



Elm Fork Beekeepers Association

General Meeting Agenda: Sept 19, 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**
 - **Vice President – Michael Barber (Jan Hodson is out of town)**
 - **TBA Convention November 8-9th, Hilton San Antonio Airport**
 - **If you're into contests, TBA convention in November**
 - **Center Piece Contest**
 - **Honey Contests**
 - **Speakers**
 - **Mentor Program**
 - **Scholarship for 2020**
 - **Nominations committee**
 - **Secretary – Louann Barfknecht**
 - **August Minutes**
 - **Treasurer – Julie Haza (Julie is on vacation)**
 - **Dues**
 - **Reports (\$2,109.28 bank balance, 48 members in good standing)**
 - **Webmaster – Byron Compton**
 - **Hospitality – Melanie and Gary Clinton**
- **Sept 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:**
 - **Slender Bush Clover (Fabaceae Lespedeza Virginica) Native perennial**
 - **Garlic Chives (Allium Tuberosum) China, perennial**
 - **Maximillian Sunflower (Asteraceae Helianthus Maximiliani) Native perennial**
 - **Autumn Joy Sedum (hybrid, origin China) Perennial, all parts poisonous**
 - **Zexmenia (Asteraceae Wedelia Hispida) Native to southern Texas, Perennial**
 - **Golden Rod (several species)**

- Take pictures of bees on nectar plants and email to janrhodson@gmail.com or text to 214-417-9071
- Handy Tips and Tools: Bee vacuum
- Door prize drawing
- Program: Byron Compton – Bees wax
- Meeting Close

Next meeting: Oct 17th, 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.

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.