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EJ'S NEWS

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DECEMBER SALE!!!

CLUB MEETING at

Jefferson County Library

**Saturday,
December 14th**

9:00 a.m.

**SET UP FOR
FESTIVITIES**

**9:30 A.M.
FESTIVITIES
START**

**BRING YOUR
HONEY
SAMPLES FOR
OUR 2019
HONEY
TASTING**

EJ Bee Keepers,

You are all invited to the end of the year gathering of EJ Bees on Sat. Dec. 14 at the Jefferson County Library at 9:30 AM. We are going to set up a facsimile of our "bee booth" that we did for the Jefferson County Fair in August and have some lively discussion about what went right and what went wrong this year.

We will also have some honey treats including the heavenly baklava made by Susan Thomas and some honey tasting. It might be a good time to start the discussion of how to plan a tour with Apiary Dave Noble. We are also planning to attend the Sue Comey lecture in February in Port Angeles.

Join us if you can,

Rich

Sue Cobey will be presenting at the North Olympic Peninsula Bee Association (NOPBA) at the Port Angeles Library in Port Angeles on Sunday, Feb. 9th at 12:30 PM. This should be a rewarding talk for anyone interested in a scientific approach to bee research.

Sue Cobey is a lifetime bee researcher who managed several honey bee research labs, including those at UC Davis and Ohio State University (one of her students being Dave Noble who talked to our club in Sept.). She has also worked at the USDA Honey Bee Lab, Baton Rouge, and in commercial queen rearing production in Florida and California. She is probably best known for her development of the New World Carniolan strain of bees that many of us use. She is also involved in importing germ plasma (bee sperm) from several strains to try to diversify the genetic s of American bee lines.

Below is a link to click for more information....

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1RXD-wKwdvN-YpbCLE09FouizOB0iNRwV/view?usp=sharing>

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MEETING AND ACTIVITY

CO-ORDINATORS:

Tony Goldenberg, Harry Prather, &
Gloria Neal

Bee Keepers,

This is one of the researchers recommended by Apiary Dave Noble in a long webinar talking about his research dealing with Varroa and fat bodies (bee livers). A real joy for scientifically minded people.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DK2Xi0ST4rA>

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

EJ Beekeepers...

Our last meeting for 2019 is coming up on the 14th of December. Family members and non-members are also invited to attend. We will be ending the year with a beekeepers finale' with a look at the last years' activities, and would love to hear any funny "bee" stories you would like to share.

If you missed the fair, here is your chance to appreciate all the work that went into making it successful. Displays will be set up for your viewing.

Bring your favorite HONEY DESSERTS to share with the club. and A SAMPLE OF YOUR 2019 HONEY for our honey tasting .

It will be a great time of sharing and getting in all those conversations that we never have enough time for after the meetings.

WE COULD USE SOME HELP SETTING UP AT 9 O'CLOCK, IN ORDER TO BE READY BY 9:30, SO PLEASE ,CONSIDER COMING AND LENDING A HAND. (or TWO)

That's the buzz for December.

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BEEZWAX



By John Martin

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These are taken from Dave Noble's slide show that was sent to NOPBA. He has some really super techniques. These are taken from a power point presentation and are therefore not in the best format.

Shared by Rich Thomas

Introduction to QUEEN REARING Mating: Some stats Mating flights: Queens -68oF / > 0.7mifrom hive / 2:30-4:00 true local time Drones -64oF / < 0.6mifrom hive / 2-5 true local time

When requeening:

1. Order a new queen 2.3-4 days before new queen arrives, find and cage old queen 3. Switch out cages (old for new)
1. Queens are 'introduced' into the brood nest surrounded by nurse bees. 2. Pheromone (queen and brood) levels remain somewhat constant.

The Problem with walk away splits: • Daughter queens CANNOT change/improve genetics • Longer brood breaks → impact population; • Poor quality queens emerge first (diet and timing)

BUZZ-WORTHY PLANTS FOR DECEMBER



WINTER HEATHER

Winter Heathers give our honey bees a good source of nectar and pollen during the winter months, when not too much is available for them.

Some heathers require alkaline soil, but the winter heaths, Erica x darleyensis, Erica Erigena and Erica camea grow in all soil types, and in full sun or partial shade, as long as their roots are not constantly waterlogged.

It's so wonderful, in the middle of winter to see our "girls," on a sunny day, foraging their little hearts out gathering that much needed fresh nectar and pollen.



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FUTURE CLUB ACTIVITIES

If you would like to help make our activities happen, let us know at the club meeting or contact Rich Thomas at:

richandsusi@cablespeed.com

For information on club activities or schedule changes, please check the club website for updates.

Ejbees.org

Our thanks to Mike Edwards for keeping our website current

GoodReading recommended by Tony Goldenberg

Click on the link below...

<https://www.honeybeesuite.com/wintertime-reading-for->

[beepeople/?fbclid=IwAR0neQvZkYFxlmeAa04GmysAsDURUWyWFASMuqnZUK3Tq7g81KVy-](https://www.facebook.com/beepeople/?fbclid=IwAR0neQvZkYFxlmeAa04GmysAsDURUWyWFASMuqnZUK3Tq7g81KVy-)

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DECEMBER'S HONEYDO LIST

* Your bees will need between 60 to 120 lbs of honey for their winter supplies.

* Many beekeepers are now using fondant boards with a quilt board above to give food, ventilation and insulation for their colonies during the winter months.

From Scientific Beekeeping May 2010.

“The bees have their definite plan for life, perfected through countless ages, and nothing you can do will ever turn them from it. You can delay their work, or you can even thwart it altogether, but no one has ever succeeded in changing a single principle in bee-life. And so the best bee-master is always the one who most exactly obeys the orders from the hive” —

from The Bee-master of Warrilow, Ticknor Edwards, 1920

(Thanks, Rich for sharing this!)

Bee keepers,

Here is a good article describing the next threat according to Dr. Sam Ramsey to our honey bees. This is quite an eye opening article for me and shows that there will be a never ending fight against these parasites.

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6737106/>

Rich Thomas

BUZZING WITH



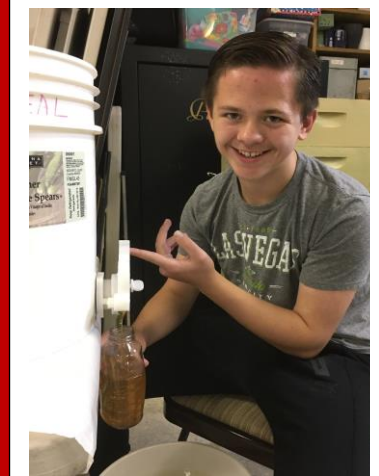
Blake

Bee-lieve me. It's a fact!

The practice of beekeeping dates back

at least 4,500 years

.....Blake



KEEP BUZZING WITH BLAKE

Oxalic Acid treatments for your bees

For information, call Gloria and leave a message for Blake.

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He will return your call....360-301-1850

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Frank Neal- Ph. # 360-301-1850...

(If stopping by, PLEASE CALL AHEAD)

Merry Christmas to all our beekeeping friends!

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(While supplies last)

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