2nd Thursday of the month 7:00 pm - 9:15 pm  
**Extra Meetings:** 4th Thursday of the month, March, April, May 7:00pm  
 Pecan Park Riverside RV Park, 50 Squirrel Run, San Marcos

**Temple Area Beekeepers Association**

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**Meetings:** 2nd Thursday of each month at 7pm  
 Troy Community Center, 201 East Main Street, Troy

**Texarkana Beekeepers Association**

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**Meetings:** 3rd Monday of each month at 6pm  
 Texarkana Public Library, 600 W 3rd St Texarkana

**Texas Hill Country Beekeepers Association**

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**Meetings:** 4th Tuesday of odd months at 6:30 pm  
 Hill Country Veterans Center, 411 Meadow View lane, Kerrville TX 78028

**Travis County Beekeepers Assn.**

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/TravisBeeks/>  
**Meetings:** First Monday of the month at 7 pm  
 Zilker Botanical Gdns., 2220 Barton Springs Rd., Austin

**Tri County Beekeepers Association**

David Huffman [huffmaninsurance@glade.net](mailto:huffmaninsurance@glade.net)  
**Meetings:** 4th Tuesday of each month at 5:30pm  
 Sam's Restaurant, Fairfield, TX

**Tyler County Bee Club**

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[tcclub16@gmail.com](mailto:tcclub16@gmail.com)  
**Meetings:** 4th Tuesday of each month at 6 pm  
 Nutrition Center, 201 Veterans Way, Woodville

**Walker County Area Beekeepers Assn.**

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[walkercountybeekeepers@gmail.com](mailto:walkercountybeekeepers@gmail.com)  
**Meetings:** Last Thursday of each month at 7 pm (not Nov or Dec)  
 Walker Education Center, 1402 19th St., Huntsville

**Williamson County Area Beekeepers Assn.**

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**Meetings:** 4th Tuesday of each month at 7 pm (except December)  
 Georgetown Public Library, 402 W 8th St., Georgetown

**Wise Texas Bee Club**

Donny Johns - (817) 939-3249  
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**Meetings:** First Thursday of the month at 6pm  
 Public Library, Bridgeport

**Wood County Beekeepers Association**

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**Meetings:** First Tuesday of every month at 7 pm  
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