

The Monthly Extractor



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This is our newsletter that reflects the various techniques, theories and art of sustainable beekeeping.

SCBA General Meeting

Date: June 13, 2022, 6:00 – 8:30 (pst)

Our June General Meeting will be a hybrid in-person/Zoom meeting. For in-person participants, we will be at the Druids Hall in Santa Rosa; Zoomers won't be alone, as our speaker, Ang Roell, will join us on Zoom from her home in Massachusetts. We are pleased she will share with us her journey with honeybees and her work cultivating queen bees that are adaptive to ever-changing climates.

Join in person
Druids Hall, 1011 College Ave. Santa Rosa

Join Zoom meeting

Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86514254718?pwd=cHZqcERVdG5HZIR1eXF5MDNaQkRGUT09>
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This Zoom link is a recurring link and will be used for ALL general meetings for 2022.

President's Message

Hello Beeks,



What a great turnout we had at Spring Fling! It is by far one of my favorite events I have attended since I joined SCBA last year around this time. The workshops and activities were just what our members needed to bring SCBA back from the pandemic, enjoy the get-together, and just talk about bees!

Thank you to our volunteers

and staff who helped set up this event; you are all marvelous! Thank you to our donors and sponsors for their generosity. Thank you to the workshop leaders who shared their knowledge, expertise, and the fun of honeybees with our attendees. I personally learned a lot of new things, cool stuff! Last but not least: Thank you, Bees N Blooms, for having us; your generosity means a lot to our members.

Our June general meeting will be hybrid. In-person at the Druids Hall and on Zoom wherever you are. Our general meeting is open to the public so everyone

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SCBA Member Events June

- June 4 – [Virtual Compost Workshop](#)
- June 12 – [West Cluster Garden Hop](#)
- June 13 – [General Meeting](#)
- June 20 – [Beginner Beekeepers Forum](#)
- June 27 – [Seasoned Beekeepers Forum](#)

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is welcome! We will have an exciting presenter who will share her journey with the bees and her work in queen rearing and finding how queen bees can be adaptive to ever-changing climates.

Pollinator Week (June 20 – 26) is around the corner. Pollinator Week is an annual event celebrated internationally in support of pollinator health. It's a time to celebrate pollinators and spread the word about what we can do to protect them. In honor of this week, SCBA has rolled out the "Pollinator T-Shirt." We have a limited number, so make sure to read more details about ordering in this edition of The Extractor. SCBA also will dedicate both "new beekeepers" and "seasoned beekeepers" forums to talk about our native pollinators, their relationship with native plants, and their importance to the ecosystems. I would like to challenge you to do one post about pollinators in your cluster group or your personal page on Facebook during that week. If you are not a fan of social media, I challenge you to educate one human being about pollinators.

May for SCBA was quite an achievement. We had 230 swarms of bees reported as of May 25, and with mother nature and our swarm catchers' help, we were able to find a new home for every swarm of honeybees that was rescued. All members on the BeeShare list had the chance to save bees this season. Thank you to the BeeShare and Swarm programs leaders who are the key to this program's success. Congratulations.

1st and 2nd VPs met with the Sonoma County Department of Agriculture/Weights & Measures to discuss California Bee law and pesticide control. In July, Beverly Hammond, Senior Agricultural Inspector for Sonoma County, will join us in the "seasoned Beekeepers forum" to walk us through the law and answer members' questions. We also met with Sonoma County Event Center at the Fairgrounds to lay out our plan of participating in most of the county's time-honored and cherished traditions. The board is also reviewing the latest changes to the bylaws and the latest Handbook. Lastly, review and approval of the finance plan for the next fiscal year starts in July 2022.

June is bustin' out all over.

Mohammed Ibrahim
1st VP, Pollinator Advocate

SCBA Pollinator Advocate T-Shirts

In Honor of Pollinator Week, June 20 – 26, we are offering a new Sonoma County Beekeepers Association T-shirt! We will have a limited number of shirts



available, in both uni-sex and women's sizes, at our next General Meeting and taking orders for more. Shirts are \$20 for members, \$25 for non-members

To place an order, email Shannon at Programdirector@sonomabees.org

All About Compost: A Virtual Workshop

Join Sonoma County Beekeepers Association and Waste Sleuth, Todd Sutton, on June 4 for a virtual home composting workshop and discover how easy it is to transform your yard debris and food scraps into valuable compost. Composting is easy and great for your yard and garden. Using compost helps save water, is kind to our environment and is great for plants, which means it is great for the pollinators!

Todd Sutton is a waste prevention expert with more than 30 years in the environmental field. A new SCBA member, he joined us at Spring Fling to lead one of our workshops, has appeared on national television including the Discovery and History channels, and has educated thousands on waste prevention, reuse, recycling, and composting.

This online workshop is open to members and the public. [CLICK HERE](#) to RSVP to receive the Zoom link the day before the event.

If you have questions about the event, please email Shannon at programdirector@sonomabees.org

From the Desk of the Program Director

By Shannon Carr

WOW! Spring Fling was amazing! Thank you to everyone who spent their Saturday with us at Bees N Blooms. We had more than 100 members join us for a fun day of making connections and attending educational workshops.

Thank you to **Chris Conrad**, owner of Bee Conscious Removal, and **Thea Vierling** for leading our Beekeeping 101 (Chris) and Beekeeping 102 (Thea) classes. Members got an opportunity to learn some of the basics of beekeeping, honeybee biology, varroa mites, and so much more from these two expert beekeepers.

Susan Kegley opened up her hives for beekeeping professionals **Christine Kurtz**, The Petaluma Bee Lady, and **Joy Wesley**, Bee Focused, to lead some very informative hive dives (2 each, 4 dives total). Members got to suit up and get a hands-on education as they gently lifted frames in Bees N Blooms' hives and received a private tour of the hive's inner workings.

Susan Kegley showed our members around the **Bees N Blooms** campus as she hosted a couple of Garden Tours, giving members the opportunity to observe dozens of different species of pollinators at work pollinating the lavenders and other beautiful plants around the campus. If you have not had the opportunity to visit Bees N Blooms, Lavender Daze are here, and the farm is open to the public on most weekends. For more information, visit the Bees n Blooms website www.beesnblooms.com.

Waste Sleuth, **Todd Sutton**, led a very informative, introductory workshop on the importance of compost and how to compost. He will be leading a more in-depth virtual workshop on compost on June 4th; see above in The Extractor for more information.



Members hold their finished swarm traps. Photos by Shannon Carr

Tong Lai (TL) Ginn instructed members on how to build a swarm trap. While most swarm activity starts to

wane by the middle of May, TL knows it is never too late to build a swarm trap. Each member who took the class got to take home their swarm trap they made from materials easily acquired from a hardware store. During the class, participants learned how to assemble, bait, and hang the trap from a tree. (Fun side note, my swarm trap that TL made at a swarm trap workshop earlier in the year caught its first swarm on May 20, World Bee Day.)

We have extra swarm trap materials and will be selling Swarm Trap Kits, for \$15 (cost of materials) at the next General Meeting.



The Riepenhoff Full Frame Solar Oven Honey Extractor.

Leonard Riepenhoff and his wife **Lynn** showed our members how to build their own Full Frame Solar Oven Honey Extractor and how to use the solar oven to harvest more than six pounds of honey from two full capped frames using the power of the sun with their solar oven. Search "Bee Equipment" or "Honey Extractor" on Craigslist for more information.

Gardening for Bees (G4Bs) volunteers brought tons of pollinator plants they have been growing in home nurseries for members to purchase and plant in their own gardens. They also got their hands dirty as they hosted a fun seed bomb making table.

Congratulations to our new member **Bill Bowlus**, who was super excited to win the gorgeous hand-crafted Nuc Complete Hive Set Up, made by John McGinnis. That kit was, by far, was the most popular item in our raffle.

And the biggest THANK YOU of all to **Susan Kegley** for all her support of SCBA and giving us access to Bees N Blooms campus, her hives, and her gardens

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for our event. Her support made this year's Spring Fling! event possible.

Lost and found: There were quite a few items left behind. If you are missing a veil, gloves, hat, sweater, or something else, please contact me at programdirector@sonomabees.org.

Thank you Members, Donors, and Supporters for your donations to the event and to the raffle.

Members

- Betty Andrews
- Elizabeth Holdmann
- John McGinnis
- Roger Simpson
- Ryan Teurfs Designs
- Selina Fullmer
- Thea Vierling

Community Businesses

- B&B Market Baskets
- Cal Skate
- Children's Museum of Sonoma County
- Cold Stone Creamery
- Comet Corn Pops
- Dadant
- Double Decker Lanes
- Dutch Brothers Coffee
- Friedman's Home Improvement
- In-N-Out
- Kirin Restaurant
- Korbel Winery
- Morton and Bassett
- Pawsarotti
- Pricketts Nursery
- Safeway
- Santa Rosa Symphony
- Schulz Museum
- Shikai Products
- Sonoma County Museum
- Straus Family Creamery
- St. Francis Winery
- Target
- Vertex Climbing Center
- VJB Cellars
- Wellington Winery
- Western Farms



Gardening for Bees and their huge selection of plants.

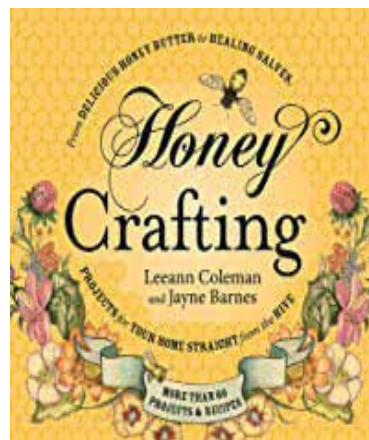
SCBA Book Nook

[Honey Crafting: From Delicious Honey Butter to Healing Salves, Projects for Your Home Straight from the Hive](#)



By Leann Coleman

From hive to home! Honey Crafting celebrates everything the hive has to offer. Inside this book you will



find a variety of sweet crafts from beeswax ornaments to honey scrubs to sweet recipes, as well as home remedies to soothe a variety ailments. Step-by-step instructions, mixed with buzz-worthy wisdom, makes this sweet book delicious to read.

We have more than 250 books and DVDs in the SCBA Library. *Honey Crafting* is just one of many books about bees, gardening for bees, and products from in the hive in our collection. You can view all our books available to you at [SCBA-Library](#). If you are interested in checking out a book, email our librarian at Librarian@sonomabees.org, to make arrangements to pick up one or two of the books or DVDs available to SCBA members.

BEE PLANT OF THE MONTH

June: Purple Vervain

By Elizabeth Newton

Native to tropical South America, purple vervain (*verbena bonariensis*) goes completely dormant in winter. In fact, you might be tempted to assume that it's gone for good. But purple vervain generously disperses its seeds throughout the growing season, and during the winter months, these slumber under a thin layer of topsoil. When spring arrives, they germinate into a small plant with low-growing, fuzzy foliage that looks unimpressive and weedy. The seedlings poke along, not doing anything much for a month or two. Later in the spring, when days start lengthening, airy spikes of purple flowers start to shoot upwards, towering above low growing flowering plants. The long, graceful stems are topped by mounded



clusters of delicate lavender-colored blossoms, which attract not just honeybees, but also butterflies, hummingbirds, native bees and seed-eating birds such as goldfinches. The long stems make great additions to flower arrangements, and when cut will replace themselves readily.

When my husband and I first bought our home in Sebastopol, we bought twelve young purple vervain plants in four-inch pots. This was akin to the rookie mistake of planting twelve zucchini plants. Technically speaking, this is an “invasive” plant, but a lovelier invader is hard to imagine. They pop up in surprising places all over the garden, though they politely share space with others. They are also easy to pull or dig up and can be successfully transplanted elsewhere.

BUSINESS MEMBER PROFILE

Susan Kegley

Susan Kegley has been a long-time member and supporter of SCBA. She has had numerous roles within the association, including serving on the board of directors and as President. She earned a PhD in Chemistry and is the founder of the Pesticide Research Institute and is the co-owner of Bees-N-Blooms. She has served on educational panels for Xerces Society and has given educational presentation at SCBA meetings regarding the impacts of pesticides on our environment, on pollinators, and on honeybees.

Through Bees-N-Blooms, Susan and her husband are demonstrating healthier and organic practices that sustain animals, plants, pollinators, and people. They've designed a Lavender Labyrinth and flower gardens, and their newest creation at the farm is a pollinator garden planted in the shape of a monarch butterfly.

Susan Kegley opened Bees-N-Blooms for SCBA's

Summer Picnic last year and for Spring Fling this year. She gave us access to her apiaries for educational hive dives, led informative garden tours of the campus, and allowed us to host a number of workshops and activities.

We are grateful to Susan for her support over the years. You can see her contact information in all our monthly newsletters on the business members' page.

MOVIE REVIEW

“The Pollinators” Hope for Bees and Our Food System

By Ann Gallagher White, 2nd VP

Pollination, extraordinarily, is something we all believe should happen naturally and no longer does so I expected to be let down by the issues surrounding pollinator health and the use of pesticides when I watched the film “The Pollinators”. The 1½ hour documentary released in 2019/2020 by Director Peter Nelson is available widely (viewed by SCBA members soon after release). It provides a gritty view of the challenges bees face today in the United States’ mega/mono crop farms dependent on bee-killing pesticides. I mention this obvious territorial limitation because in Europe, the protective principal is used in agriculture and food production, refraining from use chemicals unless they are known/shown to be safe <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/factsheets/en/sheet/51/food-safety>.

The fact-filled and visually interesting film includes flatbed trucks that haul beehives around the country to pollinate crops at enormous expense to farmers (which is passed on to consumers). Commercial beekeepers who are supplying the pollinators discuss their challenges, including having to wait in line at the EPA while the pesticide representatives walk right in. This phenomenon, known as agency capture, occurs when the agency assigned to regulate an industry becomes ineffective due to the close ties it forms with its regulated industry at the expense of public health and our general welfare. One beekeeper observes how EPA jobs have become a springboard into the chemical industry, finally calling the EPA “the CPA” (Chemical Protection Agency).

As disheartening as we may find this circumstance, ripe with legal, moral, and economic conflicts at the public’s expense, we also hear from farmers who are daring to change how they farm and chefs working with these innovative farms to create a healthy balance between the environment and food production.

SCBA member Susan Kegley PhD (owner/operator of Bees N Blooms and Pesticide Research Institute) appears in the film to discuss what is failing in our system and what is not and how important bees are to keep the entire system going. Environmentalist Bill

McKibben discusses how bees are a bellwether of environmental problems and points out the absurdity of how the U.S has set up our food system.

One oddity in the film is that questions asked (of the interviewees) are not included, so we can only guess. Beekeepers, farmers, environmentalists, and others discuss fascinating topics related to the U.S.’s mis-handling of the regulatory and farming systems in commonsense language to make the film’s message accessible: the U.S. has oversimplified a complex and dynamic process (farming) by creating massive monocrops (corn, soybeans are the midwestern mainstays while almonds, apples and blueberries are also mentioned in the film) that suddenly bloom and then stop without diversification or crop rotation and tried to fix the problems with pesticides. Pesticide usage may solve some problems (eliminating pesky insects that eat crops) but also generates more problems – such as soil degradation – and even more worrisome, it kills off our most beneficial insects. Another aspect of the unregulated use of pesticides is that glyphosate in Roundup (see: <https://www.fda.gov/food/pesticides/questions-and-answers-glyphosate>) is an unintended ingredient in our food supply as a study by the [Environmental Working Group](#) has shown.

The takeaways for any consumer: choose locally grown, organic or non-genetically modified food, and eat a diverse diet. Note genetically modified crops may be “Roundup Ready” (and have been treated with Roundup) but may also feed more people and grow in difficult conditions (see <https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/the-truth-about-genetically-modified-food/>). We should also be less picky about blemished fruit/veggies so that our farmers will respond accordingly, and we must support our local farmers – visit a fruit or veggie stand and/or a farmers’ market and find out who is growing your food and where. Plus, we can each grow plants in our gardens that are beneficial to insects and pollinators without pesticides and herbicides.

If you want to be informed about the link between pesticide use in agriculture and why bees and other pollinators are dying, this documentary is a good place to start. If nothing else, you will come away with at least one amazing phrase that attempts to describe the issues/problem since the film is full of them: honeybee health “is only important if you eat food.”

Like me, you may find yourself more informed and even hopeful. If you want to learn more, [click here](#) a discussion guide.

SCBA MEMBERS: GET VOCAL TO SUPPORT BEES AND BAN NEONICS

By Ann Gallagher White, 2nd VP

On the 23rd of May, 2022, the California State Assembly voted 45-14 to pass AB 2146, a bill authored by Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan that would restrict most outdoor, non-agricultural uses of neonicotinoid insecticides, or “neonics.” A large and growing body of evidence identifies neonics as a leading cause of widespread pollinator decline and links widespread neonic contamination with mass bird losses, aquatic ecosystem collapse, and risks to human health. <https://www.cnps.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/FINAL-AB-2146-Press-Release-Assembly-Pass.pdf> AB 2146, co-sponsored by NRDC, Environment California, and the California Native Plant Society, would prohibit most outdoor, non-agricultural uses of the five major neonics, while allowing certain treatments, like those to combat invasive species. The bill now advances to the California State Senate. Get vocal and contact your state senator. (Northern California Senators are Mike McGuire senator.mcguire@senate.ca.gov and Cecilia Aguiar-Curry <https://a04.asmdc.org/> Tel: (916) 319-2004).

Cluster News

The **East Cluster** has decided to contribute a column to the SCBA monthly newsletter to better inform East Cluster and SCBA members of what is happening in Sonoma Valley.

Some of the East Cluster members got together at Alan Ross’s farm in Kenwood on April 4 for a strategy meeting to talk about ideas for revitalizing East Cluster activity. There were many constructive suggestions, including holding regular monthly meetings at Flatbed Farm, meetings at Sonoma Regional Park, creating smaller Nuc clusters within the East Cluster to better facilitate group activities, such as hive dives and bee cafes within each Nuc, and writing an East Cluster monthly column for the SCBA newsletter to keep East Cluster members better informed about beekeeping activities in Sonoma Valley.

We’ve had a wealth of contributions for the June newsletter, so we’ll start out with a little background and list some of the characters engaged in beekeeping in the far east of Sonoma County.

East Cluster is Back on its Feet Again (or should we say “Our Wings Again”)!

By Thea Vierling

The pandemic certainly put a stop to a lot of the East Cluster programs, but we are now waking up from the Deep Pandemic Sleep (DPS). With the work of a committee of 12, we came up with some great plans for what East cluster will look like for the remainder of 2022. Here’s a description of our program. We welcome comments and ideas!

Monthly meeting at Flat Bed Farm: The East Cluster is planning a monthly meeting at Flatbed Farm, (13450 Sonoma Highway 12 in Glen Ellen) at 11:00 AM on the first Saturday of each month, starting June 4th. There will be no monthly reminders about this but it will be on monthly calendar. All Easties are welcome. Just show up and share stories and good vibes with other beekeepers from the East Cluster.

Cluster Coordinators: We now have three cluster coordinators: Mariah Hanson, Bonney Philbein and Tripp Hunter. They can be reached by email at east-cluster@sonomabees.org.

They will be meeting soon to plan cluster meetings, hive dives and other events for East Cluster

SCBA newsletter East Cluster column: Communication among the East Cluster, especially during the pandemic, has been dismal. We are hoping that our monthly column in the SCBA newsletter will give East

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Pictured above are, left to right: Bonney Philbein, Alan Ross, Tripp Hunter, Hayley Cutri, farm manager, and Thea Vierling

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Cluster members a better idea of what's going on. Please send all your news items, equipment needs, swarm stories, anything of note to Darrel Jones at eastnews@sonomabees.org by the 10th of every month. Darrel will collate the information and send it to the SCBA newsletter folks for printing.

For more information about any of the events write to: eastcluster@sonomabees.org

The East Cluster had a meet-and-greet at Sonoma Valley Regional Park in Glen Ellen on Saturday, April 30. There was a good turnout, and several of the East Cluster members sent in the following quotes:

Yesterday's gathering was very wonderful. It was really nice to be with others again, discussing news, our business, and just having nice conversations. I feel re-energized about beekeeping, even as I have enjoyed it throughout the two tough years of Covid. Thanks to all of you for pulling us together yesterday.

"We were all going our separate ways. Now we're energized. Members and non-members working as a community. And Saturdays at Flatbed is great idea."

The new design gets us having fun with each other while beekeeping!

This from Alan Ross:

We are looking for folks who've had experience at hive dives to assist with our hive dives, to be held in

subsets (Nucs) of the East Cluster. Especially with the new beekeepers, the questions that may come up should not be too complex. Also, please suggest any others with experience who might want to do this. You do not need to be a member of SCBA to volunteer your expertise. Please contact me at eastdives@sonomabees.org if you can help our newer East Cluster members with your experience and knowledge during a hive dive so he can coordinate with the Nuc cluster leaders for future hive dives. Thanks!

This from Mariah Hanson:

East Cluster is going to encourage more activity. Over the last few months, I have appreciated the help I have received from Tripp, Maralee and Nadya, so I feel honored to be able to give back so soon by helping coordinate our Sonoma bee community.

Our May hive dive was hosted by Mato Herceg. Mato has four hives, which had not been inspected for about three weeks before our dive. Attendance was limited to six people -- a format we will likely stick to for future dives, as well. His wife, Tina, provided yummy snacks. It was great to meet everyone. All of our divers had their own veils and gloves, and we learned a lot inspecting the frames together. I will announce future East Cluster hive dives via email. Keep checking in, and if you see one you want to attend, be sure to RSVP early!

That's it for June. Please, East Cluster members, send Darrel news and photos of your beekeeping activity in Sonoma Valley.

SCBA PHOTO GALLERY 1



Program Director Shannon Carr submitted these images of bees on flowers. California Golden Poppy on the left, Echium tower of jewels on the right.



Cooking with Honey

Remembrance of Things Lost

By Rachel Parker

We all probably have had the experience of losing a beloved recipe – the hand-written cookie recipe from a distant aunt, or your kids' favorite muffin recipe that didn't include chocolate chips. I had one – sent by my mother-in-law back in the early 1990s. It was a recipe that she'd photocopied from a magazine and sent to me with one of her usual notes: "Thought of you. – Marie"

It was a hit: Sweet but not sugary; special yet fairly easy to make; delicious on the first day, as well as the few days that followed until all that was left was the buttery tart base in the sink.

But in one of our moves, I lost it; ever since the early 2000s, I've tried many sources and versions and mostly been disappointed. Since 2008, I've tweaked a published recipe for a ricotta tart (so much so that the original recipe author wouldn't recognize his or her work) and think that now I have recaptured the essential Honey Bee Tart. We have this on Easter, but it is yummy any time you want a beautiful dessert that showcases honey and orange.



HONEY BEE TART

Ingredients

For the crust

1 $\frac{3}{4}$ cups flour (plus more for dusting)
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup sugar
1 teaspoon orange zest
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup butter diced and chilled
1 egg yolk

For the filling

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup ricotta cheese
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sour cream
1 8oz package cream cheese
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup honey
2 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons orange zest
1 tablespoon Cointreau

For the crust: Combine the flour, sugar, orange zest, and salt in the bowl of a food processor. Add the butter and pulse until a coarse meal forms. Add the egg yolk and pulse until the dough comes together as a clump. Turn out onto a lightly floured board and knead gently to combine well. Wrap and chill the dough at least 30 minutes.

For the filling: Use a mixer to beat the cheeses and sour cream until well combined. Beat in the honey, then add the eggs, vanilla, orange zest and Cointreau. Continue to beat until the filling is smooth.

To assemble: Preheat the oven at 350 degrees.

Divide the dough into 2 pieces – about $\frac{2}{3}$ for the base, and about $\frac{1}{3}$ for the top. Roll the dough to about a 12" circle, then press the dough over the bottom and up the sides of a 9" round tart. Trim off any overage and add that to the second piece of dough.

Pour the cheese filling into the tart shell. Roll out the remaining dough into 1" wide strips and fit them over the tart in a lattice design. (Or, if you are clever with a knife, cut into bee shapes and lay them over the tart.)

Bake for 1 hour, until golden and puffed. Cool completely to serve.

SCBA PHOTO GALLERY 2

The Monthly Extractor is dedicating space to members' photos from their apiary or garden, with captions. Please note, because *The Monthly Extractor* is publicly published, if you send photos featuring people (whether adults, children, or teens), we need to have their consent. Email written consent should do the job. Send photos to editor@sonomabees.org



Female worker bee "touch down" – Mohammed Ibrahim



Wildlife feral honeybee colony – Mohammed Ibrahim



Honeybees hard at work – Mohammed Ibrahim

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Canopy – \$5,000

Hedgerow -- \$1000

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Epilobium canum 'Catalina,' California fuchsia



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