



Elm Fork

Beekeepers Association

General Meeting Agenda, Sept 20, 2018

Mission: To share information and provide education to our members and community about bees and beekeeping. To promote responsible beekeeping practices, through training and education, resulting in effective management of diseases, pests, and other environmental issues.

- **Welcome and Officer reports**
 - Jan Hodson – President
 - Pat C de Baca – Vice President
 - Secretary – Louann Barfknecht
 - Treasurer – Julie Haza
 - Webmaster – Byron Compton
 - Hospitality – Michael Barber
- **Need other board members and committees**
 - Communications committee
 - Mentors
- **Business**
 - August Minutes
 - The website is up! elmforkbeekeepers.org
 - Check out the members' only forum. A great way to ask and discuss hive issues.
 - Dues and class fees can now be paid online (PayPal fees apply)
 - Training classes: Please promote our classes.
 - Monthly speakers/topics (your suggestions needed)
 - Members Xmas party this year, activity suggestions: (Chinese gift exchange, Hive painting contest?)
 - Bylaws - Vote
 - TBA conference Nov 8-10, Temple, TX
 - TX State Fair – honey booth contact John Talbert: john@sabinecreekhoney.com
- **Sept Monthly Tips**
 - You should see an increase in brood build up. The queen is laying her winter bees.
 - The queen may have moved her laying to the top hive box.
 - Failing queens need to be replaced now! Very weak hives (two frames of bees) should be combined with strong hives.
 - Check honey, pollen and brood pattern on frames. Feed if needed.
 - Fall nectar flow has started. The girls need 30-50 lbs of honey stored for the winter.
 - Keep an eye on the nighttime temperatures. Start thinking about winterizing.
 - Treat for varroa if needed. Keep SHB in check.
 - Provide a close clean water source. They need water all year round!
 - You may need a mouse guard, if not on a tall hive stand.
 - If you're into contests the TX State Fair and the TBA convention in November is coming up.

- **A few currently blooming nectar plants:**
 - Slender Bush Clover (Fabaceae Lespedeza Virginica) Native perennial
 - Garlic Chives (Allium Tuberosum) China, perennial
 - Common Annual Sunflower (Asteraceae Helianthus species) Native
 - Maximillian Sunflower (Asteraceae Helianthus Maximiliani) Native perennial
 - Autumn Joy Sedum (hybrid, origin China) Perennial, all parts poisonous
 - Zexmenia (Asteraceae Wedelia Hispida) Native to southern Texas, Perennial
 - Golden Rod (several species)
 - Vitex (reblooming)
 - Take pictures of bees on nectar plants and email to janrhodson@gmail.com or text to 214-417-9071
- **Handy Tips and Tools:**
 - Bucket feeder/waterer
 - AG sales tax exemption: *The link is on our website.*
- Door prize drawing (need donations)
- Program: Daisy Watson R.P.A. Cooke County Appraisal District
- Meeting Close

Next meeting September 20 16th, 6 pm social, 6:30 meeting, Landmark Bank

Training Classes: Oct 20 – Hive Management and Increases, Nov 17 – Advanced Beekeeping.

The third Saturday, Oct 20, 2018 – Hive Management, held at NCTC, Building 1300, Gainesville. The class will be from 9am-3pm. The price includes lunch. The fee per class is \$40 per person or \$70 per couple. You can register for the Oct class and pay at the meeting or mail the fee with your name, address, phone, and email address to Elm Fork Beekeepers Association, 301 S. Chestnut, Gainesville, TX 76240. There is limited space! So sign up early!

You can register and pay online! There is a fee for using PayPal so the online cost is \$42 per person, \$75 per couple. Dues is \$25 if paid by cash or check, \$27 if paid online.

Websites:

<https://honeybeehealthcoalition.org/varroa/>

Articles by Dr Jamie Ellis

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/h0xfamw26tbsz32/AADa6ntEDyQlxHMX4OeTnXHDa?dl=0>

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