



Elm Fork

Beekeepers Association

General Meeting Agenda, June 20, 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
 - Mountain Springs Market, Saturday June 1st 9-noon
 - TBA 2019 Summer Clinic will take place on June 22th in Conroe, TX
 - Pollinator Project
 - Cooke County Master Gardeners, Thursday, June 27, 6:00-7:30pm, Landmark Bank
 - Michael Barber – Vice President
 - Speakers : July: Byron Compton
 - Mentor program
 - Scholarship Program
 - Secretary – Louann Barfknecht
 - May Minutes
 - Treasurer – Julie Haza
 - Dues
 - Reports
 - Amazon Smile
 - Webmaster – Byron Compton
 - Communications – Robby Ayers
 - Hospitality – Melanie and Gary Clinton
- **Business**
 - Extraction Party Aug 17th, Mountain Springs Community Center
- **June Monthly Tips**
 - Nectar flow winding down mid-July this year due to the cooler rainy weather.
 - Do not medicate hives during honey flow.
 - Add super if box is 75% full.
 - You can harvest when the honey is at least $\frac{3}{4}$ capped and passes a shake test.
 - Capped honey may be harvested and the empty frames returned to the hive for the bees to cleanup residual honey.
 - Watch out for robbing!
 - Freeze empty frames of comb for several days to kill any pest eggs/larva before storing.
 - Check for swarm and supersedure cells.
 - Check brood pattern on frames.
 - Stay out of the brood box as much as possible. Disturbances during honey flow can reduce production
 - Check for other pests (SHB, moths, roaches, ants), strong hives will keep pests in check.
 - Keep your girls cool! Provide a close clean water source and ventilation.

- **A few currently blooming nectar plants:**
 - Vitex/Chaste Tree (Non-Native, Europe & Asia , Species: Vitex Agnus Castus)
 - Crapemyrtle Tree (Non-Native, China, Species: Lagerstroemia Indica)
 - Privet
 - Basil
 - Cilantro
 - Thyme
 - Purple Prairie Clover (Native Perennial, Species: Dalea Purpurea Family: Fabaceae, Legume Family)
 - Monarda: Horse Mint/Spotted Bee Balm/Bee Balm
 - 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 frame butler
 - PlantSnap app
 - Byron – hive scan tool/app
- **Door prize drawing**
- **Program: Robin Young**
- **Meeting Close**

Next meeting: July 18, Byron Compton – Harvesting Your Honey, 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, June 27th.

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.