



Brown County Beekeepers Association

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MAY 2019 NEWSLETTER

NOTE: MAY MEETING ROOM CHANGE

The May meeting will be held at the Botanical Gardens in the NWTC Landscape Horticultural Classrooms which are located in the building to the immediate right of the main building entrance to the Gardens. There will be signs to help direct you.

Request from DAVE ELSÉN – President

NEW BEEKEEPERS: Next Jan or Feb we would like to have 1-3 of our new club members tell their First Year Beekeeping Journey story. My request is to have them capture insights and pictures throughout the year to share with next years new beekeepers at a meeting. We'd love to hear your story! Let me know if you are interested in sharing.

GREEN BAY BOTANICAL GARDEN FAIR:

BCBA will be participating in the Garden Fair at the Botanical Garden. Dick Strum and Steve Hupfer are coordinating. A great opportunity for the Club to support the Gardens and also for our members to talk honey bees with the Fairgoers.

Friday, May 31 -Time: 12-7

Saturday, June 1 from 8-2.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Dick (920-772-5141) or Steve (920- 497-1998)

Honey Tasting Event:

Kent Pegorsch (President of WHPA) will be speaking on *Wl nectar sources and honey*. We will then taste different types of honey side by side and different cheese pairings to complete.

DATE: June 11th

TIME: 6:00 -8:00 PM

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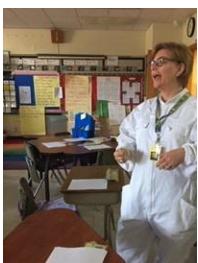
COST: \$20.00 person / \$10.00 kids.

Contact Julie Mazzoleni to register.

(vicepresident@browncountybeekeepers.com) or register at the May meeting. *(please bring payment to hold the space to the May meeting)*. **Only 3 seats left !!**

Elmore school

May 7th Julie Mazzoleni and Julianne Sanders went to Elmore Elementary school and talked to 50 second graders about Honeybees and pollination. What a fun day for everyone! The club hopes to do more of this !



HOLD THE DATE!!!!

JULY CLUB PICNIC: Dick and Carol Sturm will be coordinating our club picnic event. THANK YOU! !

DATE: Wednesday -**July 10, 2019**

LOCATION: Ashwabonomay Park

TIME: TBD



In the **April meeting** we shared key focus areas for 2019. These opportunities align nicely with the Club's Mission of promoting sustainable, responsible and

healthy beekeeping practices in Northeastern Wisconsin for both experienced and first-time beekeepers and also provides learning opportunities to the public. The teams are forming nicely, if you have any questions or would like to join one of the teams please let Dave Elsen know.

Volunteer opportunities
Facebook Admin
Honey bee Education program for kids
Mentor program
Club member education coordinator
Develop club trifold
Research infrared camera

MAY MEETING AGENDA:

➤ **Meeting before the Meeting:**

MITE CHECK techniques: This is a key step in

every responsible beekeepers MITE management program. Please join Dillon Weist and Carl Fisher for their demonstration and discussion. It will be a good learning opportunity

➤ **Meeting Education:**

- Glucose in Honey – Kaelyn Sumner
- Strong Microbials – CEO Slava Strogolov will discuss the benefits of microbial for bees.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MAY

The bees are nearly at full swing. There will still be a few cold snaps, especially in early May, but by the last two weeks, the weather is good for bees to rapidly expand and to start bringing in more and more nectar and pollen. The queen should be laying well now. The hive should be expanding rapidly.

WHAT TO PREPARE FOR IN JUNE

Bees are expanding rapidly – watch for overcrowding. Continue to inspect every 7-10 days.- Monitor colonies for queen cells, pests, and diseases. Check brood pattern to make sure your queen is laying well. Add another super if needed.



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April 2019 Meeting Minutes

Brown County Bee Keepers Association, March meeting minutes: Wednesday April 17, 2019. Green Bay Botanical Garden's Donald Schneider Education Center.

Attendance: Dave Elsen, Julie Mazzoleni, Carl Fisher, Tom Cashman, Julianne Sanders, Dan Diers, Traci Sumner, Kaelyn Sumner, Sara Kowalski, Detlef Weiler, Matt Jeanquart, Madelyn Jeanquart, Jordan Steinhorst, Tim Lantenslagen, Todd Witthuhn, Dan Holstead, Noah Dugan, Annah Dugan, Sue Richardson, Wayne Richardson, Molly Martzke, Katie Schuette, Dillon Weist, Blake Niemyjski, Tom Eisenreich, Roy Lindeman, Gordon Lederhaus, Dick Sturm, Carol Sturm, Dave Schuessler, Kelly Schuessler, Dan Lauth, Charlotte Skala, Emily Skala, Patrick Stockinger, Augie Stockinger, Mary Higgins, Bill Higgins, Steve Hupfer

MEETING before the Meeting: INSTALLING PACKAGES AND NUCS! – Thank you, Dave Elsen, for leading this learning and discussion session. Great information! Good discussion!!



Dave Elsen President called the meeting to order at 6:30PM.

Welcome and Announcements

- *Thank you to Julie Mazzoleni for bringing treats!
- *Welcome to our visitors- Mary and Bill Higgins, Patrick and Augie Stockinger, and Charlotte and Emily Skala.
- *We have sign-up sheets at the front for club opportunities such as volunteers for bringing treats and refreshments, speaking to schools, for mentor/sponsors, and handouts for the meeting before the meeting "installing Bees."

- **REMINDER:** Volunteers are important to the club. If you are interested in sharing your talents please reach out to us.

Club Business:

- *Motion made and carried to approve March Minutes
- *Motion made and carried to approve club bills

Webmaster Presentation Carl Fisher has updated our website and demonstrated how to navigate through all the components of our website.

Carl presented some features of our website and also explained how to contact the officers, how to find current or past newsletters, how to post bee related items for sale, how to get email alerts from our blogs, as well as how to find education topics and the dates and times for upcoming meetings.

Carl passed out a sheet with club opportunities, asking for key items for volunteers. We will take calls, texts, or emails. Carl encouraged all of us to follow Brown County Beekeepers Association to find more learning opportunities.

Honey Tasting Event

Julie Mazzoleni is leading the Honey Tasting Event. There was significant interest, and we will look to schedule a possible second event. Date: June 11, 6:00-8:00 PM

Location: Nala's Fromagerie in De Pere (see May Newsletter)

CLUB MEETING EDUCATION SCHEDULE:

(?) denotes volunteers needed to help organize

Date	5:30 MbM	6:30 Meeting start
5/15	Mite Checks	Location Effect on Glucose in Honey Probiotics and Hive Health
6/19	Hive Checks (?)	Mite Monitoring & Control Growing flowers best suited for pollinators and in particular Honey Bees "
8/21	Honey Extraction (?)	Dan Ziehl, State Honey Bee Inspector
9/18	Networking	Winterization
10/16	Networking	Honey Sales, Marketign your product (?)
11/20	Networking	Self Study, Life long Learning (?)

Club opportunities were discussed:

- **Garden Fair at the GB Botanical Garden -May 31st**
- **Hive inspection August 20 and 21.** Dan Ziehl, the state honey bee inspector for Brown County is going to be presenting at the August Club meeting. While here he has offered to inspect club member hives as a learning opportunity for club members. Contact Dave Elsen if you are interested or sign up at the May or June meetings.
- **SLO Farmers Coop** is offering to purchase honey. If you are interested in selling honey, reach out to Valerie at 920-590-1511.

EDUCATION SPEAKER – **Kate Schuette** spoke to the club about ways to Split Hives and shared how she approaches it in different ways. Why? To increase colonies, good honey production, or to prevent swarming.

THANK YOU, Kate for sharing your soap samples and for sharing your expertise in splitting hives! Very nice job! It is much appreciated!



thank you

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00



Club member honey bee items for SALE:
Please visit our webpage:
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