



## Elm Fork Beekeepers Association

### General Meeting Agenda, April 19, 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.

**Advocacy Prohibition:** The EFBA mission is to be an educational association. No part of the activities of EFBA shall be devoted to advocacy, lobbying, politically or privately promoting issues, agendas, or businesses or personal endeavors, by propaganda or otherwise, using the EFBA name or themselves as a EFBA member.

- **Welcome and Introduction to meeting**
  - Jan Hodson – President
  - Pat C de Baca – Vice President
  - Secretary – Barbara Henderson
  - Treasurer – Open
  
- **Need other board members and committees**
  - Hospitality
  - Communications
  - Webmaster
  
- **Goals**
  - TBA Membership
  - EIN
  - Monthly Speakers May: Hive Pests
  - Training Classes
  - Mentor program
  
- **April Monthly Tips**
  - Check honey, pollen and brood pattern
  - Feed syrup and pollen if needed
  - Replace non performing queens
  - Reverse hive bodies
  - Add box if brood is congested
  - Feed syrup if needed to draw out super foundation
  - If you use a queen excluder, do not add it until after the bees start to draw out comb in super.
  - Check for swarm and supersedure cells
  - Test for Varroa and treat if needed before adding supers
  - Check for other pests
  - Install new packages, nucs, or make splits
  - Have supers on hand
  - Nectar and pollen flow will start soon'

- **A few currently blooming nectar plants:**
  - **Indian Hawthorn**
  - **Yaupon Holly**
  - **Photinia**
  - **Rough Leaf Dogwood**
  - **Spiraea**
  - **Salvias and Sages**
  
- **Handy Tips and Tools:**
  - **Place your hive on a stand.**
  - **A big wagon will save you trips back for that thing you forgot.**
  - **A folding TV table will save your back.**
  - **Make your own screened inter-cover this month.**
  - **Drill vent holes in new deep hive bodies.**
  - **Use a journal**
  - **Have a box/bucket handy to dispose of burr comb and debris**
  
- **Door prize drawing**
- **Program on biology and swarms**
- **Meeting Close**

**Next meeting May 17<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm social, 6:30 meeting, Landmark Bank**