



Brown County Beekeepers Association

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June 2019 NEWSLETTER

June meeting location: Green Bay Botanical Gardens
2600 Larsen Rd, Green Bay, WI 54303-please see special instructions for the LOCATION of Meeting before the Meeting at 5:50**

GREEN BAY BOTANICAL GARDEN FAIR:

Thanks to Dick and Carol Sturm, Steve Hupfer and Tom Cashman for their leadership in coordinating and participating in the May 31 and June 1st Garden Fair event. There was great traffic from fair goers interested buying product and viewing the honey bee observation hive. Thank you to all the volunteers!!



Honey Tasting Event:

BCBA first honey tasting event was held June 11th. Kent Pergorsch (president of Wisc Honey Producers Assoc) discussed nectar sources and the impact on honey. He brought 8 samples of honey from all around the world that we tasted. We also learned flavor evaluation of 4 specific honey samples (referencing Honey Connoisseurs aroma and tasting wheel) and then paired them with artisan cheeses supplied by Nalas. It was a fun night!



MEET the new BCBA DONATION box !

At public events we are often asked about projects the club is working on and how to donate. Dave Elsen created a mini "bee hive" donation box and Julianne Sanders beautifully painted and stenciled it....

Aldo Leopold community school

It was a full house at Aldo Leopold Community School on Thursday May 22nd as 150, 1st and 2nd graders learned about Honeybees and pollination.



BCBA participating in GIRL SCOUT Journey!

Girl Scouts, Brooklynn Steier, Nicki Waystedt, and Skylar Schultz from troop 4679 in West De Pere, participated with BCBA club members to construct, paint and install a hive as part of their Outdoor Journey. The Girl Scout Outdoor Journey is focused on environmental stewardship. The girls learn how to care for our planet by minimizing our ecological impact, and to advocate for nature. Assisting the BCBA with this project is a perfect fit for the girls to complete their Journey due

to the important role bees play in our environment. As you'll see, the girls certainly have talent painting hive boxes. They were engaged and had a lot of FUN installing the nuc in their new home.

REMINDER: HOLD THE DATE!!!!

JULY CLUB PICNIC: Dick and Carol Sturm are coordinating our club picnic event. **THANK YOU! !**
DATE: Wednesday -July 10, 2019
LOCATION: Ashwaubomay Park
TIME: 5:30



Club Opportunities

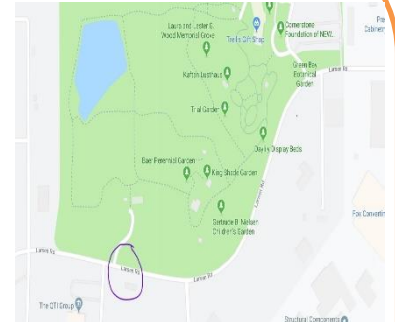
In the April and May meetings we shared key focus areas for 2019. These opportunities align nicely with the Club's Mission of promoting sustainable, responsible and healthy beekeeping practices in Northeastern Wisconsin for both experienced and first-time beekeepers and also provides learning opportunities 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
Research infrared camera

**JUNE MEETING AGENDA:

Meeting before the Meeting:

HIVE CHECK : Please join us at Botanic Gardens for *hands on hive experience*. We'll cover opening the hive, hive inspections and what to look for. The **LOCATION** is off of Larsen Road, the west Botanic Garden gated entrance across from NWTC. Please park in the NWTC parking lot and use the crosswalk to the gated entrance. Look for the BCBA signs. The hive is past the garden shed. **Don't forget your BEE SUITES.** For more information on location – please visit our web page or FB page



Meeting Education:

1. Mite treatment – Julie Mazzoleni/Dave Elsen
2. Best flowers for honey bees: Dave Haupt, Master Gardener

What's Happening in the hive 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. By adding a frame of brood from a strong hive to a weaker hive, you can equalize your hives.

What to prepare for in May

The queen should be laying well now. In warmer weather the hive should be expanding rapidly. Strong over wintered bees swarm in May. Implement swarm management practices. Keep inspecting every 7 to 10 days to monitor for queen cells and control pest and diseases.



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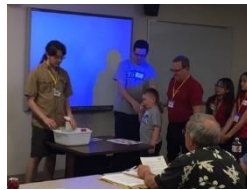
May 2019 meeting minutes

Brown County Bee Keepers Association, May meeting minutes: Wednesday May 15, 2019. Green Bay Botanical Garden's NWTC Landscape Horticultural Classroom.

Attendance: Dave Elsen, Julie Mazzoleni, Carl Fisher, Tom Cashman, Julianne Sanders, Dan Diers, Traci Sumner, Kaelyn Sumner, Detlef Weiler, Matt Jeanquart, Madelyn Jeanquart, James Avery, David Blood, Alice Blood, Julian Chee, Jacki Chee, Daniel Diers, Stacy DuQuaine, Thomas Eisenreich, Chris Harris, Steve Hupfer, Matt Jeanquart, Madelyn Jeanquart, Daniel Lauth, Sarah Mueller, Wayne Richardson, Sue Richardson, Mary Sickel, Richard Sturm, Traci Sumner, Kaelyn Sumner, Dillon Weist, Patrick Stockinger, Angie Stockinger, Jan Battiola, John Battiola, Dennis Flavion, Curt Eckstein, Jessica Patza

MEETING before the Meeting:

Thank you. Dillon Weist and Carl Fisher, for presenting how to do Mite Checks! Dillan also shared how important it is to keep accurate notes.



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

Welcome and Announcements

Thank you to Dick and Carol Sturm for bringing treats and beverages !

Welcome to our new members and guests. Curt Eckstein, Jessica Patza.

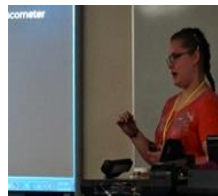
REMINDER: Volunteers are important to the club. If you are interested in sharing your talents please reach out to us. There are sign-up sheets at the front for club opportunities such as volunteers for speaking to schools, for mentor/sponsors, and handouts for the meeting before the meeting "installing Bees."

Club Business:

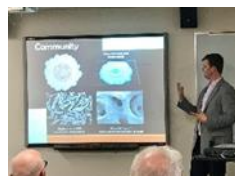
Motion made and carried to approve April Meeting Minutes
Motion made and carried to approve club bills

EDUCATION SPEAKER – Presentations

Kaelyn Sumner Pulaski FFA Student Advisor. She presented her science fair project that she will be taking to state level. Her goal was to see what impacted the glucose levels in honey, sources or location. Her work on finding glucose levels in honey and if the levels are influenced by location or geographical area. Some of the biggest challenges were to find out the correct dilution. Thank you Kaelyn for your work and for sharing with our club. Kaelyn will participate in the State FFA Convention June 10-13 and finds out about her proficiency award on the 11th. On June 12th she also presents at the Agriscience Fair. We are thrilled to have such engaged youth in our club.



Slava Strogolov CEO of Strong Microbials Inc. presented information about Honey Bee nutrition using probiotics and strong microbials to promote health reproduction and longevity. He talked about the positive effects on Foul Brood, Chalk Brood, other diseases and pesticides and insecticides. Attendees had the opportunity to buy his product DFM. *The club did purchase two packages that contain 20 doses which we will have at the June meeting for members to try.*



Club Activities

- **Honey Tasting** Date: June 11, 6:00-8:00 PM
Location: Nalas Fromagerie in De Pere. The speaker will talk about flowers/nectar and honey flavors. There will be different honey to taste side by side.
- Steve Hupfer spoke about the Garden Fair. The Garden Fair 5-31 and 6-1.
- Dick Sturm talked about the **Summer Picnic** July 10 at Ashwaubomay Park at 5:00PM a sign-up sheet was passed around for those to participate, contribute food or assist etc. We will need a grill if anyone is able to bring one.
- Julianne Sanders talked about our **education program** and our experience teaching a second grade class. Julie Mazzoleni wrote an excellent lesson plan and has all the materials for us to build on as a club. Our goal is to have a kit set up so that any of our members will be able to use it to teach all levels.



Club member honey bee items for SALE:

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CLUB MEETING EDUCATION SCHEDULE:

(?) denotes volunteers needed to help organize

Date	5:30 MbM	6:30 Meeting start
6/19	Hive Checks	Mite Management Growing flowers best suited for pollinators and in particular Honey Bees
7/10	5:30 CLUB PICNIC	Ashwaubomay Park
8/21	Honey Extraction (?)	Dan Ziehl, State Honey Bee Inspector
9/18	Networking	Winterization
10/16	Networking	Honey Sales, Marketing your product (?)
11/20	Networking	Self Study, Life long Learning (?)

Club opportunities were discussed:

- **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.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00