



March 2020

Brown County Beekeepers Association Newsletter

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*Don't let this be your
last newsletter
RENEW Today!*

It's time to renew your
annual membership

\$20 Individual

\$30 Family

Renew online:

www.browncountybeekeepers.com

Send check to:

BCBA

P.O. Box 10371

Green Bay, WI 54307-0371

Renew at meeting, pay:

Tom Cashman Treasurer

BCBA Mission Statement: We are dedicated to promoting sustainable, responsible, and healthy beekeeping practices in Northeast Wisconsin for both experienced and first-time beekeepers. We strive to create a fun environment where learning opportunities exist for association members and the general public.

One **bee** has to fly about 90,000 miles – three times around the globe – to make one pound of honey.

~matteroftrust.org



Guest Speaker at March 15 Club Meeting

Bridget Mendel Lee

UNM Bee Squad Program Director

She is not only a beekeeper, but provides bee education. She manages interdisciplinary pollinator-focused programs and is a grant writer.

University of Minnesota Bee Lab - Minnesota Bee Squad

Helps beekeepers and the community in the Twin Cities promote the conservation, health and diversity of bee pollinators through research, education and hands-on mentorship.

Coffee and Bee Talk

March 2, 2020

8a-10a

Luna Café on GV



Bee Squad Programs include: Bee Arts, Bee Cruise, Bee Exchange, Bee Veterans, City of St. Paul Community Apiary Project, Bee Squad Network, Home Apiary Help, Mentoring Apiary, Mite Check, Mite Check Kits, Plant Seeds to Help Bees.

For more information on the good work of the Minnesota Bee Lab check out
<https://www.beelab.umn.edu>



**Beekeeping
Meetings
Wisconsin and
Michigan**

- **Michigan Beekeeping Spring Conference** March 6 and 7, 2020 held at Michigan State University michiganbees.org
- **Marathon County Beekeeping Conference** @ NCTC on the Wausau campus 3/14/2020 www.marathoncountybeeassociation.com

**Club Meetings &
Education Calendar
2020**



March 18	Hive Health: University of MN Bee Squad
April 15	Installing Bees – MB4M Spring Prep
May 20	Hive Inspection @ the Garden – MB4M Splits
June 17	Mite Treatments
July TBD	Picnic
August 19	Honey Extraction – MB4M Open Topic
September 16	Prep Bees for Winter – Capitol Bees
October 21	Master Beekeeper
November 18	Raising Queens
December 17	Christmas Party

BEE INVOLVED



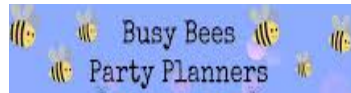
Looking for a few fellow BEEKS to partner with the BCBA Leadership team to enhance the club by collaborating in coordinating educational opportunities and supporting membership. Take a seat at the table and have a voice in ideas to support the club. This is a great way to build your beekeeping network and get involved.

Education Chair

Membership Chair

Please consider participating.
Teamwork makes the Dreamwork!

Contact Dave Elsen



Needed

*How 'bout the Summer picnic in July
and perhaps*

*a good ol' fashioned Christmas party to celebrate a great bee
season*



Still looking for anyone interested in presenting along with Dave
and Julie April 13, 2020

Brown County Library – Denmark Branch



INTRODUCTION
TO BEEKEEPING



March
Hive Happenings

Did you order your bees?



What are the Bees Doing? March is when many hives are lost due to starvation. The bee population is likely very low due to normal die-outs during the winter. The need for food increases - brood rearing has started - mid February. Strong over wintered colony will have 5+ frames, weak on will have about 2.

What you should be doing: Monitor food stores and continue feeding and add pollen substitute/ protein patties. Keep entrances open, remove debris. All equipment should be ready, cleaned and assembled as packages and NUCS should start arriving in April. Join local Beekeeping Association, continue to educate yourself.

In case you were wondering.....It is NORMAL to see dead bees outside of your hives this time of year. As the weather warms up, there will be more dead bees as they clean house. The snow will be covered in bee POOP!

Looking ahead to April: The bees will be out flying more and the queen will be busy laying. Hive is returning to normal operation. Let the hive inspecting begin when the temps rise up to 60° or greater.

Notice to members who placed bee orders with Honey Bee Ware: TODAY is the last day you can request a refund by submitting a refund letter along with proof of purchase to HBW. Check your email for the message they sent with refund details.

BCBA Leadership

President: Dave Elsen
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Membership Chair:

Education Chair:

Reminder



MARCH 7TH, 9:00AM-4:00PM @ KI CONVENTION CENTER, GREEN BAY

Stop by and join in the fun and support the BCBA

American Bee Journal Discount for club members

GET INFO FROM TOM CASHMAN

BCBA Equipment Rental

See Website for Details

Honey Extractor

Infrared Camera

Bes Suits: Sizes Available

Next Club Meeting Wednesday 18, 2020 630pm
Green Bay Botanical Gardens

