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

President's Message

It's June already, can you believe it? And it is literally busting out all over! Even though the cold and rain delayed the emergence of our foragers this year, the season of bee work has finally arrived



in full swing. The bees, the beekeepers, and the gardeners are all outside hustling.

Catching swarms, doing extractions, creating splits from strong hives, building equipment and planting pollinator gardens fill our long days. It's easy to get

caught up in all the work, but don't forget, the warm weather is also inviting you to grab a lawn chair, one of your favorite beverages, sit in your apiary and watch some "bee tv." It's so fascinating and peaceful.

It's also the time of year when SCBA gets busier, heading out to all the fairs and events to share information with the community. Keep an eye out for volunteer opportunities. More and more volunteers are needed every day.

Don't miss the General Meeting this month. It is going to be packed with information about how the latest weather patterns have been affecting our bees and our gardens and what we can do to navigate these extremes. G4Bs will have plants available for you to boost the pollinator forage in your gardens. The cluster leaders and some of our business members will be there to answer your burning questions. We will have newsletter trivia again, with prizes, so get prepared! And, as always, there will be homemade goodies and beverages to enjoy. The evenings are warmer and warmer so

SCBA General Meeting

Date: June 12, 2023; 6:00 – 8:30

Join us for our monthly General Meeting at the Druids Hall in Santa Rosa on Monday June 12. We will be discussing the changes in weather patterns in recent years and the fluctuations of extreme weather we have been experiencing. We will discuss how these abrupt changes are affecting bees, pollinators, and beekeeping practices in Sonoma County.

Location: Druids Hall
1011 College Ave Santa Rosa

the doors will be open, letting in the fresh air. Come take advantage of this opportunity to get together with your friends and find out what everybody is up to this summer.

It's an exciting time of year. Be a part of it all.

See you all outside,

Carol Ellis, SCBA President

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From the Desk of the Program Director

By Shannon Carr



As we enter June, we are getting closer to that halfway point of the year, and what a year it has been!

Our Cluster Coordinators are amazing! They have been coordinating great cluster

cafes for our members. Our Swarm Rescuers have been out there in our community catching swarms and working with the Beeshare team to get them into the apiaries of our members. Our Gardening for Bees team is doing amazing work propagating plants to get into pollinator gardens, coordinating workshops and garden hops for members to enjoy the beauty of these gardens and inspire them to create their own.

Our March Flower to Table – Pollinator Brunch was a huge success; everyone had an amazing time, and we will be following it up with a Flower to Table – Bee Bee Que on September 30th. (Stay tuned for more details!). The Spring Fling in April was so much fun. It was great to see so many of our members come together to enjoy the day. Members got to enjoy hive dives, garden tours and workshops led by local experts, a raffle filled with items with the beekeeper in mind, and lunch with friends at Bees N Blooms.

Plans are in the works to continue the momentum of this amazing year that we have been building. Our Cluster Coordinators are working to put together the July Cluster Picnics (due to this, our July General Meeting is cancelled). We have a team of people planning the SCBA exhibit at the County Fair in August, and we will once again be at Petaluma Art and Garden Festival and the Sebastopol Gravenstein Apple Fair.

On September 30th we will host our second Flower to Table fundraiser event with an Oktoberfest themed Bee Bee Que at Bees N Blooms. We are looking for more members to help with the planning of this event. Please reach out if you would like to be a part of this amazing team. We will wrap up the

SCBA June Calendar

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

June 3 – [Central and West Cluster Hive Dive](#)

June 3 – [West Cluster Garden Hop](#)

June 3 – [East Cluster Bee Café](#)

June 12 – [June General Meeting](#)

June 17 – [Central Cluster Bee Café](#)

June 17 – [South Cluster Garden Hop](#)

June 17 – [West Cluster Bee Café](#)

June 19 – [Beginner Beekeepers Forum](#)

June 24 – [Special Educational Forum: Compost](#)

June 25 – [G4Bs Salvia Workshop](#)

June 26 – [Seasoned Beekeepers Forum](#)

July 8 – [New Member Social](#)

year by bringing back SCBA's Holiday party!

We love all our members who are a part of our amazing community here at SCBA. As our community continues to grow so will our abilities to offer more. Reach out if you would like to be a part of future events, workshops, educational opportunities, and the teams that will help move SCBA forward.



Shannon Carr
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Bee Talk!

by Mohammed Ibrahim, 1st Vice President



While I was walking to my apiary on the day of the inspection, which happened to be Mother's Day, I wondered what the chances were of seeing the mother queen effortlessly on this day. She is the mother to generations, and her majesty's presence is levitating every beekeeper. I usually take a couple of minutes to observe the entrance of

the hive I am going to inspect. It tells us a lot before we dive in. It was 73°F, early afternoon, perfect weather, and nature was just vibrating around the apiary.

After a moment of silence and staring at the entrance, I saw her majesty touch down on the landing entrance of the hive, coming back from her mating flight like a shining star. What struck me more was how the guard bees reacted and how quickly they escorted her into the hive. It took me a moment to digest what I had just witnessed. I walked away from that hive and decided not to disturb the party inside.

I returned to my car to pick up my phone and call my dad, my beekeeping mentor, buddy, and hero. He picked up, and it was midnight back home. "Baghdad," I asked Baba "Dad," have you ever witnessed a queen returning from her mating flight in an unplanned and spontaneous moment? He said I haven't, which is rare; what are the odds! Beekeepers could see the queen leave for her mating flights, they waited until she returned to see her again, but she was not coming back. You are luckier than me, he said.

That colony was a swarm we rescued and went queenless during the rescue; I added a frame of eggs and larvae from another swarm rescued earlier this year to help the colony raise its queen. That moment was rewarding and made me think that "Bees might listen to us, might reward us, might confuse us." It is by far the organism of wonder.

June is when the bee colonies start the descent of swarming. Reducing the drone rearing, backfilling drone cells with nectar. Some supersedure activ-

ities will appear in colonies that need to replace their queens. Some beekeepers requeen their colonies for multiple reasons, such as poor laying patterns, health issues, aging, and, most importantly, to give the colony a chance to overcome Varroa mite infestation by stopping rearing brood. Varroa mite population growth is determined by the number of female mites in the colony, the reproductive rate of female Varroa mites, the availability of brood, and the available brood type. Many other organic methods help honeybees overcome Varroa mites, such as caging the queen for a week or 10 days to stop her from laying eggs and give a break cycle in brood rearing.

There were 230 swarms reported so far as of May 25th. Compared to last year, we are slightly behind. Swarm rescuers are doing a marvelous job providing swarms to our need bees list, and North Cluster was the first to fulfill their list. We laid out a plan for the rest of the swarm season on balancing the clusters. We want the colonies rescued or made from splits to go to other clusters. I am very optimistic that we will be able to fulfill the need bees list in all clusters as we did last year and provide a safe apiary to the overflow swarms if this happens to be the case.

Kelli Cox and her teams are doing a great job keeping cafés, hive dives, cluster meetings, and gadget nights occurring. Big THANK YOU to all the cluster leaders and volunteers donating their time and energy to our association community. On the other hand, I would like to take the opportunity here to invite you to attend the monthly forums and general meetings. There have been many great discussions and topics about bees and gardening that will benefit everyone in those meetings. I also encourage you to visit the meeting recording sessions on our websites; there are great sessions that will never go old in beekeeping.

Do not hesitate to reach out to me for any questions, suggestions, comments, and feedback at 1stvp@sonomabees.org

Let's keep buzzing...

Spring Into Summer

By Ann Gallagher White, 2nd VP

Hard to believe it will be summer in a few short weeks! On June 21st summer solstice will arrive and we exit spring. While spring flew by, after all that amazing rain, we continue to reap the rewards in our gardens with flowers galore and we continue to have the opportunity to make our gardens an oasis for pollinators.

Spring and Fall are the best times to take stock of what is and is not blooming and make improvement in our gardens' nectar and pollen offerings while



summer is when we bask in the glory of our seasonal efforts. My spring pollinator garden has too many blooms to name, but I'll try: poppies, wildflowers, lambs' ear, roses, salvias (hot lips, Phyllis fancy, pineapple sage, Jerusalem sage, common sage, white sage, and the bees current favorite, bee bliss sage), rockroses, borage, calendula, California bee plant, laven-

ders, and mulleins. If you have deer in your gardens as we do, these plants fend them off, except for roses. However, climbing roses have demonstrated an ability to outgrow the deer munching and the single, repeat blooming varieties (Sally Holmes) will make their pollen offerings easy to reach.

What to do in the garden now besides admire your work? Weed, mulch, take stock of what is blooming, deadhead spent blooms, plant your veggies with flowers, repeat and enjoy the show.

Weed – Keep in mind that anything you choose to apply is likely toxic to bees and pollinators. Do not apply anything that will poison your soil or our pollinators or harm you, your children, pets, and animals. For a resources on the different issues surrounding pesticides and pollinators, see <https://www.xerces.org/pesticides/risks-pesticides-pollinators>. I have tried pulling weeds, blocking them with fabric and mulch and/or gravel, flaming (dangerous if it is not wet outside or if leaves can catch and blow away), DeadWeed Brew, regular vinegar (acetic acid) with

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June's Hive To-Do List

By Serge Labesque

- Keep an eye on the health of the colonies.
- Provide adequate air circulation through the hives.
- Be aware of situations and manipulations that can trigger robbing.
- Make sure that the components of hives fit tightly to prevent secondary entrances that might allow robber bees to enter hives.
- Ensure that sources of water are continuously available to the bees.
- Provide filtered afternoon shade, if possible.
- Adjust the size of the hive entrances, particularly those of developing colonies to reduce the risk of robbing.
- Follow-up on the development of young colonies.
- Evaluate the quality of young queens. Replace failing or undesirable queens.
- Combine or requeen inherently weak colonies or those that are not developing properly.
- Perform hive divisions and raise queens, where and when conditions are favorable.
- Monitor swarm traps.
- Keep some equipment at the ready to catch an occasional swarm.
- Manage honey supers (less space is needed as the nectar flow decreases).
- Harvest surplus spring honey.
- Discard old and misshapen combs.
- Render wax from discarded frames and from cappings (separately).
- Routinely clean and scorch tools and equipment.

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salt and soap (the soap poisons the bees and the soil) and 20/30 percent vinegar. The 20/30 percent vinegar was the most effective, but it is also expensive, and all vinegar (acetic acid) is toxic to bees so always apply poison before/after bees are flying and pay attention to the native bee populations. Avoid using any poison (including soap/salt) on bare dirt; native bees may be living under the ground or in the brush. Here's a resource for common weeds in Sonoma County – it is best to know/name whatever we are trying to eradicate: https://sonomamg.ucanr.edu/Integrated_Pest_Management/Weeds/

Co-existing with Weeds – I accept that some underappreciated plants will stay and may even become a boon. Last year, lots of amaranth stayed and so did mullein. This year my “volunteer plant/weed” to co-exist with includes lemon balm, an herb that blooms in the summer, right when most of flowers will have ceased blooming, is drought tolerant and the pollinators love it. Plus, it makes a good cup of tea.

Mulch – Applied to keep soil in place, moisture in the ground and for preventing weeds. Wood options are less than inviting given the real fire danger they present. Do your research on the more and less flammable varieties and you may consider gravel a good option. I have a new favorite mulch: Clean Green Compost from Grab n Grow, and it is organic, can be used as a top dressing or tilled into the soil.

Take Stock of What IS Blooming – This is a seasonal necessity to keep our gardens healthy and blooming for our pollinators. Consider the food type the bloom presents (nectar or pollen or both) and whether you want to add to it or take away from what you are offering. G4B has a dearth plant list resource on our webpage and here's a list of bee friendly choices when you decide to plant, plant, plant: <https://arboretum.ucdavis.edu/blog/support-california-native-bees-these-10-plants>. Keep in mind that you do not want to buy plants that are not safe for pollinators so know before you buy if the plant is pollinator friendly and whether it has been treated, or buy from G4B at our general meeting plant sale in June!

Deadhead – Get out into the garden and clip the spent blooms. You may want to control self-sowing varieties of plants and prolong the bloom of the early summer season. Plants' energies are consumed by leaving the seeds on the plants as the plant is trying

to create new life, instead of maintaining its own and you can get more bloom from a healthy plant. I am deadheading now, and I keep my clippers close when I go out. Here's a resource: <https://ucanr.edu/blogs/blogcore/postdetail.cfm?postnum=24051>. While this is a good time to keep a good thing going, later in summer, let the plants keep the seeds for the birds and to prepare for winter.

Plant Your Veggies with Flowers – Need I say more about the beauty and aesthetic of adding flowers to the vegetable garden?! Marigolds and tomatoes, sunflowers, nasturtiums and calendula with everything, here is a resource: <https://www.almanac.com/video/best-annual-flowers-boost-vegetable-gardens>. Let some veggies bolt after they produce to attract more beneficial insects into your garden. You can add many of these flowers (e.g., borage) to salads.

Repeat and Enjoy the Show! Get out in the garden during all hours, watch the bees come and go and enjoy the summer season. My email is: 2ndVP@sonomabees.org. Happy Summer and enjoy the garden!



Beekeeper, swarm rescuer, and business member John McGinnis makes a range of bee hives that follow Serge Labesque's designs. He brought some of his beehives to the May General Meeting.

What's Happening in the Garden?

Gardening for Bee's update June 2023

By Kim Bergstrom, Gardening Coordinator

Thank you to everyone who came out to the Spring Fling and bought plants from the G4B's plant sale. We were able to sell more than 150 pollinator plants to SCBA members. And for those of you who missed the Spring Fling, we will be selling plants at the June General Meeting at Druids Hall on June 12th. We will have some lovely Salvias and Iranian Germander in addition to many other great pollinator plants for your bees.

G4B's held a wonderful workshop at the Spring Fling led by Ellen Sherron and Kelly Corbett on "planting year-round forage for our bees. We created a document of "Ellen's Favorite Pollinator Plants for year-round Bee Forage" and other resources from that workshop and have made it available on the SCBA website, under the [SCBA Members Only Info /Gardening for Bees section](#). We hope that you find this document useful in creating your own garden of year-round forage for your bees.

Regional Cluster Gardening Liaisons have been busy planning Garden tours for June. Be on the lookout for correspondence from your cluster leaders! We also will have two more "Cutting work-

shops" at Ellen Sherron's home on June 25th and the weekend of July 22nd/23rd. If you have ever wanted to learn how to grow your own plants from a cutting, this is a great way to learn, and you will get to help the G4B's group as well as take a couple of cuttings home to your garden. Please reach out to me at gardening@sonomabees.org if you are interested in participating in one of these workshops.

Finally, as we near the half-way point through the calendar year, there are a few folks that I want to give a great big "Thank you" shout out to, who have really helped steer the G4B's ship through this first half of the year, and who have made the journey fun, and educational. They include Kelly Corbett, Ellen Sherron, Gülten Eicher, Maureen Bufton, Franny Minervini-Zick, Ellen Schwartz, Angy Nowicki, Karen Cappa, Connie Alexich, Stevie Lazo, Mendy and Antonia Cerniglia, Chris Dicker, Ann Gallagher-White, Tyler Moore, Kelli Cox, Bruce Harris, and Shannon Carr!



By Carol Ellis

Attention All Makers, Crafters, and Artists!

SCBA is calling out to all our talented members to create items for our prize closet. We would love to offer prizes, at our raffles and trivia games, that showcase the talents of our own membership. If you are one of those people, and could create some handmade items, please email me at president@sonomabees.org. We would love to share your creations!

Carol Ellis

Cluster News!

By Kelli Cox, Regional Cluster Coordinator

It's been a busy month and continues to be!

Larger than ever swarms being reported, strange new hive activity, many queenless hives, poorly mated or virgin queens plus a plethora of other "hive happenings" has left many (even the seasoned) beekeepers scratching their heads. The Cluster cafes have been full of great conversations with questions and possibilities to ponder. Our Beginning and Seasoned Beekeeper Forums have also been buzzing; please make a note and remember to join us.



We are seeing several new beekeepers and garden tenderers in both our meetings and cafes. I'd like to recognize one of our newest and youngest members, Nicholas. Nicholas received a swarm from Ettamarie (through 4-H) and has the bee bug! He, along with his mom and dad came to the May General meeting and Central Clusters Cafe. I am impressed and thrilled that he is so interested. Not only that, but he is also possibly one of the most inquisitive and polite young men I've met. Thank you, Nicholas (and Sara and Zac).

West Cluster has a Cluster Coordinator! Thank you, Cheryl Koeller, for stepping up to fill the role of Cluster Coordinator. Now that we have a West Cluster

Coordinator, the West and Central cafes will be held separately. Having said that, always remember you are welcome to join any Cluster Cafe and we encourage you to do so, especially if you miss yours.

Reminder:

South, Central and West Clusters meet on the 3rd Saturday of the month.

North (usually) meets on the 1st Sunday of the month.

East (usually) meets on the 1st Saturday of the month.

This frees up the 2nd and 4th weekends for SCBA activities.

Reminder: July is Cluster picnic month. No General Meeting. Details will be sent out through your Cluster Coordinators.

I will be gone for June so please get in touch with Shannon Carr, our Program Director, with any Cluster related business. Until then, Bee well,

Kelli Cox, Regional Cluster Coordinator

Editor's note: When I did a hive inspection with Nicholas, he and his parents told me how much they enjoyed the cluster meeting and how they were so grateful to Benson for sharing his knowledge with them. They are very enthusiastic about beekeeping! Nicholas reads a goodnight book to his bees every night! -- EMP

Here's what's buzzing in Central Cluster

Greetings from Susan Kegley and Sacha Lepley, the Central Cluster Co-Coordinator. Central & West Clusters have been meeting for monthly bee cafes together at the Michael Ellis School for Dog Trainers (thank you Carol). We welcome Cheryl Koeller as the new West Cluster Coordinator and West Cluster will now be having their own Cluster Cafes.

Saturday, June 17, 2023, will be a Central Cluster Bee Cafe most likely at Bees N Blooms. Check the calendar and the email announcements for details. In February we had a Meet & Greet at Bees N Blooms. March Cluster Cafe focused on Hive Splitting, Bee Math & how to plant seedlings. April

focused on Hive Inspections and a garden tool demonstration as well as a discussion of thyme and its possible medicinal properties for the bees; Benson led a hive dive at his apiaries after the cafe. Per Cheryl Koeller, May's Central/West Bee Cafe was fun and interesting as it was lightly attended, allowing an open question/discussion format. Thank you, Kelli Cox and Carol Ellis, for leading the Cafe! Benson hosted another hive dive after the cafe showing how he checks for mites. There is a hive dive planned at Steve Heglin's house on Saturday, June 3, 2023. Please sign up! Save the date Saturday, July 15th for the Central Cluster Picnic!!! See you soon in person or on Zoom!

South Cluster Bee Café

Mother Nature continued to tease us in May, with cooler than expected temperatures for the South Cluster Café and Hive Dive. But, our host, Nick Freedman, went above and beyond to create a warm, inviting, and informative experience. Over a brown bag lunch (supplemented by Nick's amazing barbecue), members traded tips and tricks for managing everything from ants to smokers to queens. When we headed over to Nick's eight hives, we were joined by The Petaluma Bee Lady herself – Christine Kurtz. Nick led one group's inspection of half of his hives, while Christine guided the other group. New beekeepers and more experienced alike came away with new information and skills. Thanks Nick!

In June, the South Cluster is hosting a Garden Hop. Three members have graciously agreed to let us visit their gardens June 17. Keep an eye on the calendar and your email for more information.



A healthy hife: Christine Kurtz admired the frame of stores, brood, and opened queen cells. - Photos by Etta Marie Peterson



Nick stressed the value of good record-keeping. He stretches blue painters tape directly on the hive top and writes notes to himself for future inspections.

West Cluster News

My name is Cheryl Koeller and I have volunteered to take on the West Cluster Coordinator position with SCBA. I was surprised to learn that we have more than 90 members!

I sent my first email out on Wednesday afternoon and would like to thank the members who responded and let everyone know WE ARE having a Bee Café on June 17th! YAY!!! Part of the discussion that day will be on propagating plants from cuttings, and we will be able to cut and plant a few cuttings to take home! I will finalize the details and email an announcement invite to all West Cluster members soon. SAVE THE DATE – June 17, 10-12 for food, socializing, education, and gardening!

We are also trying to find an earlier date for a hive dive! I have a location but haven't settled on a date, as I need a hive dive leader. Please contact me at west-cluster@sonomabees.org to volunteer!

I hope this is the beginning of many educational, social, and fun Bee Cafes for our West Cluster! Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, want to host the July Picnic or a future Bee Café! Lots of planning still to do!

SCBA BOOK NOOK

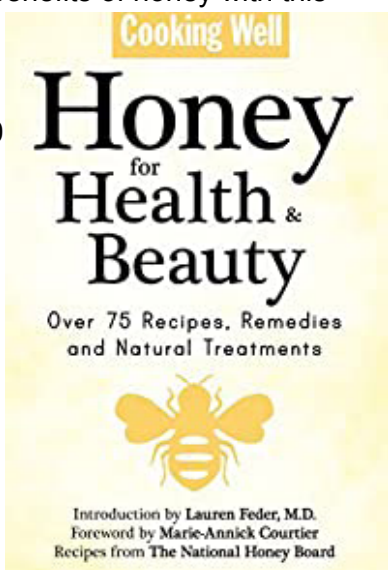


Cooking Well: Honey for Health and Beauty

Recipes from the National Honey Board

Honey for Health and Beauty features more than 75 honey-based recipes for better health, beauty, and nutrition. This is the essential reference guide and cookery book for readers who want to harness the many virtues of honey – the gift from the bees. Honey is nature's miracle medicine and is a healing agent for minor wounds and burns, a soothing ingredient for sore throats and coughs, and a beauty treatment rich in antioxidants for youthful skin. Through this book, you can discover all the nutritious – and delicious – benefits of honey with this collection of delicious recipes.

We have more than 250 books and DVDs in the SCBA Library. *Honey for Health and Beauty* 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 available to members at in-person general meetings and during the week by appointment. If you are interested in checking out a book, email our librarian at Librarian@sonomabees.org to schedule to pick up one or two of the books or DVDs available to SCBA members.

Cooking With Honey

Easy and Impressive: Blueberry Honey Toast

By Rachel Parker

By now, everyone has tried an avocado toast somewhere. This fruity variant comes from the California Blueberry Commission. This isn't so much a recipe as an assembly guide, as you really don't need measuring spoons or cups (think of quantities below as suggestions), and the toast can even be made in a toaster oven. While making this I kept thinking of Lidia Bastianich's cooking show where she frequently links up with her grandchildren and guides them through putting together something simple and yet impressive. We enjoyed this with goat cheese, but brie is also very good!

Blueberry Honey Toast

From Becky Sue of [Baking the Goods](#)

- 2 cups fresh blueberries, rinsed and dried
- 6-8 ounces goat cheese or brie
- 4 thick slices of bread, preferably sourdough
- 1 cup walnuts or almonds
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 4 sprigs fresh thyme

ASSEMBLY

Preheat to 425°F. Place sliced bread on a baking sheet and drizzle with olive oil to coat. Place the nuts in an even layer in a corner of the baking sheet. Bake for about 5 minutes, until the bread starts to get toasty and the walnuts give off a nutty aroma. Remove the nuts from the baking sheet and chop or crumble into smaller pieces.

Top the toasted bread slabs with 1/4 to 1/2" cheese and return to the oven (I used a generous slather of spreadable goat cheese). Bake until the cheese is bubbly, about 4-5 more minutes. Remove from the oven.

Evenly top the bubbly cheese with nuts and blueberries. Drizzle with honey and sprinkle with fresh thyme. Enjoy while still warm and gooey!



Photo Gallery



This pollinator is often called a “bee-mimic” as it has evolved to look like and mimic honeybee behavior to gather nectar from flowers! Photo by Shannon Carr



Carpenter bee. Photo by Shannon Carr



*A recently opened queen cell.
Photo by EttaMarie Peterson*

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Canopy – \$5,000+



Meadow – \$2,500+



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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.

Pollinator Garden – \$500+



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