

# The Monthly Extractor

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

## President's Message

Hello all,

It's July. Even though the weather feels cooler than normal, summer has arrived, and the bees are busy!



We are halfway through the year already. It's hard to believe how fast it's all going, isn't it? Now is the time to reflect on how your year is going so far. Take a moment to sit outside near your hives and gardens and watch the bees at work.

Every one of them has a job and they all work together to run a successful hive.

It reminds me of SCBA. Our organization is full of wonderful members who volunteer to make our mission of serving the bees a fun, social, educational, and positive endeavor. Every year our community outreach grows, and more residents of Sonoma County learn how to help the pollinators thrive. Our mission is not to serve ourselves, but to serve the bees and to protect them. Planting forage, avoiding pesticides, limiting beehive densities, tending our

## No July General Meeting

In July we don't have our regular general meeting and we will be focusing our energies on our Summer Picnics. Central, North, South, and West Cluster Coordinators are working to put together social gatherings for our members to enjoy. East Cluster will host theirs in the fall.

hives, and rescuing swarms are just a few of the many jobs bee tenders undertake. It's exciting to see how enthusiastically our members do all these things. But don't forget to enjoy yourself too, as you care for some of nature's littlest creatures.

July is the month of Cluster Picnics. Please take the time to attend your cluster's gathering. These picnics are social events where you can meet with your cluster members, share stories, chat, and enjoy a potluck lunch. Don't miss yours.

Take advantage of the long, beautiful days while they last, and get out there! See you outside!

Carol Ellis  
SCBA President

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## 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](mailto:president@sonomabees.org). We would love to share your creations!

## Summertime Means More Outreach

By Shannon Carr



Summer is here! With summer comes picnics and fairs and good times together. Take advantage of your cluster gatherings to get to know members in your clusters. Make friends and bee and garden buddies. There

are people in your cluster who can help you grow in your journey to becoming a better beekeeper and gardener. We are all here for the same reason, our love of bees and wanting to do what is best for them.

July brings to SCBA our Annual Cluster Picnics. These are casual, fun gatherings and a chance to meet others in your cluster. Ask your cluster coordinator how you can help plan or what you can bring for the potluck.

As summer continues, we will be doing more community outreach events. On July 9th, you will find us at the Petaluma Art and Garden Festival; August 3 to 13 we will be at the Sonoma County Fair (in which we have an amazing team putting together our pollinator habitat exhibit); August 12 and 13 we will be at the Sebastopol Gravenstein Apple Fair; and you will find us tabling at Friedmans in Petaluma and Sonoma soon – dates to be determined. We had a lot of fun last month at Friedmans in Santa Rosa.

There are lots of ways to help and volunteer in SCBA. Community outreach events are a great way to start, but there are other opportunities as well. We are looking for help in the office with administrative tasks – searching for grants and website management. We need volunteers for our Flower to Table Pollinator events. The BeeBeeQue is coming up on September 30, and we need help planning, organizing, and soliciting donations for the silent auction.

SCBA relies on its members and volunteers, without you we are not able to offer any of our programs. If you are interested in getting more involved, reach out to me at [programdirector@sonomabees.org](mailto:programdirector@sonomabees.org).

Shannon Carr, Program Director

## SCBA Calendar

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

July 1 – [East Cluster Café](#)

July 8 – [New Member Social](#)

July 9 – Community Outreach: [Petaluma Art and Garden Festival](#)

July 9 – [West Cluster Hive Dive](#)

July 15 – [South Cluster Picnic](#)

July 15 – [Central Cluster Picnic](#)

July 15 – [West Cluster Picnic](#)

July 17 – [Beginner Beekeepers Forum](#)

July 22 – [G4Bs Abutilons & Mallows Workshop](#)

July 24 – [Seasoned Beekeepers Forum](#)



Sylvia Cook and George Ellison talked to children about honeybees and beekeeping at the Sonoma County Children's Museum.

# How to Help at the Sonoma County Fair

By Frank Gibbons, Central Cluster Coordinator

*Editor's Note: Shannon mentioned we need volunteers at the Sonoma County Fair. Frank is a member of the committee working on the fair, talked to me at the June meeting, and I encouraged him to write this. I hope our members will step up to the plate, as they say in baseball. I assured Frank that our members in the past have always come through. Don't disappoint me! This is an easy way to help!*

I am a member of SCBA and on the committee that builds and maintains our booth at the Sonoma County Fair Grounds this summer. One of my main responsibilities is to make sure we have live bees as part of our booth exhibit for the duration of the fair August 3 to August 13. I built a one-frame observing case to keep the bees in. This one is brand new, but I have used a similar one in the past. It will accommodate a frame of bees comfortably for at least one day. My plan is to change the frame out every day for the 10 days the fair is running. I need volunteers

to offer up a frame of bees for a day. I will pick them up early in the morning, exhibit them during the day, and return them the same evening.

Here is a photo of the well-ventilated observing case.



*Editor's Note: Frank assures me that he will put only workers and drones in the display case. No queens will spend the day at the fair!*

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## Apiary Board Meeting Update

By Angy Nowicki, SCBA Member

On June 15, 2023, the Apiary Board held its quarterly board meeting. These board meetings are open to the public and I was one of 70 statewide attendees joining the ZOOM meeting as a spectator. Public comments were taken and most spoke up against the new Registration Fee Structure on behalf of the backyard/hobbyist beekeepers.

On the agenda was the Notice of Registration Fee and Payment Portal. During this discussion, a motion was made, and approved, to allow a one-year reprieve (until January 2025), from the fee payment, for backyard/hobbyist keepers with fewer than 10 beehives. ALL keepers will still be required to register, that will become mandatory on January 1, 2024! The rewrite on the current code and future regulation is going through legal review now. As it stands, the fee structure is \$100 for 1-50 hives (waived for 1 year for 1 to 9 hives) and \$250 for 51 and more.

The fee structure is the same for both hobbyist and commercial beekeepers. The Fee Structure is intended to raise funds for the Apiary Board. The Apiary Board has yet to explain how those funds are going to be used.

The Apiary Board Chair, Larry Lima, has timed out on his board position. Lima nominated Trevor Tauzer of Tauzer Apiaries (an SCBA Business Member) as Board Chair. Tauzer accepted and will begin as Apiary Board Chair July 2023. There are currently several positions vacant that have been submitted by the Board for approval to CDFA (CA Food and Agriculture) Secretary Karen Ross but have yet to be filled.

Secretary Ross, has advised the Apiary Board to hold monthly meetings on the third Thursday of the month. This will increase transparency from the State Apiary Board.

The Apiary Board [website](#) is up and running. January minutes were approved on June 15, and should

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# Bee Talk!

by Mohammed Ibrahim,  
1st Vice President



A week ago, while I was doing my weekly inspection of my apiary, a swarm of bees moved into an empty hive sitting next to the one I was inspecting. It was fascinating to witness the entire swarm making it through the entrance. I intentionally opened the top cover to watch the bees closely and see how they

approached the new home. They start populating the closest frames to the entrance. First, the queen got into the middle one, then I saw bees housekeeping already, taking out dead bees or picking up debris. Fifteen minutes later, foragers start to reorient.

There were 290 swarms reported as of June 25, about 7 percent more than in 2022, due to shifts in weather and swarm delays due to rain or wind. Interestingly this season, there were quite a few after swarms, secondary or third swarms out of the same hive with virgin queens that are hoping to mate in this later time of the season. There are fewer drones both outside and inside the hive. That, in turn, reduces the chances of those virgin queens mating with enough drones (the more, the merrier!).

Beekeepers should keep an eye on those swarms, inspecting them weekly to ensure those queens are laying. It is a critical time of the year for new colonies. However, the brood break cycle is beneficial for the colonies around this time of the year; it will give the colony a chance to overcome varroa mites, which increase in population during the peak season of brood rearing. Some beekeepers introduce drone cell frames for the queen to lay drone eggs in, attracting varroa to those cells. The beekeeper then removes those frames after they have been capped.

July is a critical month in beekeeping, where space management plays a significant role in addition to the health of queens and how the swarm that has been rescued is performing. It is time to think about planting for late summer and winter blooming and having a contingency plan for feeding the bees if the resources are minimal where you live. It is time to

assess the weak colonies and combine the small ones. You will notice some yellow jacket activities this month so ensure you have your traps out. Robbing activities may also appear in the last weeks of July, so reduce the entrance on weaker or smaller colonies.

The beekeeping program is in it is prime; Kelli Cox and the cluster leaders are doing a marvelous job keeping all cluster activities lined up and ensuring our newbies are getting the help they need. This has been a great season for hive dives and cluster cafes. Most clusters fulfilled their need-bees-list by delivering at least one swarm per member who signed up through our annual survey. I want to take the opportunity here and thank our swarm rescuers and coordinators who were busy volunteering their time for such great public service as swarm rescuing.

JUNE 19 to 25 was Pollinator Week, an annual celebration supporting pollinator health initiated and managed by Pollinator Partnership. It is a time to raise awareness for pollinators and spread the word about what we can do to protect them. The great thing about Pollinator Week is that you can celebrate and get involved in any way you like! Put on SCBA T-Shirt while grocery shopping or educate your friends, neighbors, and family about bees and pollinators. It is a great opportunity to recognize the importance of our bees.

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## *Apiary Board Update, from page 3*

be posted soon. The April minutes have yet to be approved.

The mission of the Apiary Board is to make recommendations to Secretary Ross regarding the Apiary Industry (commercial and hobbyist).

For questions and more information regarding the State Apiary Board and/or the new Registration fee, you can email me, Angy Nowicki, at [fernfeeler397@gmail.com](mailto:fernfeeler397@gmail.com)

# July's Hive To-Do List

By Serge Labesque

Keep an eye on the health of the colonies.  
Manage honey supers (less space is needed as the nectar flow decreases.)

Beware of the fire danger of using the hot smoker in dry grass.

Monitor swarm traps.

Keep some equipment at the ready to catch the occasional swarm.

Finish harvesting surplus spring honey, but do not overharvest, particularly from hives kept in the dry hills, where the bees will be consuming more honey during the summer than they will be producing.

Extract and bottle honey.

Return wet frames and wax to the bees for cleaning or re-filling.

Provide adequate air circulation through the hives (upper ventilation slots and follower boards).

Provide afternoon shade as much as possible.

Ensure that water is available to the bees.

Follow up on colony developmen (keep notes!)

Consider combining or re-queening inherently weak colonies or those that are not developing properly.

Observe and evaluate young queens and their offspring. Take notes for later selection, combination, or replacement.

Be aware of and avoid 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.

Reduce the hive entrances, particularly those of developing colonies to reduce the risk of robbing.

Remove frames of undrawn beeswax foundation.

Discard old and misshapen combs.

Render wax from discarded frames and from cappings (separately). The solar wax melters work very well at this season.

Routinely clean and scorch tools and equipment.

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*Youth enjoyed exploring our educational bee hive at the Children's Museum.*



*Ellen Sherron and Nicholas Bard at the G4Bs Salvia Workshop on Sunday June 25.*

# Summertime Pondering Native and Mediterranean-adapted Plants

By Ann Gallagher White, 2nd VP

The glory days of summer are here! We've had mild weather, not too much heat – perfect weather for being out in the garden, weeding, deadheading, pruning, and watching the birds, bees, and butterflies. I have been pondering my plant choices as so many plants in my garden are non-native and while we've all heard about native plants, this category can be confusing.



**California Native Plants** – Some natives that are in bloom in my garden are California Bee Plant, sticky monkey flower, white sage, California coffee berry and California poppies. But what is a native plant? According to the U.S. Forest Service, [native plants](#) are the “indigenous terrestrial and aquatic species that have evolved and occur naturally in a particular

region, ecosystem, and habitat.”

The benefits of using these plants are well-documented by the [California Native Plant Society](#) (CNPS) and include protecting biodiversity and water resources, attracting pollinators and other wildlife, low maintenance, no pesticide need/use and more.

If you have not yet checked out the CNPS's website, you can use it even if you are not currently a member and go on [Calscape](#), the CNPS database that tracks nurseries so you can purchase native plants. And it maps the plants to their origins.

A map of California will come up and you'll click on your area to find native species of plants by type (trees, shrubs, good for part shade, sun, annuals, etc.). You'll find nurseries that sell exclusively natives. California Flora Nursery is a local native nursery in Fulton while Home Ground Habitats (Marin Co.) is in Novato – both are devoted to selling native plants. If you want Mediterranean-adapted plants, visit a nursery that sells all types of plants. For

example, you won't find rosemary or lavender at a native plant nursery because these are not California natives but are Mediterranean-adapted plants.

**Mediterranean-adapted Plants** – The summer-blooming Mediterranean-adapted plants in my garden include roses, bottle brush, Mantilla poppies, teucrium, santolina, lavenders, lambs' ear, nepeta/catmint, thyme and too many salvias to name. But what are Mediterranean-adapted plants? They are plants adapted to long, dry summer and wet winter seasons over time in regions with climates like ours that may or may not be native to our region. (The [Mediterranean Garden Society](#) has a more specific definition.) Mediterranean-adapted plants provide forage for pollinators and other wildlife, use less water and have a proven history of success in our Mediterranean climate.

Here's a list (not comprehensive) of [Mediterranean-adapted plants](#). Mediterranean-adapted plants may be disease prone (e.g., as are lots of types of roses) and/or invasive, so they are not as carefree as natives.

**Conclusions** – The days are getting shorter as we have passed the summer solstice and are moving towards fall. When you're out in the garden, consider not only when your plants are blooming but also how they are performing with the water and attention you provide. Even though Mediterranean-adapted plants and native plants have many benefits, including drought tolerance (once established) and an established record of success locally, some gardeners rely exclusively on natives. For example, Sonoma County's [School Garden Network](#) currently uses native plants exclusively. To provide enough forage during all seasons, many gardeners like me rely on native and Mediterranean-adapted plants. There are so many wonderful non-native plants to choose from, including many of our favorite herbs!

Happy Summer and happy gardening! If you want to reach out, my email is [2ndvp@Sonomabees.org](mailto:2ndvp@Sonomabees.org)



## GARDENING FOR BEES

# Seed Exchanges and Garden Tours Draw Beekeepers

*By Kim Bergstrom, Gardening Coordinator*

These are pictures taken at the Community Seed Exchange in Sebastopol. The West/Central Cluster started their June Garden Tour at the seed exchange where we were invited to wander through the garden, which only propagates seeds. Then we went into the exchange room (bottom image) where we were invited to take samples of the many seeds that they have cultivated. The garden tour then continued to Franny Minervini-Zick's home and finally to Mendy and Antonia Cerniglio's home garden. It was a fantastic day!



## CENTRAL CLUSTER

# Hive Dive, Honey Usages, and Propagation

*By Sacha Lepley, Cluster Coordinator*

June started off with a hive dive at Steve Heglin's House on June 3, 2023. This was enjoyed. Thank you, Steve, for leading this important activity and Elizabeth Holdmann for providing beautiful photographic documentation.

June Central Cluster Café focused on honey and using cuttings to propagate plants! Angy Nowicki, our garden liaison, brought plenty of pineapple sage cuttings and supplies so we could have hands-on experience with propagating this plant. She also supplied members with a watering can, a plastic drink bottle with a small hole drilled in the top of the plastic lid. Ingenious! Sacha is loving using this on her new plantings and houseplan



*Photos by Elizabeth Holdmann*

We also made honey sticks with Susan Kegley demonstrating her honey stick maker machine. Fascinating and fun! Great activity for the fair? A fund raiser?



Central Cluster members mark your calendars and please plan on coming to the Central Cluster Picnic on Saturday, July 15, at Kelli Cox's house. The event will be available for registration

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soon. Let's share food and some buzz about bees and plants!

Also, can we plan a hive dive or Central Cluster Café at your place? Please contact Sacha Lepley, 707-696-4622 or Susan Kegley, 510-759-9397 to make this happen! Have a great July.



Central Cluster's Co-Coordinators, Susan Kegley (above) and Sacha Lepley (right).



I do apologize to the registrants who signed up for the Bee Café but did not receive the location with your confirmation! If this happens to anyone in the future, please email me the day before the event at [westcluster@sonomabees.org](mailto:westcluster@sonomabees.org) and I will make sure you receive the address. My email did not download Saturday morning and it was too late for some of you to come once I got back to you.

Thank you to Connie Alexich for her propagating demonstration with rosemary cuttings she brought from home. Connie explained about how using good soil, a cloning substance, sharp clean pruning shears or scissors, making sure you press down to squash out all the air from the soil and keeping the plant start damp are important for the plant to succeed. I wonder how many of us went home to try propagating cuttings from our favorite plants.

On July 9 our West Cluster member Susan Ament has offered to host a Hive Dive in Guerneville. This is also an RSVP event limited to 10 participants with location on confirmation. If you didn't get the original email, please email me so I can send it out to you.

Our picnic will be on July 15. At the time I am writing this the location and actual time of day is still TBD, but an email will be sent, and RSVP will again be required. Again, confirmation with the location address will be sent to registrants.

Once again, I'd like to ask for volunteers:

- Can you lead a hive dive? At your apiary or someone else who might be needing a bit of guidance?
- Can you host a Bee Café on the 3rd Saturday on ANY of the upcoming months, Aug, Sept, Nov?

This can be inside or outside. I am happy to help with a table or two, a coffeemaker, tea selection and usually everyone brings a food or drink item to share! Please e-mail me at [westcluster@sonomabees.org](mailto:westcluster@sonomabees.org)!

- Do you need or can you be a Bee Buddy to a new beekeeper in your area?



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**WEST CLUSTER**

## **Gratitude for Support for West Cluster Cafe Launch!**

*By Cheryl Koeller, West Cluster Coordinator*

My first month as West Cluster Coordinator was a whirlwind! And honestly it doesn't look like it will calm down soon. Thank you so much to Sasha Lepley for your calls and texts trying to help me plan my first Bee Café. And thank you Shannon Carr for scheduling and rescheduling my Zoom call to help me learn how to do these entries for the Extractor Newsletter and more importantly the emails to our West Cluster members.

I am so happy to say we had 11 members attend our first independent West Cluster Bee Café on June 17th in Forestville. I was nervous about the turnout and want to thank everyone who was able to make it. I would also like to thank Joanne Schumann who hosted our event beautifully in her backyard full of flowers. Look at the little bee on her quiche!



## EAST CLUSTER

### Serving Info for Experienced and New Beekeepers

*By Bonney Philbin, East Cluster Coordinator*

June 3 was a beautiful day for a Bee Café! About 22 people came to hear a great presentation by Kenwood Beekeeper, Alan Ross. Alan gave information on “ Things to Consider with a Hive Inspection” which was very informative and generated a lot of discussion and questions. Everyone who came, experienced and new beekeepers, found the presentation extremely helpful. Alan thank you for your constant support of East Cluster Beekeeping.

Flat Bed Farms will be the location of the next three meetings:

Saturday, July 1 – Andrew Benson and Thea Vierling will discuss feeding.

Saturday, August 5 – Hosted by Jamie Storck with the topic to be determined.

Saturday, September 2 – A no-host open gathering for general friendship and discussion.

East Cluster will not be having a summer picnic as your coordinators are away for July. We hope to picnic in December as we did last year!

FYI: Taco Tuesday is now Taco Wednesday at Sonoma Eats, 18113 Highway 12, on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

Your Cluster Coordinators are out of town July.

## SOUTH CLUSTER

### Beer, Burgers, and Bees: It Must Be A Picnic!

*By Gayle Slade, South Cluster Coordinator*

South Cluster will enjoy some "human forage" at its Summer Picnic and Propagation Party on July 15 at Nick Freedman's hilltop property starting at 12:30 pm. This will be a social event so feel free to bring a buddy. We will provide BBQ and beer, but South Cluster members are encouraged to bring a dish to share. If your last name is A-L, please bring a salad, side or main dish, and M-Z please bring a dessert. Please join us to make this event a success! RSVP to [southcluster@sonomabees.org](mailto:southcluster@sonomabees.org).

## NORTH CLUSTER

### Garden Tour at the Laguna de Santa Rosa

*By North Cluster Coordinator*

Maureen Bufton-Landwehr, North Cluster's Garden Liaison, organized an amazing tour of the Laguna de Santa Rosa for North Cluster. We learned about the history of the Laguna and what the Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation is doing to restore plants and wildlife to this watershed. We got a tour of the property, watched bees and wildlife enjoying the native plants that the foundation's staff have restored, and were able to tour the watershed's plant nursery.

If you missed it, don't worry, we will schedule another tour in the future.



# SCBA BOOK NOOK

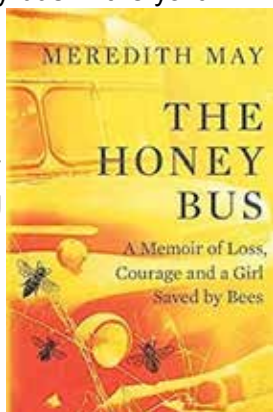


[The Honey Bus: a Memoir of Loss, Courage, and a Girl Saved by Bees](#)

By Meredith May

*The Honey Bus* by Meredith May is a wonderful memoir of a young woman's journey with bees. She shares how after her parents' divorce she found herself in the care of her grandfather, an eccentric beekeeper, who made honey in a rusty old military bus in the yard.

She recalls her first encounters with bees, at the age of 5, how it was both terrifying and exhilarating and the first time a honeybee crawled on her arm. Through her memoir she discovers everything that she needed to know about life and family was right before her eyes, in the secret world of bees.



We have more than 250 books and DVDs in the SCBA Library. *The Honey Bus* 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](mailto:Librarian@sonomabees.org).

The 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](mailto:Librarian@sonomabees.org) to plan to pick up one or two of the books or DVDs available to SCBA members.



## COOKING WITH HONEY

### From Morocco With Love

By Rachel Parker

In April, my husband and I went to Southern Spain and Morocco and enjoyed the many ways garlic, cumin, and coriander were used in cooking. This carrot salad – which can be served warm or at room temperature – recreates a wonderful honey carrot salad we had in Fez. Carrots are very versatile, and you can either boil them or roast them with this spice blend. You can add any warm spice to the mix, such as a bit of cinnamon or allspice. Or even just use a teaspoon of Raz al haout spice blend.

#### Moroccan Carrot Salad

Based on a recipe from [The Mediterranean Dish](#)

2 lbs carrots, cut into medallions or spears – so long as they are fairly even

1 celery stalk, chopped

½ tsp ground cumin

½ tsp ground coriander

½ tsp sweet paprika

1 or 2 garlic cloves, minced

1 to 2 tablespoon fresh lemon juice

3 tbsp extra virgin olive oil

3 tbsp honey

½ cup chopped fresh cilantro (mint or parsley would work as well)

3 tbsp toasted sesame seeds, optional

**BOILED METHOD:** Boil the carrots in salted water for 10 to 12 minutes, until they are softened but

not mushy. Drain and toss into a medium bowl with the celery stalk. Combine the spices, garlic, lemon juice, oil, and honey in a small bowl, then drizzle over the carrots. Toss to distribute evenly. Serve in a large bowl or platter, with chopped cilantro or mint and sesame seeds sprinkled over the top.

**ROASTED:** Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Put the prepared carrots into a baking dish or sheet pan.

Combine the spices, honey, lemon juice, and olive oil. Drizzle over prepared carrots and toss to distribute. Roast for about 30 minutes or until carrots are softened and glaze is starting to caramelize. Sprinkle chopped mint or cilantro and sesame seeds over the top and serve.



# SCBA MEMBER PHOTO GALLERY

Have a photo or two of bees, flowers with bees, or your apiary? Share your photos with fellow beekeepers. Note, please secure permission before submitting images of people. Send photos to [editor@sonomabees.org](mailto:editor@sonomabees.org). Thanks!



Shannon Carr caught an image of her hive's queen one summery morning.

Bee on Lamb's Ear by Shannon Carr



Rachel & Tim Parker planted lavenders, sages, buddelia, and more around and in supers that had been abandoned by a neighbor. Photo by Rachel Parker



Bee on Cotoneaster by Ettamarie Peterson



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*Liz is a beekeeper and potter motivated by the intersection of art and conservation. Along with pottery she offers live bee removal and backyard beekeeping services.*

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