

Our Topic this Month: Getting Ready for Winter!



Please join us on Sept 15th, doors open at 6pm meeting
starts at 6:30pm

VFW Hall

Announcements

We approved a new Scholarship Application!

Lilly Mask, age 11 (will be 12 years old, Jan 2023)

Lilly lives in the Whitesboro area, plays volleyball on the Red River Rattlers Team, and attends Denton Bible Church.

Lilly and I not only share an interest in bees and flowers, but we also share Oct 13th as birthdays.

We are still looking for additional scholarship kids. If you know anyone that would be a good candidate please point them to the application on our website.

Announcements

- Elections are coming up in November and we need volunteers for an elections committee and people willing to step up into a board position. Some board members have served multiple years and are ready to move on. Please consider serving, most positions only require a few hours a month.
- Dues are Due! Our renewal for dues was in July. If you have not renewed please drop a \$25 check in the mail to:

Elm Fork Beekeepers Assn.

301 S. Chestnut

Gainesville, TX 76240

Or, pay online through our website.

2022

**FALL SEMINAR
KEYNOTE
SPEAKER**

CANTON, TEXAS

September 24, 2022

**Jeff Horchoff "Mr. Ed"
St. Joseph Abbey, LA
BEEKEEPING AT THE ABBEY**



TICKETS
\$25



**PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED.
TICKET SALES ARE LIMITED.**

**EVENT SCHEDULE &
REGISTRATION AT**

NETBABEEKS.ORG





September Monthly Tips:

- You should see an increase in brood build up. The queen is laying her winter bees.
- Failing queens need to be replaced now! Very weak hives (two frames of bees) should be combined with strong hives.
- It is a good time to do some fall splits of large hives.
- Check honey, pollen and brood pattern on frames. Feed if needed.
- Fall nectar flow has started. The girls need 30-50 lbs of honey stored for the winter.
- Keep an eye on the nighttime temperatures. Start thinking about winterizing.
- Test and treat for varroa if needed. Keep SHB in check.
- You may need a mouse guard, if not on a tall hive stand.



A few blooming nectar plants:

I'm starting to see some plants recover from the drought. Most of the cracks in the yard are gone or shrank from large enough to hide an armadillo to hiding a roly-poly. Of course, that was in the mowed areas with non-native grasses. The areas with native grasses didn't have big cracks. Hmm...

- ▶ Slender Bush Clover (Fabaceae Lespedeza Virginica) Native perennial
 - ▶ Garlic Chives (Allium Tuberosum) China, perennial
 - ▶ Common Annual Sunflower (Asteraceae Helianthus species) Native
 - ▶ Maximillian Sunflower (Asteraceae Helianthus Maximiliani)) Native perennial
 - ▶ Golden Rod (There are several species)
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- ▶ Take pictures of bees on nectar plants and email to janrhodson@gmail.com or text to 214-417-9071

Slender Bush Clover

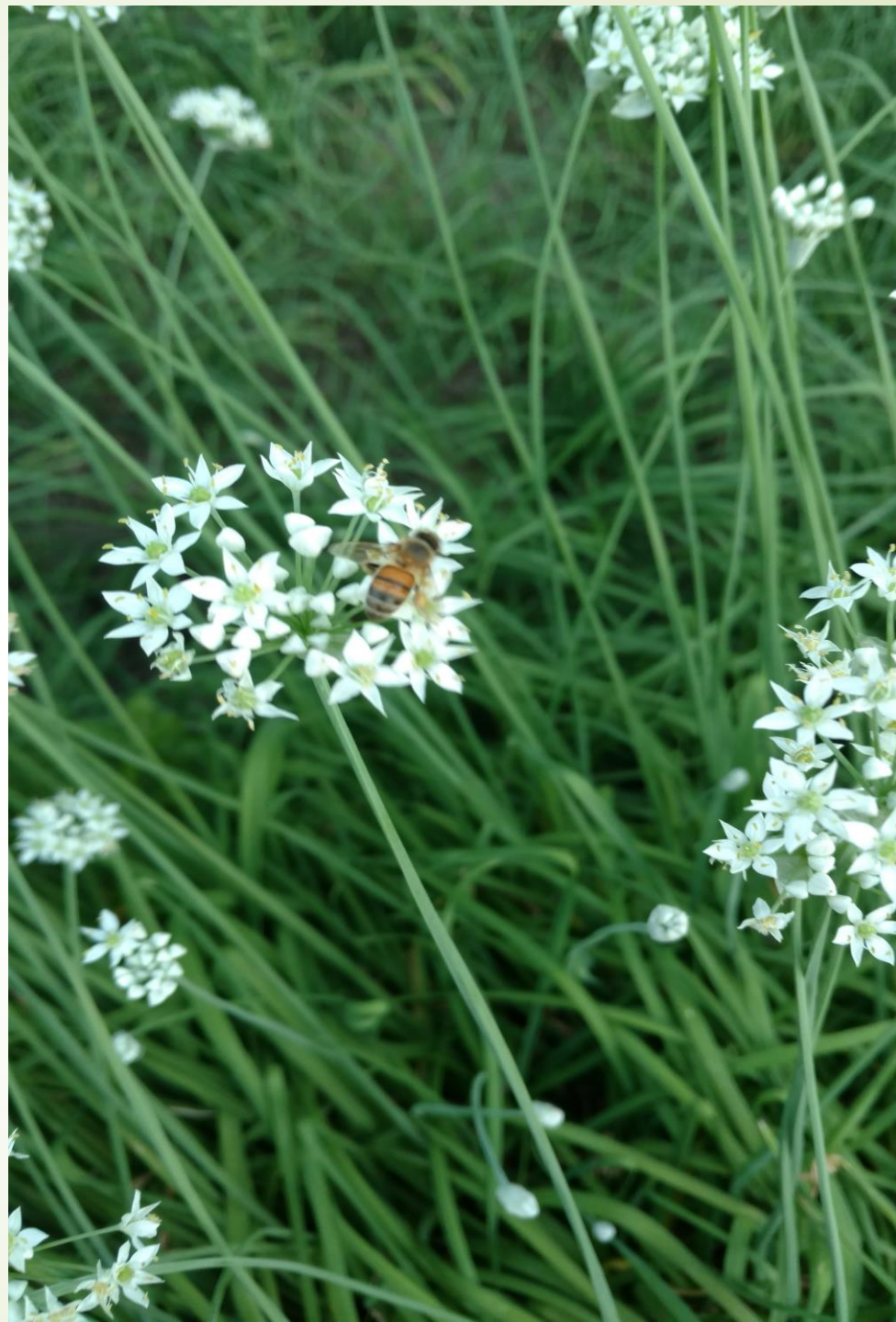
Fabaceae Lespedeza Virginica
Native perennial

2-3 ft tall
Full sun



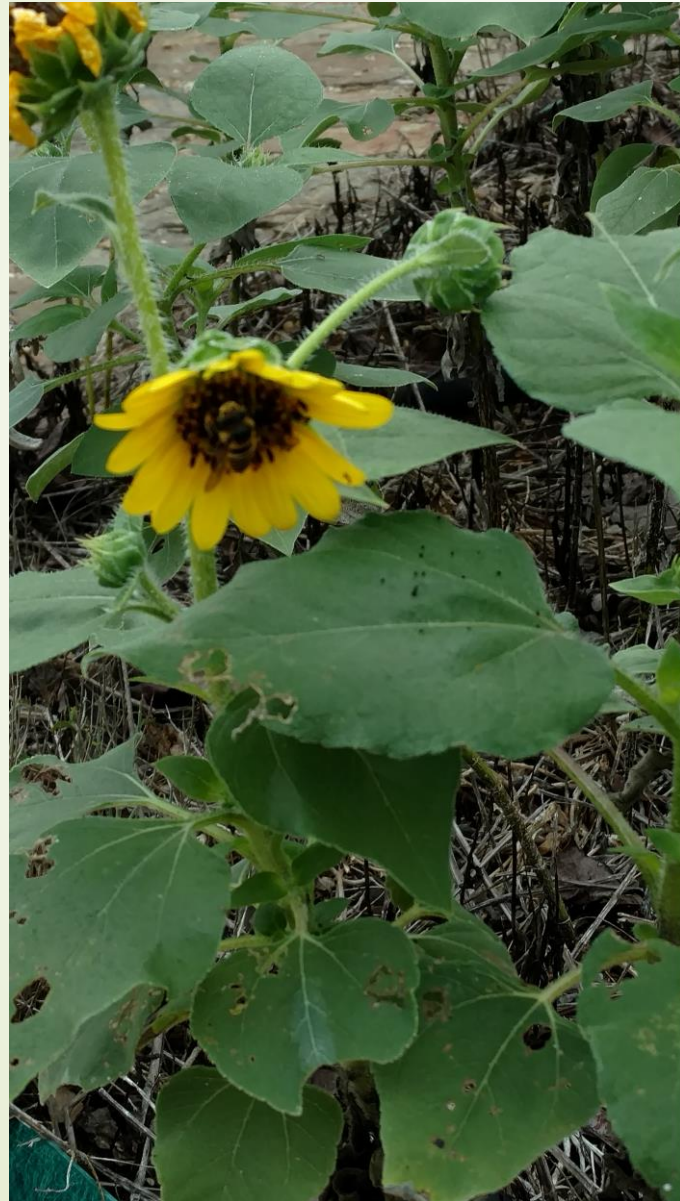
Garlic Chives

Allium Tuberosum
China, perennial



Common Annual Sunflower

Asteraceae Helianthus species, Native



Maximilian Sunflower

Asteraceae Helianthus Maximiliani
Native perennial



Golden Rod

(several species)



Golden Rod, Tall

Solidago canadensis

Asteraceae (*Sunflower family*)

Native perennial

Bloom: Sept-November



Golden Rod, Downy

Solidago petiolaris

Asteraceae (*Sunflower family*)

Native perennial

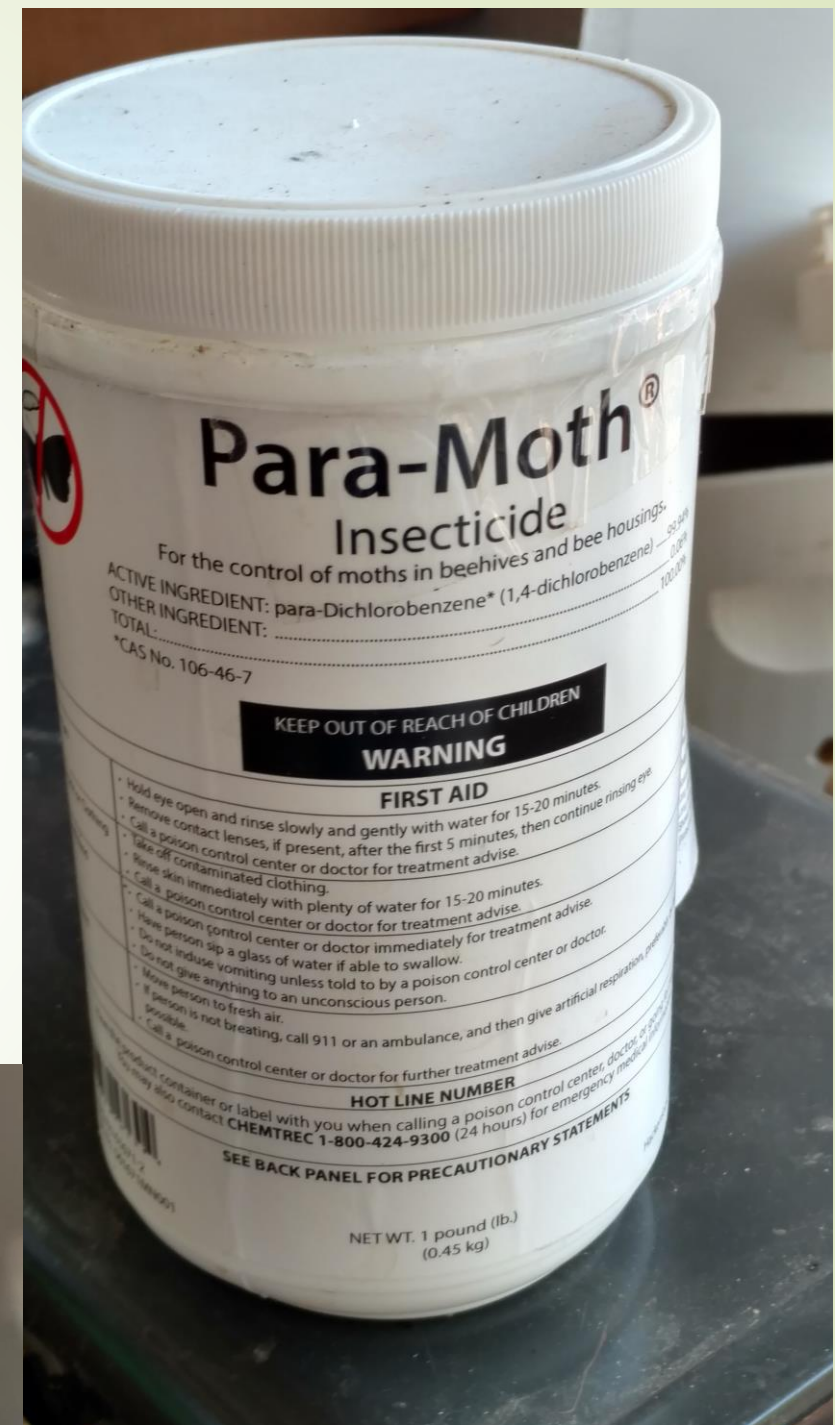
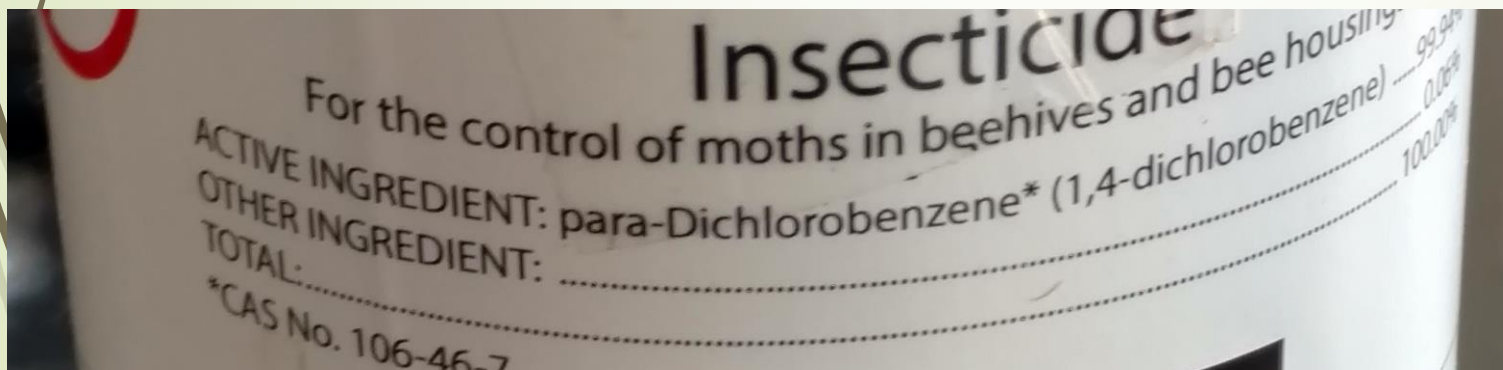
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Other Species: *altissima*, *sparsiflora*



Tips and Tools: Storing Frames & Dealing with Wax Moths

- Para-Dichlorobenzene 99.9%
- Does not kill moths or larva, just repels
- Freeze frames before storing with crystals. (This kills SHB and greater wax moth larva.)
- Stack boxes with frames on a solid surface.
- Do not leave openings or gaps
- Place a paper towel or sheet of paper on top of frames pour crystals on paper and close top with cover.
- Replace crystals when they evaporate.
- Air out frames before using in the spring.



Tips and Tools: Dealing with Wax Moths

- You can use Para Moth balls
- Para-Dichlorobenzene 99.9%
- Just be careful, do not use Naphthalene it will kill bees
- You can find these at Target, Winco, and Walmart

This product can treat up to 62.5 cu. ft.

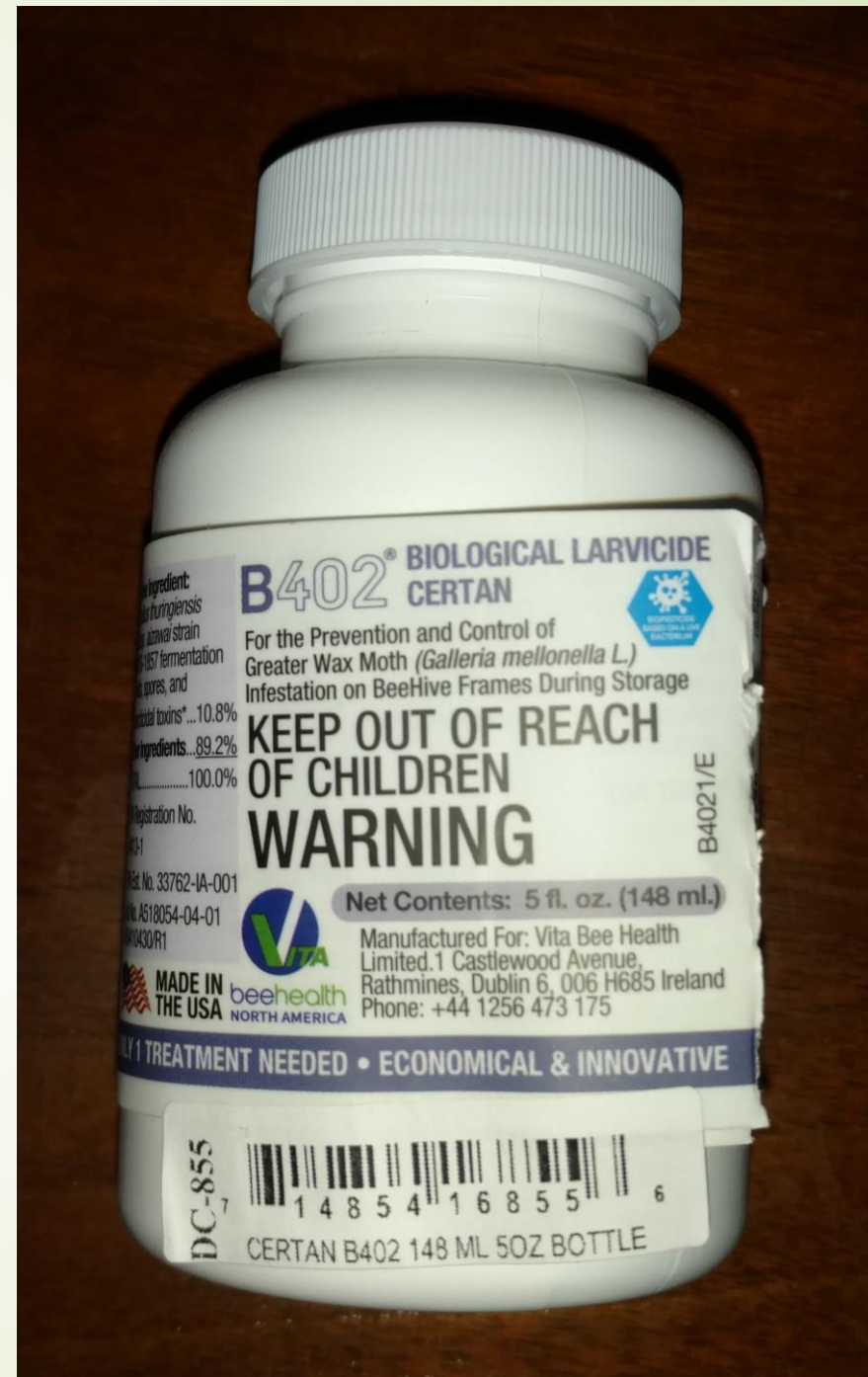
KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN
MANTÉNGASE FUERA DEL ALCANCE DE LOS NIÑOS
ADVERTENCIA

ACTIVE INGREDIENT: p-Dichlorobenzene 99.90%
OTHER INGREDIENTS: 0.10%
TOTAL 100.00%



Tips and Tools: Dealing with Wax Moths

- B402 Certan – Active bacteria *Bacillus Thuringiensis*
- One part B402 to 19 parts water (5% spray solution)
- Apply to 5% spray solution to frames before placing in storage.
 - 1oz oz on each deep frame
 - 2/3 oz per medium frame
 - ½ oz per shallow frame
- Let dry completely before storing
- Kills wax moth larva when they feed.
- Read the label closely!





Little Stingers:

You have to be crazy...

Ever wonder why the IRS calls it Form 1040? For every \$50 you earn, you get \$10 and they get \$40.

In a 1995 Readers Digest: Did you hear about the new computer Apple has developed, small enough to be carried in a fanny pack? It will be called the Macintush. (20 years later: They call them Iphones and people put them in their back pocket. I think Macintush is a better fit.)

New bride to husband: "Nonsense, dear. It's just a coincidence that I never liked you until you won the lottery."

Our neighbor, the president of a local bank, was ironing a clean shirt to wear to work one morning. "I'll bet," he said to his wife, "that I'm the only businessman ironing his own shirt this morning." "You're probably right," she agreed, "That's because you didn't do it last night."

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Mañana is often the busiest day of the week.