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

are Swarms, Packages, Nucs, and Divisions. Our plants are loving the longer, warmer days. Get outside and bee a part of it all!

And don't forget to Plant! Plant! Plant!

Carol Ellis, SCBA President

President's Message

Hello all you fantastic members of SCBA, happy Spring!



Well, I must start by saying how much fun we had at the March General Meeting. It was all in-person at Druid Hall. So many members came out to celebrate the beginning of Spring and all the exciting things that it brings. We acknowledged some of our most active members. We honored

Christine Kurtz with our first Honorarium Award, played games, and just enjoyed being together again. It was the beginning of many more fun gatherings this year.

The General Meeting was quickly followed by our first Flower to Table Pollinator Brunch fundraising event. It was just as fun as the General Meeting, only we had some fabulous food, donated by generous businesses around Sonoma County and prepared by our very own members. The speakers were Megan Kaun and Susan Kegley. They discussed the importance of providing forage for our bees and native pollinators. More and more bees are populating our county each year and they all need nectar! The time is now. Get outside and plant some forage, Plant! Plant! Plant!

This means that our Spring Fling is on the horizon. Make sure you join us at Bees-n-Blooms on April 29, because there won't be a General Meeting this month. It's going to be even more delightful than last year!

Spring is such an exciting time of year for beekeepers and gardeners. The bees are coming out! There

SCBA Calendar

The SCBA online calendar is updated frequently. Check it out to see current events.

April 1 – [East Cluster Cafe](#)
April 15 – [Central and West Cluster Café](#)
April 15 – [South Cluster Café](#)
April 17 – [Beginner Beekeepers Forum](#)
April 24 – [Seasoned Beekeepers Forum](#)
April 29 – [Spring Fling 2023](#) -- see flyer on page 11

NO GENERAL MEETING THIS MONTH!

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From the Desk of the Program Director

By Shannon Carr



March was a month of coming together! We had an amazing in-person meeting on March 13. So many of our members came out, we had a great time catching up, sharing stories, and showing off the new office.

Our in-person meeting gave us the opportunity we had been waiting for to acknowledge a few of our members who have gone above and beyond, repeatedly, for SCBA and our members. Last year when we took nominations for the 2023 board, we asked our members who they feel should be recognized for their hard work in the association, and we couldn't agree more. For SCBA's Bee Program **Bernie Leda**, North Cluster Coordinator, and swarm rescuer, was acknowledged for all that he does for members, the community in his cluster and the association. **Ellen Sherron** was acknowledged for being one of the founders of our Gardening for Bees program and constantly sharing her garden with members of our association. **Thea Vierling** was acknowledged for all her hard work for our education programs and contributions to the East Cluster. **Ettamarie Peterson** was acknowledged for years of dedication to *The Extractor* and being its long-time editor. And while so many people in this association are "over achievers" we acknowledged **Rorie Sweeny** and **Ann Jereb** for always being there when someone calls and **Bruce Harris** for all his work behind the scenes with our IT, website, and database. Huge thank you to all of you for what you do for this association and being a part of making us who we are.

The Sunday following our in-person General Meeting we had our first ever **Flower to Table Pollinator Brunch**. It was amazing! We had a great mix of SCBA members and community members. We feasted on Eggs Ortega made by Ann Gallagher White, a delicious berry salad accompanied by a homemade divinity made by **Kelli Cox**, a garden salad with edible flowers made by **Carol Ellis**, fabulous cookies in the shape of butterflies made by **Stevie Lazo**, just to list a few of the delicious items on the menu for our guests.

We had a fantastic raffle basket filled with goodies made by members from their hives and an amazing pollinator garden starter kit. Benson brought his observation hive that was buzzing with all the bees working inside. And our speakers **Megan Kaun** and **Susan Kegley** inspired our guests for a better future for pollinators. It truly was an amazing event. Everyone had a lot of fun and we are looking forward to bringing it to you again on October 1st. So, mark your calendars now! And reach out if you would like to be on one of the committees and help with the planning.

Shannon Carr
Program Director
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Cookies made by Stevie Lazo and Ann Bunnell for the Pollinator Brunch. More photos on page 10.

Bee Talk!

by Mohammed Ibrahim, 1st Vice President



Spring is the most exciting time of the beekeeping season. Beekeepers around the country are actively involved in their apiaries. Between swarms, splits, supering, and honey harvesting, every activity keeps us on our toes, trying to catch up with the bees.

It is important at this time to be on the top of your colonies. I always feel the bees are a week ahead of me, so be proactive, give space to your colony, split the strong ones, and keep an eye out for swarms. If you have not put up your swarm traps yet, you are late! We have had 15 swarms reported as of March 20th.

Based on the annual member survey, the survival rate for the winter season, 2022-2023, is approximately 53%, vs. in 2021-2022, 58.5%. The drop in survival rate is expected due to harsher weather environment and last year's drought. We hope this rate will improve through this season with the amount of rain the county experienced.

Interesting to mention that I have been monitoring three wild colonies over the last two years, and those

have not survived this year either. That makes me realize that it will be even more challenging for backyard beekeepers to save the bees without taking different approaches than the traditional way we kept bees on the past.

At this point, we certainly need to take habitat improvement seriously before you add colonies to your apiary (hive density); think about the forage and surrounding resources. We see a strong correlation between survival rates in clusters with better habitats than others. The city of Santa Rosa had the highest survival rates compared to other clusters.

Our beekeeping program leaders and cluster coordinators are working closely with the gardening for bees program to emphasize the importance of gardening and planting to the bees in the following years. We need to also think about climate change and the use of pesticides and chemical treatment. Every factor counts, and every little change will make a difference.

I should mention that the Flower to Table Pollinator Brunch event was absolutely enriching and fulfilling. If you did not have the chance to make it this time, please do for the next one. It is one of the best ways to strengthen our SCBA community and help support our program to continue its efforts to meet our mission.

I also thank all the volunteers, cluster leaders, cluster coordinators, swarm resources, and regional cluster coordinators for their hard work and commitment to the organization.

I wish you all and myself a happy beekeeping season coming forward. Do not hesitate to reach out to me for any questions, suggestions, comments, and feedback at 1stvp@sonomabees.org



Two swarms that Mohammed caught in March.

Find Your Cluster and Other Groups on Facebook

Social Media is a great resource. It allows us to share information within our community, both outside of SCBA through our [Facebook](#) page and internally through our private, for members only, Facebook Groups:

[Central Cluster](#)

[East Cluster](#)

[North Cluster](#)

[South Cluster](#)

[West Cluster](#)

[Gardening for Bees](#)

[Alternative Hives](#)

These Facebook groups are great places online to connect with members in your cluster. You can share your stories and experiences, ask questions, and possibly find bee and garden buddies.

We are looking for members who can be online educators and help answer questions posted on your cluster's group page, and perhaps some of the other cluster pages as well. Reach out to Shannon at pro-gramdirector@sonomabees.org if you are interested.

Dry Swarms

By Ettamarie Peterson

"Dry swarms" is a term used to describe swarms that are leaving their old colonies on "empty stomachs" because there was a lack of food in the hive when they swarmed. These swarms are not the docile, sweet, easy-to-handle bees we are told swarms are supposed to be. They tend to be much more irritable and are likely to sting. Considering that we have had longer periods of rain (which we needed to fill all our dry land) that kept the bees inside consuming their stores we may encounter more dry swarms. I am advising all of you to approach swarms fully protected this swarm catching season. Do not believe the myth that all swarms are docile!

April's Hive To-Do List

By Serge Labesque

- Inspect your hives regularly. Focus your attention on the open brood (eggs and young larvae) for signs of health issues and of colony preparation for swarming.
- Ensure unimpeded development of the brood nests. Add frames to provide egg-laying space and comb-building opportunities.
- Add frames and supers for nectar storage space.
- Ensure the presence of clustering space between the brood nests and the hive entrances.
- Perform hive divisions when the colonies are initiating their preparations for swarming.
- Rear a few queens from your best stock.
- Observe the monitoring trays, particularly for signs of brood diseases, chalkbrood mummies, European foul brood-affected larvae or other health issues.
- Gradually open the entrances of the hives to match the increasing forager activity.
- Harvest only surplus early spring honey. Make sure you leave enough honey in the hives, 20 lb. being adequate for a mature colony at this time of year.
- Monitor the swarm traps that were set out.
- Re-queen or combine overwintered hives that are not performing satisfactorily or have failing queens.
- Keep some equipment at the ready to catch the occasional swarm.
- Maintain sources of water for the bees.
- Remove weeds from in front of the hives.
- Discard old and misshapen combs.
- Render wax from discarded frames.
- Routinely clean and scorch tools and equipment.
- Plant bee forage! Plant like a gardener gone berserk! Feed the bees!

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A Wet Spring Has Sprung

By Ann Gallagher White, 2nd VP



Spring is here and yet; we continue to get lots of rain. It is fabulous that this winter has made a huge dent in the drought, but as happy as I am to have reservoirs filled and a little more groundwater replenished, the rain is cramping my style! Yes, I am a fair-weather gardener who needs some sun to get out there. Yes, weeds will be plentiful (and so

will flowers) so I am working on my patience with the continuing deluge, among other things.

I spread wildflower seeds just before the last rains and feel confident they were washed away in the atmospheric rivers flowing from the sky. But daffodils are springing up all over the place. I am noticing what is blooming by season: plum trees, apple trees, peach trees, flowering cherries, camelias, borage, rosemary, star magnolia and soon poppies and bearded iris will add color and texture.

Plants for Sale!

Now that I got your attention, our home nurseries gardening group is growing plants to sell to members at upcoming events, including the Spring Fling and beyond. Look out for information so you can snag pollinator plants at great prices that you know are free of pesticides.

School Pollinator Gardens

G4B volunteers are growing plants for school pollinator gardens, and we continue to ask for your help and input on schools who might be interested in getting our pollinator packs to get their pollinator gardens growing.

On the Pesticide Front: AB-99

AB-99 limits the ability of Cal-Trans to spray pesticides on public highways. SCBA believes we can have healthy highways in Sonoma County and is participating in the coalition to make the bill a reality by talking with others who have fought the fight. Take action to help pollinators thrive without glyphosate and other poisons and support the bill. You can find out

more about it on the [Safe Agriculture Safe Schools \(SASS\)](#) website.

Pollinator Brunch

Our volunteer gardeners grew amazing and gorgeous succulents and planted pots that became table decorations for our first “flower-to-table” Pollinator Brunch March 19 at the Luther Burbank Art and Garden Center. The succulents SCBA members donated along with pollinator plants from Blooms Wholesale Nursery became centerpieces and a reminder that flowers are not only beautiful, but they also support pollinators. If you want to reach out, my email is: 2ndVP@sonomabees.org

What's Happening in the Garden? Gardening for Bee's update April, 2023

Kim Bergstrom

Gardening Coordinator, SCBA

Starting plants from seed is a great, economical way to produce lots of nectar and pollen producing flowers and plants for your bees. And now is the time to do it with spring just having sprung (I think!). And with the rains we have had this winter we will emerge this spring from out of our drought and should have plenty of water to keep plants alive through the summer and beyond. Besides, there is something so gratifying about planting a small seed and seeing a little seedling emerge and become something beautiful...that you did all by yourself!

That is why March was our “all things seeds” workshop in the clusters. Everyone who came to their cluster meeting in March (or April for East), walked away with an egg carton planted with their favorite seed mix, and a lot of knowledge about how to plant seeds and grow and care for seedlings!

Our seed maven, Liz Holdmann (South Cluster) has started a wonderful seed library for the association. She has reached out to dozens of seed companies to ask for (and she has received) hundreds of seed packets. She has created seed tag templates so the

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association can create our own seed packets with seeds from spent flowers. She created the seed starting sheet that cluster participants took home, and she was recently awarded an "honorable mention" at the last SCBA meeting for all of her work in getting the SCBA seed library up and running and for all that she has done for the Gardening 4 Bee's (G4B's) group. Thanks for all of your tireless work Liz!!

If you didn't get a chance to go to your cluster meeting in March, you can still find the "Seed Starting" sheet in our gardening resources area on the website. At the next in-person SCBA meeting, pick up some SCBA seeds for a small donation and get those seeds going.

In addition to honoring Liz, we also honored Maryle Brauer (honorable mention) for her many years of service to the G4B's group and especially for leading our group through the tough years of the pandemic. Thank you Maryle! And finally, we honored Ellen Sherron as the SCBA Gardening Award recipient for outstanding volunteerism and commitment

to the Gardening group. Ellen was one of the first members involved in getting the G4B's group up and running. She has held countless propagation workshops at her home and many lucky SCBA members have been the recipient of incredible pollinator plants

because of Ellen. We look forward to many more workshops this year at her house. Thank you for all your work and commitment to gardening for bees Ellen!!



Seed Planting workshop at South Cluster's March Cafe

And finally, thank you to all of you who came out for the March SCBA meeting at Druid Hall. We were able to unite many lovely pollinator plants with new owners across the association. It is so wonderful to see the exuberance in our members in their dedication to planting forage for our bees! Don't miss the next plant sale which will happen at the Spring Fling on April 29th at Bees N Blooms. We will also be doing a pollinator garden display and composting workshop there.

Reach out to me at: gardening@sonomabees.org if you have any questions or want to join our group. Until next month, Happy Gardening!



Cluster News!

By Kelli Cox, Regional Cluster Coordinator

Greetings Beeks,

The clusters have been busy, busy, busy and I'm hoping you are all taking advantage of them. Spring has sprung and I'd like to say there's a lot going on with the bees but while we still have incremental, rainy, cold weather we are instead getting sneak peeks and few swarms. Every year is different, and this is a doozy! The good news is we don't have to worry about rain for a while! I've been focusing on getting my garden ready. I hope those of you who attended our general meeting went home with some good plants from our G4Bs team. As I live in a super cold microcli-

mate, I'm just now starting to see some sprouting and am waiting with baited breath for my garden to start greening up.

You should be receiving emails from your cluster coordinators with information about cafes and hive dives. If you have any questions regarding your clusters don't hesitate to contact your cluster coordinators or me.

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at the Spring Fling coming up on April 29th.

Beest, Kelli Cox
regionalcoordinator@sonomabees.org

Here's what's buzzing in East Cluster

by Jamie Storck

Rain, sleet or even snow on the Sonoma mountains didn't stop the East Cluster from gathering!

Our Bee Café was on Saturday, March 4th where more than 20 new and seasoned beekeepers met to learn about queen rearing.

It was an enlightening and dynamic presentation by Mike Turner of Marin Coastal Bee Company and his associate Andrew Benson, "Benson".

We did a little bee math, which Thea loved, and talked about how Mike and Benson rear queens using two supers, a few enhancements to their setup, some moving of the supers and of course, more bee math. We learned a few tricks like the bees spread the pheromones of the queen by having contact with each other so if you create a buffer space between the bees they can't spread the queen's pheromones, which will make the hive think it's without a queen.

The East Cluster is looking for a few volunteers to work together with our bee share coordinator Maralee and Jamie to put this new knowledge from Mike and Benson to work and produce some queens for the East Cluster. Let one of them know ASAP if you are interested in this endeavor.

Swarm Season has started in Sonoma: Our first swarm was discovered on Maralee's property on Thursday, March 9th. This was a very large swarm,



Thank you to Darrel Jones who made four swarm traps for our raffle. We raffled two and have two more ready for another raffle

which she managed to quickly get into a hive setup before the big downpour. The second swarm was reported on Friday, March 10 on new SCBA member Maryann Walsh's property. She called Jamie Storck from the swarm list and they rescued this swarm from a tall tree and put it in a nuc box on Maryann's property.

Taco Tuesdays in Sonoma - Come out and have a taco and talk bees with members of the East Cluster. We gather on the third Tuesday of the month at 6 pm at Sonoma Eats, 18133 Hwy 12 (sharing space with Barking Dog Coffee Roasters).

Please contact Tripp or Bonney, our fabulous cluster coordinators at eastcluster@sonomabees.org if you want to host an upcoming bee café or have questions about local happenings.

South Cluster March Madness

By Rachel Parker

With good strong coffee and some wonderful cookies on hand (thanks Gayle and Darlene), the South Cluster regulars and a few new faces met again at John & Darlene McGinnis' home for a lively discussion of bee math and to plant pollinator seeds to take home. Liz Holdmann's bee math presentation was a refresher for most on how long it takes bee eggs to mature to workers, drones, and queens, and how long it takes for bees to mature within the hive. A short quiz, based on Michael Bush's *Practical Beekeeping*, was capped

off with fun prizes for the highest scorers. The seeds we planted will need many days to mature before they are ready to go into our gardens and supply our bees (or our neighbor's bees) with pollen and nectar.

We started the meeting with a recap of the Town Hall Meeting regarding Sonoma County's decision to allow 120 commercial hives to be placed on public land north of Healdsburg. Kelli Cox, Regional Cluster Coordinator, stressed that the association will maintain its educational efforts to emphasize the importance of forage for all pollinator communities.

Next month, South Cluster will meet at Becky Jackson's home. Watch your emails for details

SCBA BOOK NOOK



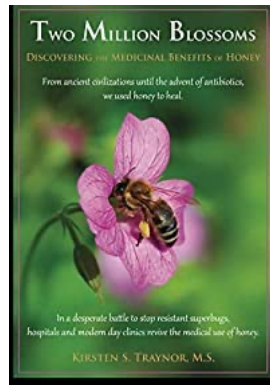
Light Weight Swarm Box

By Jonathan Khersonsky, Member SCBA

Two Million Blossoms: Discovering the Medicinal Benefits of Honey

By: Kirsten S Traynor

New scientific findings from around the world demonstrate honey heals chronic wounds, beats antibiotic-resistant superbugs, eliminates tissue scarring, reduces brain damage, improves memory, and minimizes the harmful side-effects of cancer treatments. An easily assimilated antioxidant, honey proves more effective than over-the-counter cough medicines, acts as a natural laxative, stimulates good intestinal flora, and alleviates spring allergies. This ancient remedy has been rediscovered by the medical community.



Two Million Blossoms shows you the remarkable healing properties of honey.

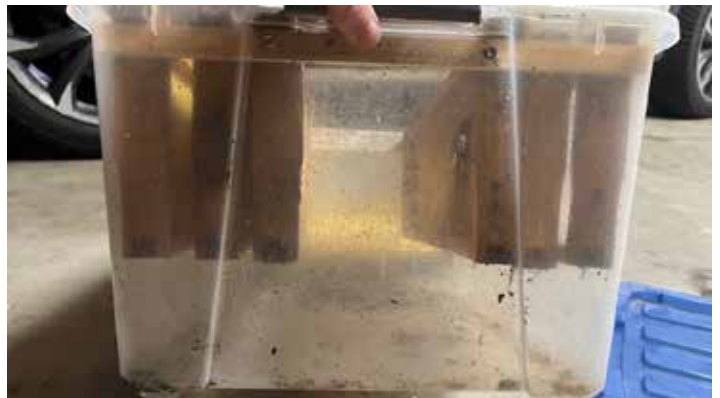
We have more than 250 books and DVDs in the SCBA Library. *Two Million Blossoms* is just one of many books about bees, gardening for bees, and products from the hive in our collection. You can view all our books and DVDs available to you at [SCBA-Library](#).

We are looking to expand the SCBA library with current books and resources. If you have any suggestions for books related to honeybees, beekeeping, native bees, gardening for bees, and products of the hive, please email your suggestions to Librarian@sonomabees.org.

SCBA Library is now available to members during the week by appointment. If you are interested in checking out a book, email our librarian at Librarian@sonomabees.org, to plan to pick up one or two of the books or DVDs available to SCBA members.

This box could be called “The Poor Man’s Hive Butler”. It is less than a five-minute hack. Take a 51-qt. Sterilite container. Cut two strips of wood 1/2" X 3" to fit the inside width of the handle sides. Line it up with a frame and some tape to test. Leave space for the top. Pre-drill holes as the wood might split because it is thin. Use short screws and drill from outside of the container into the strips of wood so that your frames can lay from handle to handle.

It is perfect for honey frame transport, swarms, anything, really. It is super-duper light. It is way better than carrying around the hive. And when you’re ready, you just handle the frames gently as you would anyway and transfer them to a hive. I’d say drill some holes for ventilation. (Editor’s note: You can make little holes in the plastic with a hot nail.)



Avoiding Gluten? Try this quick and easy snack cake.

By Rachel Parker

This Honey-Almond Snack Cake from Joanne Chang proves that you can give up wheat flour and still enjoy something baked. The original recipe calls for a combination of almond flour (aka ground almonds) and all-purpose white flour. But in her notes, Chang describes an adaptation using a combination of sorghum flour, rice flour, and potato starch. I used Bob's Red Mill One to One flour replacement product with good results, even though the specific ingredients and ratios of flour alternatives vary from Chang's suggestion. The finished cake is dense but not gluey. Enjoy!



Photos by Tim Parker

Gluten-Free Honey-Almond Snack Cake

By Joanne Chang, in *Baking with Less Sugar*

CAKE

½ cup canola oil
2/3 cup honey
2 tsp vanilla extract
2 tsp almond extract
2 large eggs, plus 2 egg yolks
1 cup crème fraiche
1 ½ cups Bob's Red Mill One to One flour (or ½ cup sorghum flour, ½ cup rice flour, ½ cup potato starch)
1 cup almond flour
2 tsp baking powder
¼ tsp baking soda
½ tsp salt

CREAMY FROSTING

8 oz cream cheese at room temperature
6 tbsp unsalted butter, very soft
1/3 cup honey
2 tsp vanilla extract
1 tsp almond extract
¼ tsp salt

Preheat your oven to 350 degrees F and position a rack in the center of the oven. Butter and flour the bottom and sides of a 9"x13" baking pan or spray with non-stick cooking spray.

In a medium bowl, whisk together the oil, honey, vanilla, and almond extract until well mixed. Whisk in the eggs and egg yolks until well combined. Whisk

in the crème fraiche. In a separate medium bowl, stir together the flours, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Using a rubber spatula, gently fold the dry ingredients into the wet ingredients and combine thoroughly. Scrape the batter into the prepared pan.

Bake for 30 to 40 minutes, or until the cake springs back when you poke it in the center. Remove from the oven and let cool completely in the pan on a wire rack.

Meanwhile, make the frosting: Using a stand or hand-held mixer, beat the cream cheese on medium for at least 4 minutes, or until perfectly smooth. Scrape the bowl with a rubber spatula, then add the butter. Add the remaining ingredients and beat well on medium to combine. (At this point, the frosting can be stored in a covered container in the fridge for up to a week.)

When the cake is completely cool, spread the frosting across the cake with a rubber or offset spatula. Serve and enjoy!

The cake can be stored, well wrapped in the refrigerator, for up to 3 days. Remove it from the refrigerator at least 1 hour before serving so the cake is not cold.



Flower to Table Pollinator Events

SCBA's March Flower to Table Pollinator Brunch was a HUGE success. Everyone loved it and had a lot of fun. It was the perfect "beta run" for our October fundraising event. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** We are looking for volunteers to work in one of four committees for our Flower to Table Pollinator event on Sunday October 1. Committees are: Food, Raffle / Silent Auction, Facilities, and Garden. If you would like to participate in this fun fundraiser, contact Shannon Carr at programdirector@sonomabees.org.



Mohammed Ibrahim (1st VP) with the SCBA Bee. All photos by Shannon Carr.



The winner of our pollinator garden package. She was so excited and couldn't wait to get the plants home and start her pollinator garden.



One of the center-pieces painted by the students at Sonoma Earth School and other volunteers.



Guests Peggy Snyder and Larry Ku enjoying their mimosas.



Andy Baxter (Secretary) and Miles Sarvis-Wilburn (at-large member of the SCBA Board) keeping our guests happy, serving mimosas and mead at the Pollinator Brunch

**SONOMA COUNTY
BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION'S**
SPRING FLING

(A Members Only Event)

SATURDAY APRIL 29

10:00 AM - 2:30 PM

Join SCBA for a fun day with lunch, workshops, plant sale from G4Bs, and a raffle featuring items for the apiary. Workshops incl: Beekeeping 101 & 102, Hive Dives, Garden Tours, and More...

10:30 - 11:30 First Block of Workshops

LUNCH

1:00 - 2:00 Second Block of Workshops



[HTTPS://SONOMABEES.ORG/EVENT-5218783](https://sonomabees.org/event-5218783)

SCBA Members Out and About in the Community



March was a busy month for SCBA members. We worked with students, met as clusters, and had a very successful in-person General Meeting. Clockwise, from below: Scott Griffin and Frank Gibbons talking to visitors at our booth at the North Bay Science Discovery Day. Central Cluster trivia pow wow at the March General Meeting. Carol Ellis and Kelli Cox at the General Meeting. Benson talking to visitors about the life cycle of the honey bee at our booth at the North Bay Science Discovery Day. Todd Sutton (aka WasteSleuth) talking to the students at SRHS Bee and Garden Club about compost and how good soil helps nourish plants, which in turn nourish the bees. All photos by Shannon Carr.



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Habitat Sponsors

Bees find forage in all kinds of environments -- from pollinator gardens to hedgerows of blooming plants, to meadows of wildflowers, to tree canopies. Your organization can be part of the effort to support the bees. To become a habitat sponsor, click here www.sonomabees.org/donate

Pollinator Garden – \$500



Meadow - \$2,500



Canopy – \$5,000



Hedgerow -- \$1,000



SCBA Member Matt Lodge of Sonoma County Properties will donate 10% of the income from a property sale to the non profit of the sellers' choice.

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