



Elm Fork

Beekeepers Association

General Meeting Agenda, Oct 18, 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**
 - **501c3**
 - **Pat C de Baca – Vice President**
 - **Speakers**
 - **Monthly speakers/topics (your suggestions needed)**
 - **Mentor program**
 - **Secretary – Louann Barfknecht**
 - **September Minutes**
 - **Approved minutes are being posted in the members area of website**
 - **Treasurer – Julie Haza**
 - **Treasurers report**
 - **Webmaster – Byron Compton**
 - **Website & facebook updates**
 - **Hospitality – Michael Barber**
 - **Xmas Party**
 - **Advisor – Marty Morgan**
- **Need other board members and committees**
 - **Communications committee**
 - **Mentors**
- **Business**
 - **September Minutes**
 - **Training classes: Please promote our classes.**
 - **Members Xmas party this year, activity suggestions: (Chinese gift exchange, Hive painting contest?)**
 - **TBA conference Nov 8-10, Temple, TX**
- **Oct Monthly Tips**
 - **You should see an increase in brood build up. The queen is laying her winter bees.**
 - **Due to cooler nights queen may have moved her laying to the top hive box. Brood needs to be kept around 93° F**
 - **Remove Queen Excluders so bees can cluster**
 - **Weak hives should be combined with strong hives.**
 - **Fall nectar flow has started. Fall pollen and nectar should be available until first frost.**
 - **Check honey, pollen and brood pattern on frames. The girls need 30-50 lbs of honey stored for the winter.**

- Remove screened inner covers. Close up screened bottom boards if desired.
- Consider facing hives to the south. Tilt hives so rain will not run into the hive.
- Treat for varroa if needed.
- You may need a mouse guard, if not on a tall hive stand.
- A few currently blooming nectar plants:
 - Pigeon-berry (*Rivina humilis*)
 - Golden Rod (*several species*)
 - Narrow-leaf gayfeather (*Liatris mucronata*)
 - Rooseveltweed (*Baccharis neglecta*)
 - Amaranth (*several species*) common names: pigweed, red-root pigweed, quelite
 - Take pictures of bees on nectar plants and email to janrhodson@gmail.com or text to 214-417-9071
- Handy Tips and Tools:
 - Winter feeding
 - Notch or glue popsicle sticks to solid inner covers to give a small amount of ventilation to stop any condensation
- Door prize drawing (need donations)
- Program: Justin Hartman
- Meeting Close

Next meeting: November 15th, 6 pm social, 6:30 meeting, Landmark Bank

Training Classes: Oct 20 – Hive Management, 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.

Website:

elmforkbeekeepers.org

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