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

President's Message

Hello Dear August Friends!

I hope you have been enjoying the Dog Days of Summer. If July was the Cluster Picnic Month, then August is definitely the Information-Booth month! It's fair season! Yay! If you haven't yet, get on the list for volunteering at one of the fairs this month. There is so much information that the public would love to know about bees, beekeeping, and gardening for bees.



Their biggest question is always... "How can I help the bees?" And all you have to say is "Plant forage and don't spray it!" "Plant, Plant, Plant!" Then you can talk to them about how bees live and work. They will love it! Don't forget, no matter what level of a beekeeper you may be, you know more about bees than the average person. So get on a volunteer list and have some fun! Not to mention all the time you can talk about bees with your fellow volunteers!

Speaking of fairs, Shannon Carr, Sacha Lepley, and I did a fun thing last month: We judged the honey entries for the Sonoma County Fair! We examined and compared the body, viscosity, color, and taste of each jar of honey. It was really fun. But, we were a bit disappointed by the fact that there weren't any SCBA members' honey entered. I hope we can encourage more entries next year, especially the youth entries!

As the environment gets drier and drier, there is more opportunity for hives to perish from robbing and starvation. So, do your part and plant and

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SCBA General Meeting

Date: August 14, 2023; 6:00 – 8:30

Join us for our monthly General Meeting at the Druids Hall in Santa Rosa on Monday August 14. We are excited to have Nina Sokolov join us this month to continue our discussion from June on how current weather conditions and extreme weather patterns are affecting pollinators and beekeeping in our community.

Nina is working on her PhD at UC Berkeley and is studying the spillover of viruses between managed honeybees and native wild bees in California. She is passionate about insect conservation and is studying to better understand bee disease dynamics through time.

Location:

Druids Hall
1011 College Ave – Santa Rosa

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Fairly BUZZING

By Shannon Carr



August is here and with it comes the summertime classic tradition of fairs. SCBA is looking forward to participating, once again, in both the Sonoma County Fair and Sebastopol's Gravenstein Apple Fair.

Kim Bergstrom, Gülten Eicher, Mendy and Antonia Cerniglio and Frank Gibbons have been hard at work planning our exhibit for the Sonoma County Fair. Playing with the fair's theme of dinosaurs and the Jurassic Era, we will travel through time showcasing the evolution of bees and beekeeping through the years. I know I cannot wait to see their final exhibit!

The Gravenstein Apple Fair is always a lot of fun every year and we will be there once again with an education booth with a children's activity and observation hives on both days.

August is gearing up to be a busy and fun month! If you have not signed up for a day at the fair at one of our booths and would like to help, let me know and I will get you on the schedule.

See you at the fair!

Shannon Carr
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Testing viscosity (left) and color (above) of the honey entries for the Sonoma County Fair.

SCBA CALENDAR

The [SCBA online calendar](#) is updated frequently. Check it out to see current events.

August 3-13 – [Sonoma County Fair](#)

August 5 – [East Cluster Café](#)

August 12-13 – [Gravenstein Apple Fair](#)

August 19 – [Central Cluster Café](#)

August 19 – [South Cluster Café](#)

August 19 – [West Cluster Café](#)

August 20 – [North Cluster Hive Dive & Potluck](#)

August 21 – [Beginner Beekeepers Forum](#)

August 28 – [Seasoned Beekeepers Forum](#)

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nurture those pollinator plants! Especially those that bloom in late summer and early autumn. The dearth is real for our little buzzy friends. And, it's hot out there. So, don't forget to keep hydrated while you're outside! Please send us some pictures of your hives and gardens. We would love to share them!



See you at the fairs!

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Bee Talk!

Mid-Summer A Challenge for All Beekeepers

By Mohammed Ibrahim

1st Vice President



August is a very complex month in beekeeping, with many things to consider. Does your hive have virgin queens; should you combine hives; are you finding hives that fail suddenly, also called dead-outs; the threat of robbing; worker bees laying eggs; and whether to feed or not. Beekeepers

around the country pay extra attention to their hives in August, determining whether to add resources, to harvest (and how much), and assessing their colony's health.

You might start noticing defensive bee behavior around this time due to the nature of the season – the weather is hot, yellow jackets may be hovering around the entrance, and most significantly, the threat from robber bees. Robber screens and narrow hive entrances are great defense lines for your colony, especially the weak ones.

If you have a weak colony and a strong one, you may want to combine the two – after assuring that both colonies are healthy. If your queen is not laying eggs, you could combine that colony with one that is queen-right. Drone population is down, so it is a little late to requeen; the likelihood that the queen will return to the hive well mated and healthy falls this time of year. Introducing a mated queen to colonies that need to be requeened could be more efficient around this time.

The colony size will start to decline, and you may start seeing fewer drones, more capped honey, and less wax production. In late summer, the bees start preparing for winter, focusing energy on storing honey and getting as many foragers to the field as possible. If your colony is challenged by resources, it is okay to feed ethically, trying your best to provide the bees with food to keep them safe.

Add space to the colony, assess stores, and prepare for harvesting if you have sufficient honey on your hives; I usually leave one full honey super on each colony all season.

We have been experiencing hot weather lately; ensure shade, a water source, and under super if bearding occurs. Be mindful of using your smokers and keep in mind the fire season.

Sonoma County Fair is around the corner, and I am so excited to be back in the booth and talk bees to the public. Please volunteer if you have the time; we could use your help. I encourage you to join us and share your stories about beekeeping and gardening with our community.



Angy Nowicki of Central Cluster captured this swarm (and photo) last year. Her hive swarmed into her neighbor's yard. "I collected the swarm and adopted them out. This is the second year this hive has overwintered. I since have re-queened from this hive two times and they have both overwintered and are going gangbusters this year," she reports!

August's Hive To-Do List

By Serge Labesque

As always, keep an eye on the health of the colonies.

Ensure that bees have access to water at all times.

Ensure that hives are adequately ventilated. Providing afternoon shade is helpful.

Observe the performance of the queens and of the colonies. Take notes for later selection, combination, or replacement.

Re-queen or combine hives that are not performing satisfactorily, and those that have failing queens.

Reduce the unused volume of hives.

Harvest surplus summer honey if there is any.

Give extracted supers and cappings back to the bees for cleaning. This should be done in the evening when foragers are returning to their hives.

Beware of the risk of robbing. Reduce the entrances of developing colonies and of those that are threatened.

Avoid hive manipulations that can trigger robbing. Don't open a hive for too long.

Beware of the fire danger when using the smoker in areas of dry vegetation.

As always, keep an eye on the health of the colonies.

Cull old and misshapen combs.

Render wax from discarded frames and from cappings. The solar wax melter boxes work very well at this time of the year.

Routinely clean and scorch tools and equipment.

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Members Buzzing Around the 4th of July

Two local Rotary Clubs hosted events on the 4th of July. Thea Vierling (below) and a group of volunteers ran an education and craft table at the Kenwood/ Glen Ellen Rotary's event in the Kenwood Park. Cindi Brown and Bernie Leda (right) staffed a table



at the Sunrise Rotary's 4th of July event in Healdsburg. Everyone had a lot of fun speaking to our beekeepers, learning about bees, beekeeping, and planting for bees.

Heat and the Summer Garden

By Ann Gallagher White
2nd VP of Gardening

We have had a run of 90-degree days in Sonoma County and the effects of the wet winter and spring may be a distant memory. Yes, it is a lot of heat but remember how long it rained and how we wished for summer? An avid gardener's suggestions to help you care for a summer garden follow:

Take note – What is blooming as we head into the dearth? California poppies have been exceptional this year, along with wildflowers seeds I threw down



from mixes (Renee's Garden makes amazing combinations) in wet weather. Sunflowers are blooming, along with lavender, roses, Shasta daisy, calendula, coreopsis, scabiosa, salvias of many varieties, nepeta, herbs (thyme, oregano, mints), mallows, milkweed, hollyhock, and yarrow. G4B has a list of plants that bloom in different seasons to help beat the dearth

on our website – remember what is successful and avoid what isn't. If you have a plant (shrub or tree) that blooms tirelessly from one season to the next, please share the plant with G4B so we can check it out! (We are always on the hunt for the best pollinator plants to propagate and share.)

Deadhead and prune back the blooms – To encourage rebloom and to save strength. Some plants do not want to be pruned right now so check a reliable source before you prune and leave seeds on your plants for the birds as fall is nearby.

Mulch areas that need soil improvement – Adding compost (or another semi-permeable medium) to the top of the soil also helps retain moisture and prevents weed growth.

Give thirsty plants, bees and butterflies enough water – I have a fountain/water source in my garden but put out extra water for the bees and butterflies when it is this hot. Most of my garden is on drip irrigation but new plants and the high temperatures require hand watering plants still getting established

before they dry out.

Plan your fall garden now – Look at your garden and ask: What will be growing/blooming come fall? Looking forward to asters, Maximillian sunflowers, salvias and herbs in my fall garden. Zinnias and dahlias are starting to pop up for a late summer and fall display of blooms and the zinnias nectar is a favorite of bees and butterflies. Is there a plant or combination of plants you recommend for fall bloom? Send G4B suggestions, please.

Compost – I keep adding to the compost piles, knowing that time is on my side. Even if I do nothing, everything will eventually rot and break down with enough moisture, heat, and the right mix of green and brown materials. Many G4B volunteers have shown amazing success with compost and if you are one of those members, share your secrets to success.

Gratitude and support – Knee replacement and my husband's heart health have been serious issues since spring. Our community of beekeepers and gardeners has helped me through a challenging time, even with the angriest bees I've ever had in my apiary. Taking health challenges slowly and not expecting too much too soon appear to be the key to continued success. We all need support and encouragement and at certain times, it is essential. Please reach out to me or to someone you know for support in SCBA if you are in one of those times. A hive grows stronger together!

Enjoy the summer show! With the help of mother nature, we create garden spaces where bees and butterflies thrive without pesticides and with plenty of forage. Happy summer gardening! If you want to reach out, my email is 2ndvp@Sonomabees.org

GARDENING FOR BEES

Don't Forget Rosemary's Many Benefits

*By Kim Bergstrom
Gardening Coordinator*

The Gardening 4 Bees group has continued to busily propagate plants for our members! In June, we propagated all types of rosemary from upright to trailing, from pale lavender to bright blue blossoms! Rosemary, with its fragrant and delicate blossoms, stands out as an essential pollinator plant for honeybees. This aromatic herb, native to the Mediterranean region but fully acclimated to our Sonoma County climate, offers numerous benefits to us and our bees including:

- Rosemary blooms abundantly and provides a consistent source of nectar and pollen throughout its flowering season, which spans from late winter to late summer. It is one of the few sources of nectar during the winter months and therefore important to our bees on days when they can leave the hive and forage.
- The high-quality nectar produced by rosemary contains essential sugars and nutrients that contribute to the overall health and vitality of honeybee colonies.

- Rosemary pollen is nutritious and contains essential proteins, lipids, vitamins, and minerals that are vital for the development and health of honeybee larvae and adult bees.

- Honeybees are attracted to the fragrant and showy flowers of rosemary, which enhances their foraging efficiency and encourages repeated visits.

- Rosemary is a hardy plant that can tolerate some drought conditions, making it more reliable as a nectar and pollen source, especially during times of drought.

- For us humans, rosemary is a wonderful herb used in many recipes. It is so satisfying to be able to go outside my kitchen and gather up rosemary for meals.

At our September general meeting, the G4B's group will have another plant sale where we will feature more than 200 rosemary plants for sale ... a few for everyone to take home and plant. And remember that rosemary is part of the "foolproof five" plants that every beekeeper can keep in their yards or patios: borage, lavender, salvia, rosemary and thyme!

Happy Gardening!

PESTICIDE REGULATION UPDATE

EPA and State Take Steps To Limit Neonic Damage

*By Ann Gallagher White
2nd VP of Gardening*

Nationally: On May 1, 2023 the US EPA published [a study](#) that found that more than 200 threatened and endangered species of plants and animals (including lower classifications/pollinators) will likely be driven to extinction by neonics. This conclusion (long overdue) is a step in the right direction. You can read NRDC's [assessment here](#).

Statewide: New regulations for Neonics: California's Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) has adopted regulations limiting the use, timing, and application of neonics. ([California Code of Regulations, Title 3, section 6690](#)) The regulations will only

affect the rates and timing of application and go into effect in January of 2024.

AB 1042 and 303: The Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) filed a lawsuit in California to require regulation of neonic-treated seeds in 2020 and has also supported a bill (AB 1042) to require DPR to treat neonic-treated seeds as a pesticide. AB 303 (NRDC-supported) requires DPR to perform a comprehensive evaluation of neonics in California. AB 303 and 1042 should be through the senate by September and will either be signed or vetoed. The NRDC's [article](#) covers a lot of ground on this topic, as well.

AB 99 (Connolly) would limit Caltrans' use of pesticides and requires advance notice and reporting. The bill went to the Senate in July. Now we wait to see what happens next with this important bill supported by [Sonoma Safe Ag Safe Schools](#).

July Highlights from Central Cluster

By Susan Kegley & Sacha Lepley
Central Cluster Coordinators

July was picnic time! Central Cluster met at Susan Kegley's Bees N Blooms for our cluster picnic. While it was a bit hot, the surrounding gardens added lovely ambiance and activities for those brave enough to get out in the sun while the rest of us hid under the umbrellas and awnings enjoying the conversation and catching up on our bees, garden doings, getting to know each other while enjoying the views. Bees N Blooms is really a gorgeous setting for outdoor activities. We had a nice size gathering of people (around 25), enjoyed sausages as well as many dishes including asparagus wrapped in bacon, garden salad, watermelon, hummus, deviled eggs, yummy deserts, and lots of flavors of water to keep ourselves hydrated. Special shout out to Matt Lodge for grilling (below), Sylvia Cook for all the



help setting and cleaning up as well as Kelli Cox, Shannon Carr, John Wildgust and his guests. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you.

The next Central Cluster café is on Saturday, August 19 at Bees N Blooms Pavilion. We will focus on preparing our gardens and hives for fall and winter. Please register so we have an idea of numbers.

Reminder also that the Sonoma County Fair is just around the corner from August 3 to August

13. SCBA was invited to assist with the judging of the Apiary & Beekeeping Exhibits. Come out and see the samples of honey and frames of capped honey. Next year lets create a "swarm" of entries from our club members. There are four divisions with a few classes in each division for both commercial and amateur beekeepers to show off their wares AND there is also a section for junior beekeepers!



West Cluster Looks Into Guerneville Hives, Enjoys A Picnic

By Cheryl Koeller
West Cluster Coordinator

We had a good start for our members in July. On July 9th Susan Ament hosted a Hive Dive at her apiary in Guerneville. Susan is very confident and calm with her bees and opened two hives for us. Susan works without gloves and her head net was folded up. We had seven members attend and we brought our own lunches and a few snacks to share after our dive. It was a beautiful day, and I must say I enjoyed the drive to Guerneville.

Our picnic was at my house on July 15th. My husband, Ken, barbequed burgers and hot dogs and members brought quiche, condiments, potato salad, macaroni salad, cookies, brownies, cake, and fresh fruit. This was a new event for me to organize but we pulled it off despite the heat.

SAVE THE DATE!

Our August Bee Café is on Saturday, August 19th. I would like to officially call this a Brunch Bee Café! We always bring food or snacks and its usually 10:00 am – 12:00 pm so I'm hoping more of the food will be eaten if I actually call it Brunch! Once again I do not yet have a location. You can reach me at westcluster@sonomabees.org.

Want to host a hive dive? Please contact Sacha Lepley, 707-696-4622 or Susan Kegley, 510-759-9397 to make this happen! Stay hydrated!

*Tents kept Central Cluster's members cool and comfortable!
Photos by Shannon Carr.*

South Cluster Picnic Enjoys Sunshine, Great Food, and Rosemary Propagation

*By Rachel Parker & Gayle Slade
South Cluster Coordinators*

More than two dozen South Cluster members met at Nick Freedman's home in Petaluma for a lively afternoon. South Cluster's ranks include not only dedicated beekeepers, but also impressive cooks – from delicious salads and corn pudding to tasty cookies and fruit cobblers. We were so glad to see familiar faces – such as Ettamarie Peterson and her husband, Ray, Christine Kurtz, and Maryle Brauer – as well as some of our new members. After a fun raffle of member-supplied gifts, we ambled to the shade of a lovely bay tree for a propagation workshop. In about a month, there should be many more rosemary and lavender plants through the area for the bees to enjoy!

Our August Café (on August 19, location to be named) will focus on harvesting honey (when, how much, minimizing mess) and protecting your hives from robbing. Let us know if you have other ideas for our South Cluster Café gatherings; drop a note to southcluster@sonomabees.org.

Thanks, Nick, for your gracious hospitality, and to all the folks who shared delicious food, helped with clean up, and were part of the fun!



Shade and beekeeping support. Photo by EttaMarie Peterson.



South Cluster Co-Coordinators, Gayle Slade (left) and Rachel Parker. Host, Nick Freedman. Photos by EttaMarie Peterson.



Honey Thyme Apple Crostata Sweet And Savory

By Rachel Parker

With the Apple Fair around the corner, an apple dessert seems like a good offering. This recipe brings together three sources. The crust is from America's Test Kitchen, and is my go-to crust recipe (but you can use your own, of course). The key is to grate some of the butter and to rest the dough for 30 minutes before working with it. Next, the binding agent is from a cooking class I took with a former chef at Chez Panisse restaurant, where they created this base for fruit pies and crostatas that they called "moon dust." It is equal parts almond flour, all-purpose flour, and granulated sugar. I keep a couple of cups of the stuff in my pantry, dusting crusts before adding the fruit. Finally, the fruit comes from Melissa Clark of The New York Times. She infuses honey with herbs in several of her baked goods (recall the bay-infused honey used in scones with stone fruit). She calls for a combination of Granny smith and golden delicious apples, but I combine the Granny Smith with Pink Lady apples. Looking forward to Gravensteins soon!

Honey Thyme Apple Crostata

Inspired by By Melissa Clark, *NYTimes Cooking*

6 apples, peeled and cored (about 2 pounds)
½ cup honey
6 to 10 thyme branches
¼ cup butter, cut into pieces
½ teaspoon ground ginger
¼ teaspoon salt
¼ cup "moon dust" (see note above)

Dough for a 9-inch pie crust (I use "Foolproof All-Butter Dough" from America's Test Kitchen)

Flour for dusting

Sugar for decorating the crust

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Slice 5 apples into eighths, reserving one apple for later.

In a large skillet over medium-high heat, bring ¼ cup honey to a boil. Let simmer about 2 minutes, until honey is caramelized. Add half of your thyme branches. Arrange half the apples in a single layer in skillet. Sprinkle 2 tablespoons butter over apples. Cook apples, turning, until well caramelized on all sides (but not cooked through), about 10 minutes. Scrape apples and honey mixture into a bowl. Repeat cook-



ing process with remaining honey, thyme, butter and sliced apples. Add second batch of apples to bowl; combine. Discard all thyme branches.

Thinly slice remaining apple and add it to bowl. Stir in ground ginger and salt.

On a lightly floured surface, roll out the crust to a 12-inch circle, then transfer it to a baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Lightly dust the base with the moon dust. Scrape apple filling onto the crust, leaving 1 ½ to 2 inch all around. Fold that edge over the fruit, nipping the dough closed. Sprinkle generously with sugar.

Bake for 15 minutes; reduce heat to 350 degrees and continue baking until crust is dark golden and apples are tender when pricked with a fork, about 45 minutes more. Let cool for 30 minutes before slicing.

Petaluma Art and Garden Show

By Ettamarie Peterson

It was a beautiful Sunday in July, perfect for talking about the importance of bees and how they can be helped. The SCBA booth was very popular. We thank Elaine Dolcini, Tyler Moore, Ettamarie Peterson, Bryan O'Malley, Peggy Clark, Honorah Harty, and Bernie Leda for their time spent sharing their enthusiasm and knowledge about honey bees.

Several people asked about how to get started in beekeeping. The volunteers passed out a lot of our brochures and what to plant for the bees. We may have recruited a few new members. We also stressed the importance of using our web site to contact beekeepers when a swarm is spotted.

The observation hive was a big hit. This time the queen was marked with a dab of red paint as she was born this year. We explained to the visitors how a queen can live to be five years old so there are five colors to denote the year of birth. In case you didn't know how to remember the color sequence you can use this sentence, "Will you raise great bees?" Start with 1 painted white, then 2 – yellow, 3 – red, 4- green, and 5- blue. Then go back to white

for 6. Despite having a red dot on her thorax, sometimes she hid behind some comb the bees had put in areas on the glass, so she was not visible.

Your next chance to volunteer will be in August at the Sonoma County Fair and the Gravenstein Apple Fair. Volunteering is fun and can help you make more friends with fellow beekeepers. When I was a new beekeeper, I learned a lot from the seasoned beekeepers that I volunteered with. Don't hesitate to take a turn just because you don't think you know enough about beekeeping!



Bernie Leda and Honorah Harty at the Petaluma Art & Garden Show. Photo by Shannon Carr

SCBA BOOK NOOK

The Bee: A Natural History

By: Noah Wilson-Rich

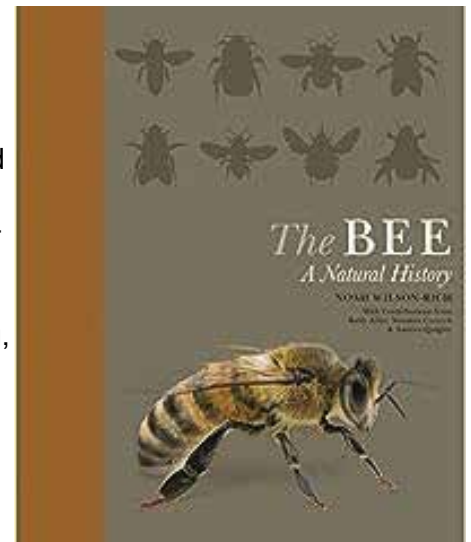


The Bee: A Natural History looks at the astounding diversity of bees and explores our relationship with them over evolutionary time. This book delves into how that relationship came to be, where it stands today, and what the future holds for humanity and bees alike, providing an illustrated look at the human-bee relationship over time.

We have more than 250 books and DVDs in the SCBA Library. *The Bee: A Natural History* 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 honey-bees, 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 plan to pick up one or two of the books or DVDs available to SCBA members.



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. Thanks!



Franny Minervini-Zick doing an educational presentation at Bayer Farm in Roseland (above). The students and their families had a great a time learning about honey bees and planting forage for bees.



Left and below: Students at Little Wildflowers Preschool in Santa Rosa learning about bees



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