

April 27, 2021

7:00 pm via Zoom

AGENDA

Welcome - Gary Anderson

- Bees and Beans event 11am-4pm Saturday 5/15 at Belmont Bean Co., 18 S. Belmont St, York, PA
 - YCBA providing honey tasting and observation hive
 - 50% of event proceeds will be donated to YCBA
 - Contact Jeremy Barnes if you are interested in helping out honeybeewhisperer@gmail.com
- May YCBA meeting will be held via Zoom on Tuesday 5/25 at 7pm
- June picnic instead of June meeting
 - Saturday 6/26 afternoon/evening - exact time TBD
 - Mark Gingrich's apiary in Dover, PA
 - Afternoon: apiary inspection/tour followed by food and camaraderie
 - Looking for chairperson to help organize, send out Sign Up Genius
 - Look for interest survey re: this event
- YCBA at the York Fair
 - Friday 7/23 - Sunday 8/1
 - Typically set up display in Ag Hall, sell honey, observation hive, interact with public answering questions
 - Need chairperson to coordinate Sign-Up Genius to fill shifts throughout the days/evenings
 - Look for interest survey re: this event

Bee Talk - David Papke

- Swarm season is upon us
- Honey flow/nectar flow = the time of the year when there is an abundance of nectar producing plants coming into bloom (usually May in Southcentral PA); we also have a minor nectar flow in the fall thanks to goldenrod and asters
- Dearth = end of the nectar flow (usually end of June in Southcentral PA)
- Four things colonies need
 - Nectar - energy/carbohydrates
 - Pollen - protein

- Water
- Tree resin/propolis
- Managing for honey production
 - Super early (beginning of April)
 - Consider making some comb honey
 - Comb honey foundation needed
 - Usually a single source of nectar; not blended like when honey is extracted
 - Consider an upper entrance to give foragers direct access to super/increase ventilation
 - Queen excluders or honey excluders - mixed opinions
 - Once you have drawn comb, take out one frame in honey supers and bees will drawn comb out beyond the wood frame making it much easier for uncapping at extraction time

Plants and Trees for Bees - Celia Berkstresser

- What's blooming now?
- What will be blooming soon?
- Two plants to consider adding to your property
- Native plant events/local resources
- Plant identification apps

Mentorship - Marty Jones

- First year success tends to require a strong club, a good class, and a mentor
- Pay it forward - need experienced mentors
- Marty Jones is seeking to enhance the YCBA's mentorship program by actively matching mentors with those seeking a mentor or a "bee buddy"
- Contact martyjones900@msn.com with questions or to volunteer

An Emerging Honey Bee Philosophy - Rose Wiker

- Frustrated with a traditional Langstroth arrangement, Rose explored less disruptive approaches to keeping bees
- Described and demonstrated her horizontal hive
- Her preferred approach: let bees be as natural as possible
- Suggested reading: Keeping Bees with a Smile by Fedor Lazutin

NOTES

- The meeting was recorded and can be viewed with this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/BQjMkuyX3dy1w3Hnm3AMw9UOKeKin05GHR2sxyzZNL9cyQrh9temxmonArFwBtvd.MSTcDhumZfO0JtkH>

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NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 5/25 at 7:00pm via Zoom; link will be provided closer to the date