



Our Topic this Month: Tim Banum - Feeding

Please join us on Nov 17th, doors open at 6pm meeting
starts at 6:30pm

VFW Hall

Announcements

We did not get any suggestions for our Christmas party in December.

Since we have not had good attendance the last two years.

The board decided to **Cancel the December Meeting/Party** due to a lack of interest by the membership.

Board Member Elections this month:

- **President: Tim Branam**
- **Vice President: Stan Brandon**
- **Treasurer: Kim Lester**
- **Secretary: Connie Hutchins**
- **Nominations for a new director at large will be taken from the floor at the meeting.**
- **All other board members are appointed by the board.**
- **Please contact a board member if you are interested in serving.**



Mark your Calendar: 2023 Beekeeping Classes

This course consists of 3 sessions.

Saturday, January 28, 2023 Basic Beekeeping

This class covers: bee biology, standard equipment, choosing the best hive location, installation of a package or nucleus of bees.

Saturday, February 25, 2023 Hive Management

This class will focus on honey bee colony management. First year management and second year/ongoing seasonal hive management, pest and disease management.

Saturday, March 25, 2023 Advanced Hive Management

This class will cover re-queening, increases, simple queen rearing, laws, extractions and preparing to market hive products.

Location: North Central Texas College, building 500, Gainesville TX.

Times: 9am-4pm

Fee: \$120 for all three classes. The price includes snacks, lunch and course books.

November Monthly Tips:

- Check to make sure that paradichlorobenzene (PDB) crystals in stored supers haven't evaporated.
- Install entrance reducers/mouse guards
- Provide a wind break from cold north winds. Consider facing hives to the south. Be sure to tilt hives so rain will not run into the hive.
- Use two deeps or a deep and a medium to over winter. The top box should be full of honey. If the top box does not have at least 35 lbs of honey, feed sugar syrup.
- Check the weight of the top box every other week.
- Only go into hives on warm sunny days. Preferably 65 degrees or higher outside temperatures
- Weak hives (fewer than two frames of bees) should be combined with strong hives.
- Treat for varroa if needed. Use oxalic acid when there is no capped brood left.
- Winter is a good time to begin preparing for next year.



A few blooming nectar plants:

- ▶ Roses
 - ▶ Bastard Cabbage
 - ▶ Plant bulbs for spring
 - ▶ Plant wildflowers, vetch, and clovers
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- ▶ Take pictures of bees on nectar plants and email to janrhodson@gmail.com or text to 214-417-9071

Mutabilis Rose

Family: Rose
China perennial

Mutabilis was introduced prior to 1894 and is one of the most famous and beloved of the old garden roses. Amazing medium sized single blossoms that pass through three distinct color phases (hence the name Mutabilis, since the blooms “mutate” in color) beginning with yellow, changing to pink, and finally to crimson. Mutabilis is also known as “The Butterfly Rose” because its blossoms look like brightly colored butterflies that have landed on the bush. Named 2005 “Earth-Kind® Rose of the Year” by Texas AgriLife Extension Service, this is a large, attractive shrub that is supremely easy to grow and has great heat tolerance making it well suited for growing in the South. Be sure to give it plenty of room to grow. Can also be pruned to form a spectacular rose tree 8’ to 10’ in height.



Bastard Cabbage

***Rapistum Rugosum* (Mustard family)**
Introduced invasive, native to Eurasia and parts of Africa, annual
Bloom: All year if conditions are right.

Photos by: Michael Barber





Elephant Garlic



Hyacinth

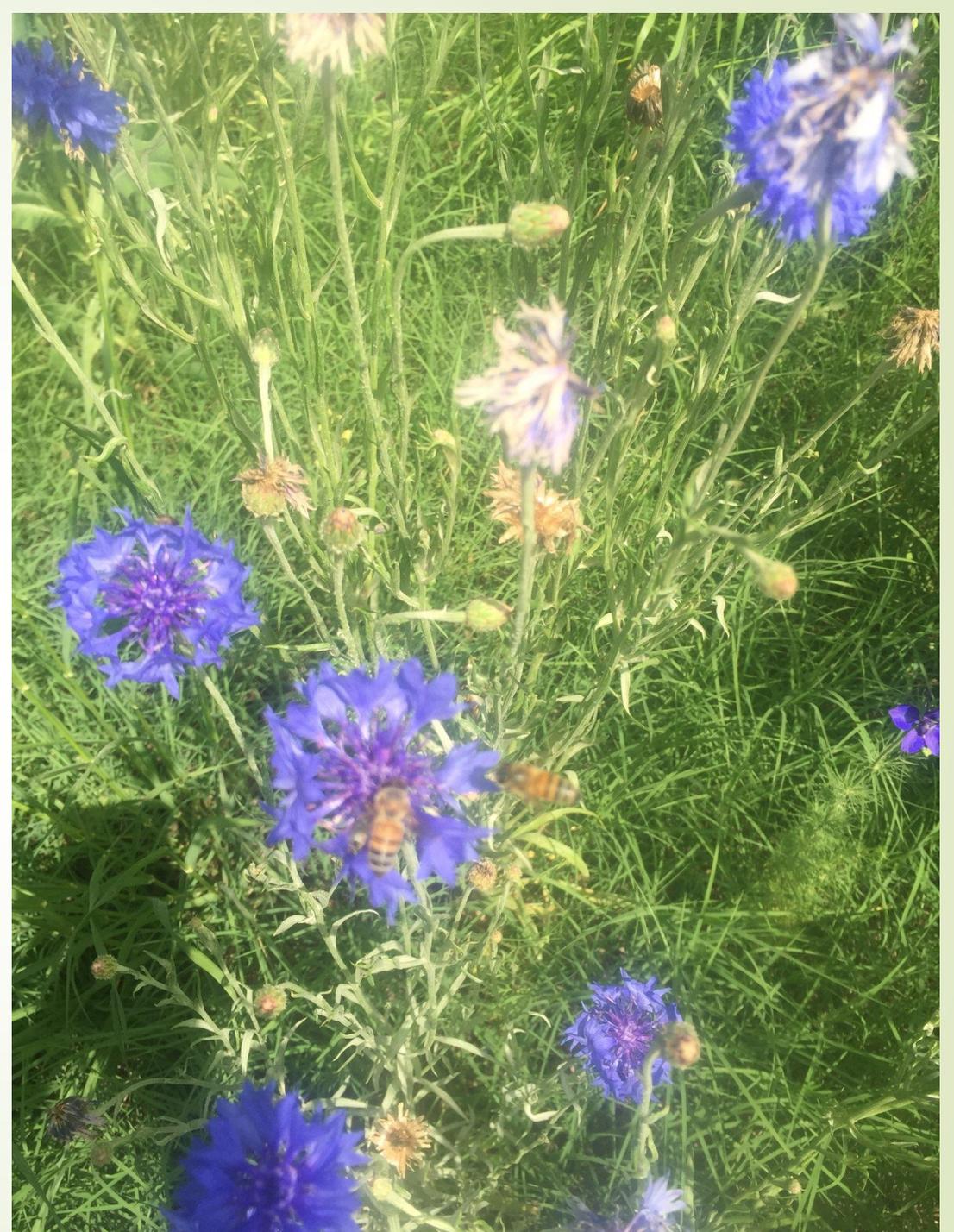


Bachelor Button/
Cornflower *Centaurea
cyanus* Family: Asterceae
(sunflower family) Tender
perennial/annual in this
area.

Introduced European
wildflower

Flowers can be added to
salads, remove pistils and
stamens from flowers
before eating.

Photo by: S. Richburg



Bee Balm



Crimson Clover



Hairy Vetch



Bundle Flower





Little Stingers:

You have to be crazy...

A husband and wife in a rush to attend an event discovered they had locked the car with the key in the switch. After trying unsuccessfully to open the door with a coat hanger. They called roadside assistance. The mechanic arrived and used a flat piece of metal to unlock the door in a flash. Thanking him wholeheartedly, the husband commented. "That sure would be a handy gadget to have. Do they make a purse model?" "Yeah," the mechanic said with a grin. "It's called a key."

Racehorse Owner E.R Bradley had all his horses' names begin with the letter B, including one called Bad News. When asked why he gave the horse a name with such a negative connotation, Bradley explained, "Bad News travels fast."

Television is an invention whereby you can be entertained in your living room by people you wouldn't have in your house. – David Frost

Lawyer to client: "in my profession, there's no such thing as free speech."