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Sept. 2015 NEWSLETTER



President's Message

Pam Leavitt, LCBA President

Morris Ostrofsky gave a thought provoking presentation on "Overcoming Barriers" at our August meeting. He demonstrated ways to continue to enjoy beekeeping, even as we age or if disabilities prevent us from our previous activities. He also reminded us that reconsidering our goals may help us make necessary changes. The idea of sitting in the apiary in the early morning, watching them emerge as the sunshine warms the air, is a wonderful way to begin the day. He quoted Charles Darwin, "it's not the strongest of the species that survives, nor the most intelligent that survives. It is the one that is the most adaptable to change."

Dr. Ramesh Sagili, Assistant Professor, Apiculture, and Principle Investigator at the Honey Bee Lab at Oregon State University, Corvallis will be our speaker this month. He will present Bee Nutrition and share information on the current studies at the lab. Please come and welcome Dr. Sagili to our meeting.

I encourage you to attend the Oregon State Beekeepers Association Annual Conference on Nov. 6th thru 8th at the Oregon Gardens in Silverton. This meeting is filled with interesting topics presented by well known speakers. The lectures are all day Saturday and Sunday. LCBA will be giving away three free registrations and the Oregon State Beekeepers Association has given us one free registration. To qualify you must be a current club member. Members signed up last month and also enter the drawing at our September meeting. Winners will be drawn at our upcoming meeting. Free registrations cover the full conference rate of \$150 per individual. The winners will be responsible for their travel, lodging and meals. We are pleased the conference has been moved to a central location for this year and hope this will enable a large attendance from our members.

At our upcoming October 20th, 2015 meeting, Dr. Lynn Royce will do a honey bee dissection presentation. Then on October 27, we will have a dissection lab at the University of Oregon. Dr. Peter Wetherwax, Biology Professor, has graciously invited us to use the equipment in his laboratory. We are limited on the number of people we to take advantage of this

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NEXT MEETING: September 15, 2015

Program - 7:30 pm
Come early to socialize and share your questions with experienced beekeepers.
Hall opens at 7:00 pm

Speaker: Dr. Ramesh Sagili
Assistant Professor Apiculture
OSU Bee Lab
Topic: Bee Nutrition & Current Lab Studies

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President's message continued experience due to the availability of equipment and space. You must be present to sign up at the September meeting. See Katharine Hunt's article on page 6 in the newsletter for further information.

If you have honey you can donate to the club, it will be greatly appreciated. We will sell it at the Good Earth Home Show. It is a great opportunity to get our quality product out to the public. See Nancy Ograin if you have honey to share.



July Highlights

by Jodi Wiktorowski, LCBA Secretary

Announcements:

- LCBA awarded \$10 to all first place winners of the Lane County Fair hive products and honey contest. Judy Scher, light honey, chunk honey, and cut comb honey. Nancy Ograin, dark honey and wax. Jen Hornaday, medium honey.
- The Oregon State Extension Service and beekeeper associations will be working together to establish best practice guidelines for beekeeping in residential communities.

General Meeting Speaker: Morris Ostrofsky "Overcoming Barriers"

Morris gave a fabulous presentation he titled, "Overcoming Barriers to Beekeeping." This he said, was meant as a way to continuing doing what you love! Morris noted that age and disability can get in the way of beekeeping in the traditional sense. He noted several things that happen as we age that affect the way we are able to manage hives. With age, often individuals have to deal with vision loss, memory loss, osteoarthritis, and muscle loss. Morris offered several tips for dealing with these issues. He suggested investing in magnifying loops to help visualize eggs. It is also a good idea to plan ahead before heading out to the apiary. Making a list of tasks, bringing a cell phone, listing and gathering all needed tools, bringing grease patties, and letting someone know when you head out to the apiary are always good ideas and become very important as memory fades.



From the age of 30, we all lose muscle mass. 80% of us will also have back issues at some point. Lifting the hive boxes and manipulating them will be difficult, so it is a good idea to involve friends or mentees to help with the heavy lifting. Using two hive tools can allow enough leverage to lift a hive box for application of thymol wafers and grease patties without having to completely remove a box. Placing a metal strip along the back of each box on the top side, also allows for the upper box to be tilted and levered with a piece of wood so that you can work from the front of the hive. When removing honey, moving individual frames of honey into an empty box already on your cart is much easier than lifting an entire super of honey.

The configuration of your hive can also make manipulations much easier. Using all western boxes instead of deeps, even for the brood chamber, means lighter boxes for lifting. Three western boxes can be used in place of two deeps for the brood chamber. Full ten frame deeps weigh 90 pounds on average; full ten frame westerns weigh 60 pounds; full eight frame westerns weigh 45 pounds. Eight frame hives are much easier to lift and manipulate. Starting with the smaller, eight frame hives means lighter boxes for lifting and also means you won't need to change things in the future.

Changing your goals may also allow for continued enjoyment of beekeeping without the strain of lifting the heavy honey supers. If you are not concerned with honey production, then you can simply enjoy the bees. You can also reduce the number of hives you manage, become a mentor, make lip balm or candles, or raise nucs. If you aren't taking as much honey from the hives, then you also decrease your management because you don't have to feed them as much. Raising queens is also a very important aspect. Locally raised queens are adapted to the local environment and are often considered superior to purchased queens from elsewhere.

Morris also made note that creativity can allow for different ways to keep bees. Naomi Price has created horizontal Langstroth hives that are wheelchair accessible. Krista Conner began beekeeping when she was diagnosed with cancer. Beekeeping for her became the light at the end of the tunnel. Morris left us with a quote from Darwin: "It is not the strongest of a species that survives, or the most intelligent. It's the one that is most adaptable to change."

Hands Free Inspection - Hive Brood Box Rest

by Morris Ostrofsky, LCBA Member



eliminates heavy lifting and makes the frames more visible. It is easier on your back and leaves your hands free.

The question that comes to mind is “When the upper box is tilted back, what prevents it from sliding off? The answer is a simple modification to the brood box and a block of wood.

I purchased a 96 x 1.5 inch strip of aluminum at Jerry’s home improvement store and cut it into 16 x 1.5” pieces. I drilled four off set holes to avoid the thin wood in the frame rest part of the box. Four 3/4” screws attach the strip flush to the top of the box. It must be flush to avoid interference with the cover. Eight washers create a small space between the metal strip and the wood of the box. It is this space between the aluminum strip on the lower box that prevents the top box from sliding off the lower box. A block of wood now can be placed between upper and lower brood boxes thus leaving your hands free.

“Those Confusing API’s”

by Judy Scher, Past President

Not surprisingly, there seems to be lots of confusion in some of the Varroa mite treatments. A few of them contain the word “Api”. Here’s the list:

ApiVar is an Amitraz treatment which comes in strips.

This is **NOT** an organic treatment.

So far it is highly effective, but mites may become desensitized to it in the future because of improper usage by beekeepers (e.g. strips left on too long).

ApiLife Var is a Thymol treatment and is a wafer.

This is considered “organic”.

It is claimed to be 95% effective, but results vary.

It must be applied three times.

The application is temperature dependent.

So far, mites have not become desensitized to it.

Apiguard is a Thymol treatment and is a gel.

This is considered “organic”.

It is claimed to be 95% effective, but results vary.

The application is temperature dependent.

It must be applied two times.

So far, mites have not become desensitized to it.

Apistan is a Pyrethroid treatment which comes in strips.

This is NOT an organic treatment and has lost its efficiency because mites are becoming more and

LCBA Scholarships

Scholarships are available for the 2016 Oregon Master Beekeeper Apprenticeship (OMBA) Program. The program starts in January 2016. The apprenticeship program teaches Langstroth fundamentals.

If you are interested in attending the apprentice program please be sure to look over the program criteria and certification requirements. The program does have a time commitment, classes, field work and a written exam. All the information is posted on their website at <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/mb/>.

The LCBA scholarship is open to any LCBA member meeting the requirements of both the LCBA and apprenticeship program requirements. If you have completed and submitted the OMBA application you are eligible to apply for a LCBA scholarship. If you have not applied for the OMBA program and are interested in participating and would like to apply for a scholarship, promptly contact one of the committee members listed below.

To apply for a LCBA scholarship contact LCBA at lcbao@pacinfo.com and an application will be emailed to you. For our members who do not have email contact Katharine directly at 541-607-0106 for an application form. Contact Rita Ostrofsky, Master Beekeeper Program Support, if you have additional questions regarding the program at Ostrofsky@pacinfo.com.

Application form must be received by: October 1, 2015



September Beekeeping Tips

by Chuck Hunt, LCBA Member

1. All honey should be removed and mite treatments in hives. In fact, be very careful to remove strips on time. Remember that the Coumaphos strip requires less time in the hive than Apistan. If you placed strips in the hive in mid-August, they should be removed in late September or the first week in October. Use gloves when removing them and dispose of these strips in the manner recommended by the manufacturer (wrapped in newspaper in a sanitary landfill). Make sure to do a mite count after the mite treatments are completed. I usually like to use a 72 hour mite count as I think the extra time gives a better count.
2. You might want to look into alternative treatments for mites. There are numerous treatment available. Make sure to monitor mite counts with any treatment you use and carefully observe its effect upon brood, bees and queen.
3. Check all hives for adequate winter stores. In the Willamette Valley bees require at least 50 to 60 lbs. of honey to properly survive the winter. This is about one western super of honey on top of the hive. If your hive(s) has less than this, there is still plenty of time for feed in Sept. (and usually early Oct.). Feed sugar syrup which is as close to two part sugar and one part water (by volume) as you can. The bees do not have to evaporate this mixture much in order to store it and it does not cause as much brood rearing stimulation as less concentrated solutions of sugar.
4. If you use entrance reducers, these should be placed on the hive(s) sometime in September. Place them on the hive(s) after the weather has cooled as then there will be no need for the bees to cool their hives by fanning. This usually means that the daytime temperatures will not get much over 70 degrees. Try to put screen mouse guards on your entrance reducers.

5. Because of a mild winter and a warm dry summer yellow jackets are a grave threat to your bees. Yellow jacket control is very important at this time and going into October. Traps that are based upon pheromone research and are specific to yellow jackets are readily available at garden and home or hardware stores. They are safe for bees and deadly for yellow jackets. Use them to eliminate attacks by yellow jackets on your wintering hives.

6. Make sure that your hive(s) tips forward very slightly so that rain and moisture run out of the hive during the coming winter. This tilt need not be very much (one quarter inch higher in the back than the front is fine), but a forward tilt will greatly assist winter survival. The bottom boards should also be off the ground and on a hive stand for the winter. A brick or stone on the top cover helps to ensure that winter winds do not blow the top of your hive off causing a total hive loss. By early October, let the bees use propolis to seal the cover down and close any cracks in the hive. Don't disturb the hive again until early spring so that this propolis seal is not broken.



There are more ways than one to get those nasty yellow jackets. Here Chuck Hunt is trying his hand at Floyd Thompson's method. (Floyd was a long time member who passed two years ago.) Apparently Floyd used to sit by his hive and swat yellow jackets on a daily basis. Les Leavitt has been known to do this as well! Chuck reports that on average he gets 25 to 50 in a half hour using Floyd's method.

Be a Part of the LCBA Leadership

Elections for the 2016 LCBA Officers and Directors will take place at our November meeting. This is an opportunity for you to take a leadership role in your club. Participating as an officer or board member gives you a chance to help ensure that our club has great educational meetings, and continues to grow and educate the public on the importance of bees.

Positions Available: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Board Members. The board has 4 meetings per year or as needed. Please consider running for a position. This is a great way to become more involved in our association and to get to know our members. It can also be a lot of fun!

Contact one of the committee members below if you are interested in running for an office.

Nominating Committee:

Katharine Hunt keehunt@gmail.com 541-607-0106

Nancy Ograin nancy.ograin@gmail.com 541-935-7065

Duties of the Officers & Directors

President: The President shall be the principal executive officer of the Association and shall preside at all the meetings of the members and of the Board of Directors.

Vice-President: In the absent of the President, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President and also any other duties as may be assigned by the President or the Board of Directors. Maintain the inventory of property belonging to the association.

Secretary: The secretary shall keep the minutes of the meeting of the Members and of the Board of Directors and also perform any other duties as may be assigned by the President or by the Board of Directors.

Treasurer: The Treasurer shall have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds of the Association, make payments for debts incurred by the Association, and produce an annual budget to be approved by the Board. Also perform any other duties as may be as assigned by the President or by the Board of Directors.

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Upcoming Events & Announcements

Sept 12th, 1:00 pm - End-of-Summer Bee Walk

Location: University of Oregon Urban Farm (between Onyx and Riverfront Pkwy, along the Mill Race path), north side of Franklin.

Details: Come walk-outdoors and observe/learn about bees in the wild. Local Naturalist/Pollination Biologist Brian Dykstra will be leading a walk starting on the University of Oregon Campus and along the Willamette River trail. Bring a camera and be ready for some amazing surprises! No beesuits required. Free.

Sept 16th - What "Newbees" Need to Know, Alex Zomchek, Master Beekeeping Instructor Click on link below to sign up or review previous classes. These are free classes. You can join the seminar live or review at a later date. <https://u.osu.edu/beelab/courses/>

Sept 26th - Master Gardener Fall Festival

11:00 am– 4:00 pm Emerald Park

Oct 1-3rd - Western Apicultural Society Annual Conference, Boulder, Colorado

The conference theme is "Healthy Bee / Bee Healthy" with the first 2 days focusing on bee health and the final day emphasizing the relationship between bees and human health and interaction. Click on link below for all the information: <http://www.westernapiculturalsociety.org/location/>

Oct 17th - Oregon Honey Festival

Ashland Springs Hotel, Ashland Oregon

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Nov 6-8th - Oregon State Beekeepers Fall Conference

2015, Oregon Garden Resort, Silverton, OR

Click on link below for all the information

<http://osba2015.orsba.org/>

See page 5&6 for agenda and registration form.

Kelly's Beekeeping Blog: "Lane County Hiveways"

Follow Kelly as she does her inspections, observations, and other beekeeping activities.

<http://lanecountyhiveways.com/>

Welcome New Members

Jurgen Brunner	Elmira
Jeff Gabrio	Creswell
Monika & Stan Kluth	Eugene
Charles Naubert	Eugene
Sadie Thorin	Eugene

LCBA is sponsoring a trip to the Lab, Oct. 27th Sign up for this event will be taken at the Sept. 15th meeting

On Tuesday, Oct. 27th there will an opportunity for 31 members of LCBA to attend a bee dissecting session at the University of Oregon Biology Lab. Dr. Lynn Royce will guide people through this delicate operation. Dr. Peter Wetherwax and his assistant Misty McLean-Schurbon, Department of Biology will be hosting this evening session (7:00 – 8:30 pm).

There will be a sign up sheet for this event available at the September 15th LCBA meeting. You must be present at the meeting in order to sign up. Be sure to sign up when you arrive at the meeting.

Introduction to Dissecting

The topic for our Oct. 20th meeting will be "Dissecting Bees". Dr. Lynn Royce along with Judy Scher will be demonstrating how to dissect bees, look for tracheal mites and learn basic bee anatomy. As you know the club recently purchased a new screen and projector. We also now have a dissecting microscope which will be used for the first time on Oct. 20th.

Lynn A. Royce, Ph.D. did her doctoral research on tracheal mites of honey bees. Her post doc research was on honey bee mating. Lynn also has worked with local schools teaching science using insects and was OSU extension insect identification specialist 1998-2004. During 2004-2010 she raised local honey bee queens. Recently Lynn developed Tree Hive Bees, a nonprofit bee research and education group where she serves on the Board of Directors.

Early Educational Class

We will also be having an early class at 6:15 before our Oct. meeting on "Apitherapy, Bee Venom Therapy" presented by LCBA member Deb Elder. Information will be posted in the October newsletter.



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Busy Bee - "Giving Back to the Hive"



Sunday, August 30th was our club's day at the Oregon State Beekeepers (OSBA) booth at Oregon State Fair in Salem. Members who volunteered were Rebecca Fain, Rick Olson, Jeff Warren, Jodi Wiktorowski, Dale & Susan Bryant, Larry & Diana Scoville, Max Kuhn, Ray Krass, Barbara Elliot, Francis Rothauge, and Mike France. It takes a lot of members from all of the OSBA clubs to man the booth at the state fair for ten days. Thank-you everyone who helped out!

The OSBA booth had several different educational areas which included "The Brood Zone" (coloring area for kids), honey and hive product display, biology of the bee and other pollinators. An extractor was set up and there were beekeeping tools, an observation hive, and a constant video stream with several beekeepers talking about their involvement in beekeeping.

LCBA also hosted a table at the Permaculture Expo at River Road Park on August 29th. Fortunately the day turned out to be decent, only a light sprinkling of rain. Members who helped out were Deb Elder, Becca Hale, Polly Hablison and Nancy Ograin.

Thanks to everyone who volunteered their time and energies. LCBA encourages community outreach to talk about bees and if you present to a group or volunteer at an event, please be sure to let me know pamseaver2000@yahoo.com



Polly Hablison & Becca Hale



Deb Elder



“Esure Fat Bees” by Dr. Dewey M. Caron

In September bee colonies rear the bees that are going to be the FAT fall bees. FAT bees store reserves in their bodies, a process that involves the bee blood protein called vitellogenin. FAT bees suspend the normal aging process to live many weeks compared to their sisters who live only a few weeks during the active season. Fall colonies need to be FAT too to provide the overwintering food reserves for when the weather turns colder. See:

www.pnwhoneybeesurvey.com for survey summaries on feeding and wintering practices that may help improve overwintering for Oregon backyarder colonies.

Good queen stock improves overwintering, but by September it is too late to attempt to requeen. Weaker units can be combined to form stronger ones to bolster the population, if no disease is present. Colonies FAT with a new queen and colonies FAT with adult bees help ensure overwintering success.

Mite populations will also greatly impact successful overwintering of colonies. Mite numbers need be below 5% adult infestation (counting mites removed with alcohol or powdered sugar shake from adult bees taken from the brood chamber and dividing by sample size). It is not too late to reduce mite numbers in September with essential oils (Apiguard and ApiLifeVar), formic acid (MAQS) or Apivar treatment. If planning to use Hopguard II or Oxalic acid, wait until there is no or very small amounts of capped brood. We do NOT want colonies FAT with mites.

Our major fall management tool is feeding as I discussed last month. We would feed carbohydrate (sugar) so the colony can become FAT with sufficient, high quality honey stores. We might feed protein (pollen patties) to help the bees conserve bee bread stores, for use next spring, to ensure FAT fall bees for overwintering. Feeding helps FATTEN up (i.e. compact) the brood area and puts capped honey to the sides and above the brood so winter clusters can move upward, keeping in constant contact with honey.

Sugar for fall feeding needs to be of a high quality with low contaminants. Some natural honeys are less useful compared to cane or beet sugar, fed as a heavy syrup, because they may crystallize rapidly in the comb (canola and ivy for example) or ferment (lavender may do this) or may have higher levels of acids, minerals, etc. (goldenrod and knapweed are examples) making them less desirable than sugar water honey for overwintering. Sugar water honey offers great overwintering qualities.

To ensure the bees take and store the sugar water you offer, place it right over the top box (immediately inside or outside the hive covers) or in a division board feeder inside and adjacent to the brood area. Entrance feeders or feed-lot feeders are less desirable. To encourage the bees to take more syrup, FATTEN the offer and add a smell (a few drops of an essential oil) or use one of the many food stimulants/supplements. Honey-Bee-Healthy is an example. Some beekeepers also FATTEN the syrup with microbiological, pro-biotics or amino acid boosters or an increasingly variety of feed “additives.” Independent data on claimed benefits of most of these additives is lacking, but if you have success and you feel your bees overwinter better with their use, then continue with them by all means.

Feeding of protein will not build a stronger colony but it might help ensure FATTER, healthier bees and enable the colony to conserve their stored bee bread stores. It is believed that the protein in patties is used right away and not stored by the bees, so they would be using this resource first before use of stored bee bread. Feeding now and resuming supplemental protein feeds in the early spring will improve bee health and build colonies more rapidly so you need to have a management plan to handle early queen rearing which might mean more swarming behavior.

Once the weather cools at night and rains resume, halt the syrup feeding. You can continue supplying sugar, but switch to dry sugar, a sugar candy or fondant sugar in a patty. These should be fed inside at the top of the colony (beneath the inner cover or within a special feeder rim). Fall feeding can make a FAT bee, FAT is good for bees and you will likely see the difference in colony overwintering success.

NOTE: Morris called my attention to an interesting article on how vitellogenin also imparts immunity to larvae. See: <http://entomologytoday.org/2015/08/03/researchers-discover-key-to-bee-vaccination/>

Wasp Controls

By Ken Ograin, LCBA Member

Balling: This is something I have read about, but have never seen. After 20 years, I have seen it twice on two different hives this year. Have you ever seen lots of bees

in a pile on the landing board and wondered what there were doing? If you look closely at the picture there is a yellow jacket under the pile. Bees are overheating that yellow jacket, which will kill it. So the next time you see a pile of bees on your landing board look closer.



New Products: Rescue Pest Control has come out with three new products this season. **A new wasp spray** (W.H.Y. Spray) that does not use pesticides or harsh chemicals to kill wasps. It contains four essential oils, alcohol and mineral oil. It works well, kills on contact and masks the nest smell. Wasps that return can not find the nest.



A new sticky trap (Trap Stik WASPS) works on those paper wasp, catches a lot but does not stop nest building.

And a new design disposable (OrnamenTrap® Yellowjacket Trap). This works as good as the original disposable, but you keep the outside decoration and just buy new innards.



HONEY CINNAMON BARS

BARS:

1 cup granulated sugar
 ¾ cup canola oil
 ¼ cup honey
 1 large egg
 2 cups all purpose flour
 1 teaspoon baking soda
 1 teaspoon cinnamon
 ¼ teaspoon salt
 1 cup chopped toasted walnuts

GLAZE:

1 cup confectioners sugar
 2 Tablespoon mayonnaise
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 1 to 2 Tablespoon water

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease 10 X 15 X 1 pan.

In a large bowl, beat sugar, oil, honey and egg until well blended. In another bowl, whisk flour, baking soda, cinnamon and salt. Gradually beat flour mixture into sugar mixture. Stir in walnuts.

Spread into the greased pan. (Note: I find this is a stiff dough and placing a large piece of wax paper over the dough allows me to use my rolling pin to spread it evenly into the pan).

Bake 10 to 12 minutes or until golden brown (edges will puff up). Cool completely on a wire rack.

Mix the confectioners' sugar, mayonnaise, vanilla and water to reach the desired consistency. Spread over the top. Let stand until set. Cut into bars.

Submitted by: Pam Leavitt (Pam brought these delicious bars to our August meeting. Everyone loved them!)

Western Apicultural Society



The Colorado State Beekeepers Association (CSBA) is pleased to host the 38th annual Western Apicultural Society (WAS) conference in Bee-utiful Boulder, Colorado! The CSBA will be "Puttin' the Bee in Boulder" October 1-3, 2015 and you want to bee there! The conference theme is "Healthy Bee / Bee Healthy" with the first 2 days focusing on bee health and the final day emphasizing the relationship between bees and human health and interaction. (That's a lot of bee words!)

Visit the website for complete information.

<http://www.westernapiculturalsociety.org/category/2015-conference-news/>



Date: Saturday, Oct. 17th, 2015
10:00 am to 4:30 pm

Location: Ashland Springs Hotel
212 E Main St, Ashland, OR 97520

Cost: \$12.50 pre-registration,
\$15 at the door

<http://www.eventbrite.com/e/oregon-honey-festival-2015-tickets-17061607728?aff=erellivorg>

Come taste honey varietals! Listen to LIVE Music! Meet Beekeepers and manufacturers of Bee Ware. Kids will enjoy face painting and play activities with Farmer Natalie as well as exhibits and tastings for kids with Beekeepers, Katharina and Paul.

The event also has talks for the general public and beekeepers!

- Adults: Taste, Learn and attend entertaining demos and scientific talks by speakers including
- Honey expert, Marie Simmons, winner of both a James Beard and Julia Childs award and author of *Taste of Honey*,
- Dr. Ramesh Sagili, Principal Investigator at the Oregon State University Bee Lab
- Dr. Susan Kegley, Scientist and CEO of the Pesticide Research Institute
- Dr. Lynn Royce of the Tree Hive Bees Organization
- Karessa Torgerson, Master Beekeeper and Educator
- John Jacob, Founder of OldSol Apiaries
- Katharina Davitt, Co-Founder of Davitt Apiaries and Education Officer of Klamath Basin Beekeeping Association
- Eric McEwen of Diggin'Livin" Apiaries
- Laura Ferguson, Director of The College of the Melissae

In addition to these formal speakers, you will meet Beekeepers from Oregon and local organizations that support Farming, Pollinators and Honey Production. Best of all, you get to taste!

Tickets available at the Door for \$15 per person and HERE on-line \$12.50 per person. Kids 8 and under are FREE! No additional cost to hear talks or participate in demos but preregistration through Eventbrite (link to be posted) or registration for specific presentations at the Door is available.

<http://www.oregonhoneyfestival.com/>

Extractor Information

Please limit your use to no more than three days, and always clean the extractor before returning or passing along to the next member. Extractors clean very easily if cleaned with warm soapy water and flushed out with a garden hose after you finish for the day. The three frame units are the easiest to use and to transport.

Eugene, River Rd Area - Peggy Jillson 541-689-7964 Cottage Grove - Kev Ashley 541-767-0761
Springfield - Justin Boe 541-214-2614 Pleasant Hill - Tina & John Franklin 541-953-2028
Elmira - Ken Ograin 541-935-7065 Creswell - Amy Sierzega 541-505-4033

The only electric unit is located in Springfield and is a four frame. It is heavy and you will need a truck to transport it. Call Kaylene Stewart 541-743-3925.

Remember--return it on time, and return it clean!

Classified Ads

Bee-related classified ads cost \$5.00 for non-members and are free to members. Classified ads run for three issues and may be renewed by contacting the editor. Bee-related business ads cost \$35 a year. To place an ad, contact Nancy Ograin by the 1st of the month via e-mail nancy.ograin@gmail.com or phone 541-935-7065.

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