



Elm Fork

Beekeepers Association

General Meeting Agenda, May 16, 2019

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
 - TBA 2019 Summer Clinic will take place on June 22th in Conroe, TX
 - Cooke County Master Gardeners, Thursday, May 23,6:00pm, Landmark Bank
 - Mountain Springs Market, Saturday June 1st 9-noon
 - Michael Barber – Vice President
 - Speakers : June: Robin Young, July: Byron Compton
 - Mentor program
 - Scholarship Program
 - Secretary – Louann Barfknecht
 - March and April Minutes
 - Treasurer – Julie Haza
 - New member dues, renewals
 - Reports
 - Amazon Smile
 - Webmaster – Byron Compton
 - Communications – Robby Ayers
 - Hospitality – Melanie and Gary Clinton
- **Business**
 - Extraction Party Aug 17th, Mountain Springs Community Center
- **May Monthly Tips**
 - Continue to feed weak/nuc/package hives. Use entrance reducers or robbing screens when your yard has both new and established hives
 - Check hives for:
 - Swarm and supercedure cells
 - Brood and brood pattern
 - Full supers
 - Check for pests (starting to see SHB, moths, roaches, ants), strong hives will keep pests in check.
 - Honey flow continues. Do not medicate this month.
 - Put comb honey supers only on strong hives.
 - During good honey flow minimize brood box inspections.
 - Plan ahead to be sure and have supplies and containers for your honey crop.
- **A few currently blooming nectar plants:**
 - Prairie Parsley
 - Showy Primrose

- Honey Mesquite
- Green Milkweed
- Thistles
- Take pictures of bees on nectar plants and email to janrhodson@gmail.com or text to 214-417-9071
- **Handy Tips and Tools:**
 - **Make your own screened inter-cover(s) this month. Install when it gets hot and humid at night. If you see a large number of bees hanging on the exterior of the hive they could use some ventilation.**
 - **Drill vent holes in new deep hive bodies. I use 5/8 in bits. I get corks at Hobby Lobby.**
 - **Robbing screen**
 - **How to install a queen Video by Randy Oliver (Oliver's Honey Bees website) <https://www.ohbees.com/collections/queen-bees>**
- **Door prize drawing**
- **Program: Justin Hartman –**
- **Meeting Close**

Next meeting: June 20, Robin Young, 6 pm social, 6:30 meeting, Landmark Bank

Website:

elmforkbeekeepers.org

Amazon Smile:

EFBA charity link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/61-1883488>

Board Meetings:

Members are always welcome at our board meetings. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month from 3-5pm at the extension office 301 S. Chestnut, Gainesville. Except, July 4th, that meeting will be held on the last Thursday in June.

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.