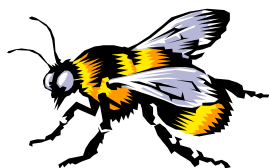


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**Beekeepers
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May 2013

President's Corner

From the President's Hive Stand

May has turned into a very busy month with the meeting, Cracker Creek's Cracker Day Event on the 25th and getting things ready for the June 1st public Day in the Bee Yard. Jill (of Cracker Creek) has asked the Bee Club to support Port Orange's 100 birthday anniversary Cracker Day event by manning a booth to talk bees and inform the public about Honey Bee History in Florida. The open to the public, day in the bee yard is starting to come together which will also help our members going for their Master Beekeeper Cert. by giving classes to the public. If that's not enough the girls are starting to put on honey in a big way and I've already pulled almost 100 lbs. of honey off two hives for the first pull more to get off within the month, I hope your girls are doing well.

Hive maintenance at this time of year is primarily making sure your bees have enough room and feed the young hives to get them off to a good start. Nurse bee congestion is one of the primary triggers for swarming so give them room but not so much that the hive beetles cause problems. If you've requeened make sure the young queen has a good pattern because there is no guaranty she'll be perfect.

I'm going to make another attempt at showing the requeening video so wish me luck.

Best Wishes
Marlin Athearn
President: Beekeepers of Volusia Co. Fl.

Events of Interest to Beekeepers

May 22—Beekeepers of Volusia County Meeting—6:30 pm—Volusia County Ag Center

Check out the Full Moon Native Nursery for the 2013 Seminar Schedule.

May 25—Cracker Day at Cracker Creed

June 01—Beekeepers of Volusia County, a day in the bee yard—Cracker Creek detail to follow

June 26, - Beekeepers of Volusia County Meeting—6:30 pm—Volusia County Ag Center



Hello Beekeepers of Volusia County

If you have a strong hive and a good Nectar your bees have made some honey to harvest. Here are some tools you may need:

**Capping Scratcher or Knife
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**Extractor:
Tangential or Radial (Radial is better)
Manual or Electric**

**Bottling containers:
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5 gal Buckets w/ pouring valve**

Extract near a source of warm water

A couple hours of your time

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“The happiness of the bee and the dolphin is to exist For man it is to know that and to wonder at it. Jacques Yves Cousteau

Florida Management Beekeeper Calendar – Central Florida

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Month	Management Calendar	Blooming Plants
January	1- Feed colonies if light (colonies can starve!) 2- Nosema can be a significant colony problem this time of year. You can treat colonies for Nosema disease using Fumigillin. Colonies may need as much as 4 gallons of medicated syrup to control <i>Nosema ceranae</i> . 3- Repair/paint old equipment	Sand Pine ^F , Maple ^F , Willow ^{FM} ^F continues to bloom in February ^{FM} continues to bloom in February and March
February	1- Feed colonies if light (colonies can starve!) 2- Can treat colonies for Nosema disease using Fumigillin. 3- Can treat with Terramycin or Tylan for AFB.	Plum ^M , Cherry ^M , Oak ^M , Walther Viburnum ^M , Sweet Clover ^M , Blueberry ^M , Haw ^M , Fetterbush ^M ^M continues to bloom in March
March Note: Citrus blooms in March. Make sure your colonies are ready. Talk with your growers about their pesticide habits.	1- Attend UF Bee College in Marineland March 8 & 9!!! 2- Colony Populations begin to grow! Add supers and/or control swarming as necessary. 3- Can treat with Terramycin or Tylan <i>dust</i> for AFB/EFB. 4- Make nucs/splits.	Orange, Spanish Needle
April	1- Disease and queen problems should be remedied. 2- Make splits/nucs – new queens available 3- Control swarming 4- Add supers, the nectar flow began in late March	Orange, Sweet clover, Wild Blueberry, Haw, Fetterbush ^M , Spanish Needle ^{MJ} , Galberry ^M , Dog Hobble ^{MJ} , Palmetto ^{MJ} , Mexican Clover ^{MJ} , Butter Mint ^{MJ} ^M continues to bloom in May ^J continues to bloom in June ^{MJ} continues to bloom in May and June
May	1- Continue to inspect for colony maladies but don't treat for diseases while producing honey 2- Continue swarm control 3- Super as necessary	Palm ^J , Gopher Apple ^J , Joint Weed ^J , Sandhill Prairie Clover ^J , Spiderwort/Dayflower ^J ^J continues to bloom in June



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Month	Management Calendar	Blooming Plants
June	1- Super as necessary for late flowers 2- Varroa populations begin to grow – monitor colonies closely. The economic threshold is 60+ mites/day on a sticky screen or 17+ mites in an ether roll. Treat if you exceed these numbers.	Mangrove, Red Bay, Cabbage Palm
July	1- Remove and process honey – main flow stops 2- Varroa populations begin to grow – monitor colonies closely. The economic threshold is 60+ mite/day on a sticky screen or 17+ mites in an ether roll for a colony of average strength. Treat if you exceed these numbers. Option include: Apigard, ApilifeVAR, Mite Away II.	Spanish Needle ^{AS} , Palmetto, Mexican Clover ^{AS} , Buttermint, Palm, Gopher Apple, Joint Weed ^A , Redbay ^{AS} , Sandhill Prairie Clover ^A , Partridge Pea ^A , Mangrove ^A , Primrose Willow ^{AS} , Spiderwort/Dayflower ^{AS} ^A continues to bloom in August ^{AS} continues to bloom in September
August	1- Monitor colonies for varroa (see July)! 2- Treat with Terramycin <i>dust</i> for AFB/EFB 3- Feed colonies if light 4-Monitor for and control small hive beetles 5- It's hot! Ensure adequate colony ventilation	Spotted Mint ^S , Goldenrod ^S , Vine Aster ^S , Sumac ^S ^S continues to bloom in September
September	1- Monitor colonies for varroa (see July)! 2- Super colonies if strong B. Pepper flow 3- Consider treating colonies for Nosema disease using Fumidil-B. Colonies may need as much as 4 gallons of medicated syrup to control <i>Nosema cerana</i> . 5- If no nectar flow, feed colonies if light	Smart Weed, Brazilian Pepper, Bush Aster Note: Brazilian Pepper blooms from September through October and is a significant fall source of nectar for bees.
October – December	1- Varroa populations peaked in Aug/Sept. The economic threshold is 60+ mites/day on a sticky board or 17+ mites in an ether roll for a colony of average strength . Treat if you exceed these numbers. Options include: Apiguard, ApilifeVAR, Mite Away II 2- Can treat colonies for Nosema disease using Fumigillin. Colonies may need as much as 4 gallons of medicated syrup to control <i>Nosema cerana</i> . 3-Monitor for and control small hive beetles (options include Checkmite+, GuardStar, Hood traps and West Beetle traps) 4- Feed colonies if light (colonies can starve!) 5-Can treat for tracheal mites (mix vegetable oil and powdered sugar until doughy (not sticky to touch): place a pancake-sized patty on top bars of brood chamber.	Oct: Spanish Needle, Mexican Clover ^N , Primrose Willow ^N , Spotted Mint ^N , Goldenrod ^M , Vine Aster ^N , Smart Weed ^N , Bush Aster ND ^N continues to bloom in November ^D continues to bloom in December Nov: Nothing new blooms Dec: Nothing new blooms



Beekeepers of Volusia County

Next Meeting

**Wednesday
May 22, 2013
6:30 PM**

**Volusia County Ag Center
See E-mail for Information**

Check Out Our Website

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Chinese Proverb

Beekeepers of Volusia County, Florida

Meeting Agenda

May 22, 2013

Call to order and welcome:

Marlin Athearn—President

Business:

Welcome

- Recognize Visitors
- Treasurer's Report
- Accept Minutes from the April Meeting
- Membership Fee Reminder (pay tonight)
- Cracker Day at Cracker Creek
- June 01 Public Day in the Bee Yard
- Requeening Video
- Questions?

Dismiss and close

Beekeepers of Volusia County Club Meeting
Minutes of 04/24/13

Called to order by Marlin Athearn, president @ 6:34pm

45 in attendance

March minutes approved

Membership dues \$15 per family per year, due now.

Treasury Report: \$2,090.54

Proposed emergency volunteer responders for accidental beehive mishaps - food for thought

Proposed A Day in the Bee Yard Saturday June 1 at Cracker Creek @ 9am. Possibility of opening it up to the public for a fee. Volunteers wanted to work out the details.

Tom Bartlett recommended the Club consider liability insurance. He will get more information about it.

Marlin led a discussion about Requeening

Reasons to requeen:

State recommends yearly

To deter a colony of Africanized Bees In FL mild weather queens do extra work compared to queens in other parts of the country if brood pattern is not solid (drone brood typical to see around the outside, but not in the center) queenless hive

Also discussed: how to order queens, positions in the chamber for release, finding the queen, helpful hints from experienced club members

The Fat Beekeeper on Utube is a good resource for do it yourself projects

Question & answer & mingling with fellow beekeepers

Adjourned 7:50pm

Submitted by Donna Balo, secretary

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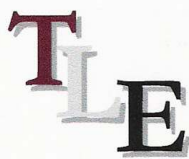
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Southeast Plants

for Native Bees

Pollinators are a vital part of a healthy environment.

Native bees are North America's most important group of pollinators.

Patches of flowers can be grown almost anywhere and will form an important food resource for bees.



Aster (*Symphyotrichum*) with a metallic sweat bee.

Photo by MJ Hatfield

Pollinators are a diverse and fascinating group of animals. In addition to their beauty, pollinators provide an important link in our environment by moving pollen between flowers and ensuring the growth of seeds and fruits. The work of pollinators touches our lives every day through the food we eat. Even our seasons are marked by their work: the bloom of springtime meadows, summer berry picking, pumpkins in the fall.

Native bees are the most important group of pollinators. Like all wildlife they are affected by changes in our landscapes. The good news is that there are straightforward things that you can do to help: providing patches of flowers is something that we all can do to improve our environment for these important insects. Native plants are undoubtedly the best source of food for bees, but there are also some garden plants that are great for pollinators.

This fact sheet will help you provide flowers that these vital creatures need and make the landscape around us—from small urban backyards to large natural areas—better for bees. On the back you'll find a simple guide to selecting plants for bees.

For more information, visit our web site, www.xerces.org, where you will find other fact sheets and more detailed guidelines on how to enhance habitat for pollinators. You'll also find information about the *Pollinator Conservation Handbook*.

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Choosing the Right Flowers

To help bees and other pollinator insects—like butterflies—you should provide a range of plants that will offer a succession of flowers, and thus pollen and nectar, through the whole growing season. Patches of foraging habitat can be created in many different locations, from backyards and school grounds to golf courses and city parks. Even a small area planted with the right flowers will be beneficial, because each patch will add to the mosaic of habitat available to bees and other pollinators.

In such a short fact sheet it is not possible to give detailed lists of suitable plants for all areas of the Southeast. Below are two lists of good bee plants, the first of native plants and the second of garden plants. Both are short lists; there are many more bee-friendly plants. However, these lists, combined with the following notes, will get you started on selecting good bee plants. Your local chapters of the Wild Ones, the Native Plant Society and native plant nurseries are worthwhile contacts for advice on choosing, obtaining, and caring for local plant species.

- **Use local native plants.** Research suggests native plants are four times more attractive to native bees than exotic flowers. In gardens, heirloom varieties of herbs and perennials can also provide good foraging.
- **Choose several colors of flowers.** Flower colors that particularly attract native bees are blue, purple, violet, white, and yellow.
- **Plant flowers in clumps.** Flowers clustered into clumps of one species will attract more pollinators than individual plants scattered through the habitat patch. Where space allows, make the clumps four feet or more in diameter.
- **Include flowers of different shapes.** Bees are all different sizes, have different tongue lengths, and will feed on different shaped flowers. Consequently, providing a range of flower shapes means more bees can benefit.
- **Have a diversity of plants flowering all season.** By having several plant species flowering at once, and a sequence of plants flowering through spring, summer, and fall, you can support a range of bee species that fly at different times of the season.

Native Plants

Native plants should be your first choice to help our native bees. Listed below are some plants that are good sources of nectar and pollen for bees. This list is not exhaustive; there are many other plants good for bees. Individual species have not been included. Not all of these genera will have species in your local area, but they do represent plants that will grow in a variety of environments. Use a wildflower guide or contact local nurseries to find your local species.

Aster	<i>Symphyotrichum</i>	Magnolia	<i>Magnolia</i>
Beardtongue	<i>Penstemon</i>	Milkweed	<i>Asclepias</i>
Beebalm	<i>Monarda</i>	Mountain mint	<i>Pycnanthemum</i>
Blanketflower	<i>Gaillardia</i>	Partridge pea	<i>Chamaecrista</i>
Blazingstar	<i>Liatris</i>	Rattlesnake master	<i>Eryngium</i>
Blueberry	<i>Vaccinium</i>	Redbud	<i>Cercis</i>
Carolina rose	<i>Rosa</i>	Rosinweed	<i>Silphium</i>
Chaffhead	<i>Carphephorus</i>	Sourwood	<i>Oxydendrum</i>
Crownbeard	<i>Verbesina</i>	Sunflower	<i>Helianthus</i>
Giant ironweed	<i>Vernonia</i>	Twinberry	<i>Myrcianthes</i>
Goldenrod	<i>Solidago</i>	Tuliptree	<i>Liriodendron</i>
Joe pye weed	<i>Eupatorium</i>	Wild plum	<i>Prunus</i>

Garden Plants

Flower beds in gardens, business campuses, and parks are great places to have bee-friendly plants. Native plants will create a beautiful garden but some people prefer "garden" plants. Many garden plants are varieties of native plants. This list includes plants from other countries—"exotic" plants—and should be used as a supplement to the native plant list. As with the native plants, this list is far from exhaustive.

Basil	<i>Ocimum</i>	Majoram/Oregano	<i>Origanum</i>
Catnip	<i>Nepeta</i>	Mexican sunflower	<i>Tithonia</i>
Cosmos	<i>Cosmos</i>	Purple coneflower	<i>Echinacea</i>
Giant hyssop	<i>Agastache</i>	Pincushion flower	<i>Scabiosa</i>
Lavender	<i>Lavandula</i>	Rosemary	<i>Rosmarinus</i>

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Beekeepers of Volusia County, Florida

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