



## Elm Fork

### Beekeepers Association

#### General Meeting Agenda, Oct 18, 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.**

- **Welcome and Officer reports**
  - **Jan Hodson – President**
    - **501c3**
  - **Pat C de Baca – Vice President**
    - **Speakers**
    - **Monthly speakers/topics (your suggestions needed)**
    - **Mentor program**
  - **Secretary – Louann Barfknecht**
    - **September Minutes**
    - **Approved minutes are being posted in the members area of website**
  - **Treasurer – Julie Haza**
    - **Treasurers report**
  - **Webmaster – Byron Compton**
    - **Website & facebook updates**
  - **Hospitality – Michael Barber**
    - **Xmas Party**
  - **Advisor – Marty Morgan**
- **Need other board members and committees**
  - **Communications committee**
  - **Mentors**
- **Business**
  - **September Minutes**
  - **Training classes: Rescheduled to Jan 19, Feb 16, March 23**
  - **Members Xmas party this year, activity suggestions: (Chinese gift exchange, Hive painting contest?)**
  - **TBA conference Nov 8-10, Temple, TX**
- **Oct Monthly Tips**
  - **You should see an increase in brood build up. The queen is laying her winter bees.**
  - **Due to cooler nights queen may have moved her laying to the top hive box. Brood needs to be kept around 93° F**
  - **Remove Queen Excluders so bees can cluster**
  - **Weak hives should be combined with strong hives.**
  - **Fall nectar flow has started. Fall pollen and nectar should be available until first frost.**
  - **Check honey, pollen and brood pattern on frames. The girls need 30-50 lbs of honey stored for the winter.**

- Remove screened inner covers. Close up screened bottom boards if desired.
- Consider facing hives to the south. Tilt hives so rain will not run into the hive.
- Treat for varroa if needed.
- You may need a mouse guard, if not on a tall hive stand.
- A few currently blooming nectar plants:
  - Pigeon-berry (*Rivina humilis*)
  - Golden Rod (*several species*)
  - Narrow-leaf gayfeather (*Liatris mucronata*)
  - Rooseveltweed (*Baccharis neglecta*)
  - Amaranth (*several species*) common names: pigweed, red-root pigweed, quelite
  - Take pictures of bees on nectar plants and email to [janrhodson@gmail.com](mailto:janrhodson@gmail.com) or text to 214-417-9071
- Handy Tips and Tools:
  - Winter feeding
  - Notch or glue popsicle sticks to solid inner covers to give a small amount of ventilation to stop any condensation
- Door prize drawing (need donations)
- Program: Justin Hartman
- Meeting Close

Next meeting: November 15th, 6 pm social, 6:30 meeting, Landmark Bank

Native plant Books:

- Range Plants of North Central Texas – Ricky Linex
- Wildflowers of Texas – Geyata Ajilvsgi
- Texas Wildflowers – Campbell and Loughmiller
- Texas Range Plants – Stephan Hatch and Jennifer Plubar
- Remarkable Plants of Texas – Matt Warnock Turner
- Native Texas Plants Landscaping Region by Region – Sally and Andy Wasowski
- Illustrated Flora of North Central Texas - BRIT

Website:

[elmforkbeekeepers.org](http://elmforkbeekeepers.org)

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