

# The Monthly Extractor

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## President's Message

Happy New Year to you all!

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and you are all ready to start 2024 with hope and enthusiasm.

It's going to be another big year for SCBA. The board of directors, the leadership, and I plan to continue all the great work started last year, and we are excited to build more educational opportunities for our members and for the community.



Whatever your New Year's Resolutions may be, make sure you promise yourself to

get more involved with SCBA this year. There is so much happening; you won't want to miss out. It will be a year of more activities, events, clinics, education, debates, volunteerism, teamwork, and fun, and all of it is focused on our goal of taking care of our beloved honeybees and native pollinators!

If you attended the Holiday Party in December, you saw the honeycomb display that was full of the names of every member who volunteered in 2023. There are more than 150! (If you missed it, you can check it out in the office.) It reminds us that our organization runs just like a beehive, with everyone taking part in its overall success. So, come out to an event and celebrate our community. It's all there, waiting for you.

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Your first opportunity is at our monthly General



Meeting on January 8th, to hear Marin Beekeeper Jennifer Berry speak about local beekeeping and its relationship with the environment. It will be on Zoom, so it will be easy to attend. I look forward to seeing all your bee-utiful faces.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you all for being members of SCBA. I wish you all health, happiness, and prosperity for 2024.

See you outside!

Your President, Carol Ellis  
[president@sonomabees.org](mailto:president@sonomabees.org)

## SCBA January General Meeting

Date: Jan 8, 2024; 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm  
Location: ZOOM (link and more info inside)

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*The SCBA newsletter reflects the various techniques, theories and art of sustainable beekeeping.*

## GENERAL MEETING

# Beyond the Hive

Join us on ZOOM for our first meeting of the year! Due to short days and potential for stormy weather, our January and February General Meetings will be on ZOOM.

We will start with a meet and greet and a chance to catch up after the holidays. Candice Koseba, a longtime member from North Cluster, former board member, and owner of Sonoma Bee Company is soon heading off to revisit Africa on a journey with other beekeepers to learn about beekeeping there. This is her second time on this adventure and she will be joining us to share her previous experiences and what she anticipates on this trip.

Following Candice, we will have SCBA announcements and Newsletter Trivia, and then our speaker Jennifer Berry will join us and talk to us about beekeeping at Woolly Egg Ranch in Marin County. Jennifer Berry is the current president of the Marin County Beekeepers Association and began the practice of keeping bees in 2003 when she mentored with a seasoned beekeeper on Mt. Tamalpais. Jennifer will be talking to us about "Taking an Ecosystems Approach to Beekeeping". While even the smallest yards can host bees, there is a whole world to be considered outside the hive. What effect do

bees have on their environment and how do our changing landscapes affect bees and their pollinator friends? Is beekeeping sustainable? Jennifer will be sharing information from the latest scientific research and will apply it to a practical how-to approach for local beekeeping.

Jennifer's formal education includes undergraduate study in biology and post-grad studies of ecology and landscape design. Her career began as an ecological consultant for farming and redevelopment. Her work with bees began in 2003, and she now mentors beekeepers, breeds queens, and manages apiaries for small commercial farms and urban homesteads in Marin and Sonoma counties.

Editor's note: Jennifer's many talents were described in an article I wrote about her in *Bee Culture Magazine*. She has added more since the article was published by learning the fine art of artificially inseminating queens. She is a truly amazing beekeeper!

### [SCBA GENERAL MEETING](#)

Date: Monday January 8, 2024

Location: Zoom

Meeting ID: 811 2374 2702

Passcode: SCBA

## FROM THE DESK OF THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR

# A Toast to 30 Years of SCBA

By Shannon Carr

2024 is here! This is going to be an amazing year as we celebrate 30 years as Sonoma County Beekeepers Association, supporting beekeepers and creating a better habitat for pollinators.

While **Sonoma County Beekeepers Association** was formed in 1994, we have, in fact, been around a lot longer. In 1977 a small group of beekeepers came together to swap stories and share ideas.



In 1978 they formed the **Sebastopol Bee Club**. In just a few short years their membership grew, and they eventually centralized their meeting spot in Santa Rosa. In 1983 the organization changed its name to

## Sonoma County Bee Club.

The club continued to grow as awareness about honeybees grew and the relationship between honeybees and agriculture grew. In 1994 the club went through another transformation and became **Sonoma County Beekeepers Association**. Eleven years

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*1970s: Sebastopol Bee Club shares beekeeping stores with visitors to its information booth.*

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later, in 2005, paperwork was filed with the Department of Treasury and in January of 2006 SCBA officially became a non-profit.

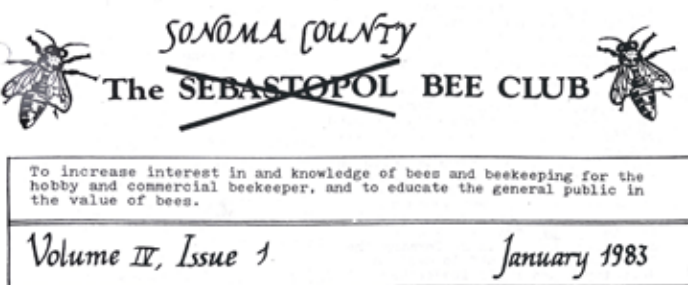
Today we are an association of more than 400 members! Our focus is not just on educating beekeepers but also educating our community on the importance of honeybees, native bees, and all pollinators. We have expanded from beekeeping to bee-tending, stressing the value of creating lush, diverse habitats that provide forage year around for pollinators throughout Sonoma County.

Sonoma County Beekeepers Association is an amazing group of people who are working together to create a better environment where all pollinators can thrive. I am honored to be a part of such an amazing organization with so many wonderful people.

Cheers! To an amazing 2024 and celebrating 30 years as Sonoma County Beekeepers Association!

Shannon Carr

[programdirector@sonomabees.org](mailto:programdirector@sonomabees.org)



## SCBA CALENDAR

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

Jan 6 – [East Cluster Cafe](#)

Jan 8 – [SCBA January General Meeting](#)

Jan 11 – [G4Bs Monthly Planning Meeting](#)

Jan 13 – [G4Bs Propagation Workshop](#)

Jan 14 – [North Cluster Cafe](#)

Jan 15 – [Beekeepers Zoom Form](#)

Jan 20 – [Central Cluster Cafe](#)

Jan 20 – [South Cluster South](#)

Jan 20 – [West Cluster Cafe](#)

## 2024 SCBA Board: Fresh - and Familiar - Faces

*By Andy Baxter  
SCBA Secretary*

The start of this year sees a new face on the board as Mohammed Ibrahim steps down after a successful tenure and passes the VP of Bees baton to Kelli Cox. There are also some fresh faces amongst the various coordinators as well as some returning volunteers. The whole board is excited for what 2024 will bring for the association and is looking forward to getting to work. Thank you to every one of our members who either voted or commented on the recent elections.

### **President: Carol Ellis (West Cluster)**

Carol has been an SCBA member since 2016, has served in a number of roles including 1st and 2nd VP and most recently as president in 2023. Carol is passionate about her support for beekeepers, honeybees and our native pollinators. She will be working hard to connect beekeepers, from hobbyist to commercial, and to encourage all of our members to take part and to volunteer.

### **Secretary: Andy Baxter (North Cluster)**

Andy returns for a fourth year as SCBA secretary. He is working to refresh the SCBA bylaws, expand

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the use of online data storage and capture/rollout processes where possible to make the association less dependent on "tribal knowledge." He also will be working to expand SCBA involvement with other beekeeping associations across the state and the US.



**Treasurer: Andrea Brum-Oome (North Cluster)**  
Andrea joined SCBA in late 2022 and stepped up to take over from George as treasurer at the start of 2023. Andrea has worked hard to improve the association's tracking system for income and transactions, has moved our financial documentation from paper to digital, and developed the online reimbursement system. This year will see a greater focus on our fundraising efforts to allow us to expand our programs and scope of activities.

**1st VP: Kelli Cox (Central Cluster)**  
Kelli has been involved with SCBA since 2011 and has also served in a number of different roles (including president). For 2024, as 1st VP (VP of the Bees) she will be working to continue to expand the SCBA vision from "beekeeping" to "beetending," promote education through our school programs and events, and ensure our various bee programs meet their goals.

**2nd VP: Ann Gallagher-White (Central Cluster)**  
Ann returns for a third year in the role of 2nd VP (VP of Gardening). Ann has a passion for pesticide-free gardening to support year-round forage for all pollinators. She believes in educating both our members and the public at large on the impact of pesticides on bees and other insects. Ann is a lifelong gardener who has been working towards creating gardens and installing and supporting school pollinator gardens.



## Grateful For ... Member Acknowledgements

Every year we get the honor of acknowledging members who go above and beyond for our members and our association. A couple months back we asked our members who did they feel helped them out in their beekeeping and bee-tending journey, and so many members were nominated: Alan Ross, Ann Jereb, Bonnie Philbin, Cheryl Caletti, Connie Alexich, Ellen Sherron, Gary and Lynn Grant, Jim Spencer, Kelly Corbet, Lidia Del Carlo, Liz Holdmann, Lynn Koch, Mike Turner, Nadya Clark, Stevie Lazo, Susan Simmons, Sylvia Cook, Thea Vierling.

Congratulations to our members who were acknowledged:

**Bee Program – Roger Simpson:** Roger always takes the extra step to ensure the safety and health of honeybees as he is out catching swarms, there for members to advise and help in their beekeeping journey and lends a helping hand whenever needed.

**Gardening Program – Kim Bergstrom:** Kim has done so much this last year for the gardening for bees program, bringing out gardeners together, creating new propagation workshops and pollinator habitat programs.

**Education Program – Gülten Eicher:** A natural educator there to help members learn about pollinator plants, creating habitat and not just the tools of the trade, but how to best use those tools.

**Over Achievers – Andrew Benson and Jamie Storck:** Andrew Benson is always there at community outreach events, has built observations hives, and shared his knowledge at multiple Cluster Cafes. And Jamie Storck has been a force in East Cluster helping East Cluster Coordinators with cafes, workshops, and coordinating events in East Cluster

**Youth Members – Antonia Cerniglia and Nicholas Bard:** The future of SCBA! Antonia contributed so much to the SCBA county fair exhibit. She built a replica of an ancient mud hive, a replica of a bee encased in amber using soap, a dinosaur nest and created the scavenger hunt. Since the moment Nicholas joined, he and his parents have been at every general meeting, Zoom meetings, propagation workshops, and involved in so many ways. Keep an eye on these two young members as one day they

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will be leading this association.

We would also like to acknowledge our 2023 Program coordinators:

**Beeshare Coordinators** – These individuals work hard to coordinate the distribution of honeybees to members on the “Needs Bees List,” making sure those members are ready for a swarm and connecting them with a Swarm Rescuer.

Frank Gibbons and Selina Fulmer (Central)  
Maralee Joseph (East)  
Maureen Bufton-Landwehr (North)  
Nick Freedman and John McGinnis (South)  
Bruce Harris (West)

**Garden Liaisons** – A new program helping to bring our gardening for bees program to the cluster level and helping to educate members on the importance of created habitat for pollinators.

Angy Nowicki (Central)  
Ellen Schwartz (East)

Maureen Bufton (North)  
Franny Minervini-Zick (West)

**Cluster Coordinators** – Going above and beyond for the members in their clusters, coordinating cafes, workshops, and hive dives, and helping members in their clusters network and get together.

Sacha Lepley and Susan Kegley (Central)  
Bonney Philbin and Tripp Hunter (East)  
Bernie Leda, Bill Bridges, Mike Shook (North)  
Rachel Parker and Gayle Slade (South)  
Cheryl Koeller (West)

Regional Coordinator – Kelli Cox  
Gardening for Bees Coordinator – Kim Bergstrom  
2023 Board of Directors  
President: Carol Ellis  
1st VP – Mohammed Ibrahim  
2nd VP – Ann Gallagher-White  
Secretary – Andy Baxter  
Treasurer – Andrea Brum-Oome  
At-large Members – Kelli Cox, Kim Bergstrom,  
Miles Sarvis-Wilburn, Kristi Lucas-Hayden

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## BEE TALK!

# Getting Ready for 2024's Busy Season

*By Kelli Cox, 1st VP of Bees*

As I write this the sun is shining after a wonderful soaking and my bees are feeling adventurous! The garden is calm and thick (no leaf gathering here) and copious amounts of robins are singing in the back field.

I am excited to be starting a new year of beekeeping with you.

For those of you Swarm Rescuers who want to remain or be added to the SCBA Swarm list, there is a mandatory swarm meeting on Saturday, January 27th to review SCBA Swarm rescuing protocols and review and sign the Swarm Rescuers contract. Please note: This is for ALL folks on the current swarm list regardless of how long you've been on the list.

Make sure you mark this in your calendar. More information will be sent to anyone on the current

swarm list. If you are not on the list and would like to join the meeting on the 27th, please email me at: [1stVP@sonomabees.org](mailto:1stVP@sonomabees.org).

I am excited to say all your Cluster Coordinators and Bee Share Coordinators have remained for 2024 and are coordinating efforts to continue to provide you the service of swarm collecting for our Bee Share program.

Make sure to go to your January Cluster Cafe to secure a bee buddy, meet your neighbors, meet your Cluster Coordinator and Bee-share Coordinator and alert them to your current hive number, and review the 2024 Cluster and SCBA calendar. Additionally, there are a few new programs that are being planned to be launched that you will want to learn about.



I am always available via phone, email, or text. Don't hesitate to call. I look forward to seeing you at the next General meeting, if not sooner! :)

Beest,  
Kelli Cox 1st VP SCBA 707 280-4376  
[1stVP@sonomabees.org](mailto:1stVP@sonomabees.org)

# January's Hive To-Do List

By Serge Labesque

*Serge Labesque was a beekeeping educator and long-time contributor to The Monthly Extractor. He has graciously given us permission to reprint his monthly to-do lists.*

## January

- Inspect the exterior condition of the hives.
- Hive tops should remain properly set and secured.
- Observe the entrances and the ground in front of the hives.
- Verify that the hive entrances are not obstructed.
- Maintain adequate and safe ventilation through the hives.
- Examine the monitoring trays.
- Watch for the appearance of drone brood cappings on the monitoring tray and make a note of the date.
- Verify that mice have not entered hives. Telltale clues of their presence, such as coarse pieces of comb and mouse feces, etc. are visible on the monitoring trays.
- When no activity is observed, place your ear against the side of the hive, and listen for bee noises. If the colony is dead, close the hive, remove it from the apiary, diagnose the problem, and discard or clean the equipment, as appropriate.
- On nice days, observe the flight paths and the bee activity at the entrances.
- Lift the back of the hives and feel the weight to see if they may be at risk of running out of stores.
- In the latter part of the month and weather permitting, quickly peek into the top of the hives to assess the location of the clusters.
- Place supers or additional frames where and when warranted.
- Clean and scorch tools and equipment, and scrub your smoker.
- Review notes from the past year.

- Plan for next season.
- Evaluate the need for equipment and bees.
- Procure, build, and repair beekeeping equipment.
- Read and learn more about bees and beekeeping.
- Don't forget your beekeeping New Year's resolutions.

And then plant, plant and plant more. Plant bee forage. Plant like a gardener gone berserk! Don't listen to those who claim that planting for bees does not make economic sense. They tell you that it is not worth your money to plant for the bees and then they turn around and buy sugar, corn syrup and pollen substitute every year! Their vision is shortsighted and considers only direct and immediate returns. Sugar syrup does not make honey. Nectar does. \$20 worth of sugar does not go very far when feeding bees. In addition, you also have to mix and distribute the syrup in feeders that you have to buy or make and clean! Alternatively, \$20 will buy a lot of bulk seeds or plants or maybe an apple tree. A good seed mix will provide nectar and pollen for weeks or months. Perennials will do the same for years. On top of this, they will beautify your surroundings and may benefit birds and other animals. The apple tree will bring you and your kids delightful apples for years. Planting bee forage is the way to feed bees!

## SCBA Annual Survey

SCBA's Annual Survey will be coming out in early February. This survey is important as it helps us understand our members' needs and serve you better. This survey is also how our members get on the "Needs Bees List." Once you are on the list, our Bee Share Coordinators will contact you with instructions on preparations you need to make in order to receive bees from SCBA's Swarm Rescue Team. Due to the unpredictable nature of bees, weather, and swarm season, we cannot guarantee how many members will get bees, but we do our best to accommodate our members and help the swarms find new suitable homes.

Keep an eye on your emails in early February for the SCBA Survey and please fill it out, whether you "Need Bees" or not.

## CLUSTER NEWS

# 2024 Cluster Planning Full of Buzz

*By Sacha Lepley  
Regional Cluster Coordinator*

Happy New Year, SCBA members! I really encourage you all to attend your January Cluster meetings. The January meeting is an opportunity to meet and greet everyone, confirm contact information and the best way to reach you (text, telephone, email), discuss the schedule for the year as well as bee share, volunteer opportunities and a chance to find a bee buddy! Cluster coordinators and gardening liaisons attend these meetings. We all really hope you will be able to attend. If you cannot, I encourage you to reach out to me and/or to your cluster coordinators to make sure we know your interests and availabilities. I can be reached through the SCBA email [regionalcoordinator@sonomabees.org](mailto:regionalcoordinator@sonomabees.org).

To date, the following are the Cluster Coordinators:

[Central Cluster](#) – Susan Kegley and Roger Simpson

[South Cluster](#) – Rachel Parker and Gayle Slade

East Cluster – We still need East Cluster members to volunteer for this position.

[North Cluster](#) – Bernie Leda, Mike Shook and Bill Bridges

[West Cluster](#) – Cheryl Koeller and Maile Pieri

Please check the SCBA online calendar for the January Cluster Meeting date and time.

Looking forward to a positive 2024 assisting the cluster coordinators and in turn, all the honeybees and pollinators in our area.

# Happy New Year from Central Cluster Co-Coordinators

*Susan Kegley & Roger Simpson*

We hope your bees are staying warm and well-fed here in the rainy season! Susan Kegley and Roger Simpson will be your Central Cluster Coordinators for 2024 and we are looking forward to a great year of learning from the bees, because—well, right when we think we know it all, the bees teach us something new!

At the next meeting on January 20 (location TBD—stay tuned), we'll do a meet and greet and find bee and gardening buddies for the year. We'll also look at what you'll need to receive a swarm from the BeeShare program, give you a quick overview of what's coming up throughout the year, and will have a presentation from Angy Nowicki, our SCBA Gardening liaison.

We can't wait to meet all the new folks and get together again with old friends. Looking forward to seeing you all!

## West Cluster News

*By Cheryl Koeller*

Happy New Year! Our West Cluster Coordinators are Cheryl Koeller and Maile Pieri. Our new Gardening Liaison is Gülten Eicher. We are excited to be working together to plan fun, educational, hands-on events for our West Cluster beekeepers and gardeners this year.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Holiday Party and gift exchange on December 3rd. The gift exchange was lively, the food and ton of desserts were delicious, and everyone had a relaxed visit. Thank you to Carol Ellis for hosting us at The Michael Ellis School in Santa Rosa!

**SAVE THE DATE** for our January Bee Café on January 20th. We do not have a location yet, but it will be available upon registration. Please look for an email invitation in the first week of January. Our meeting topic for beekeepers in January is Mid-Winter Hive Management. Colonies are at their lowest population

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and will very soon start increasing egg laying. What are you doing to help your hive develop, grow successfully, and survive?

Gardening in winter means winter maintenance and propagation! Some people think winter is a time of rest for gardeners but there is much to be done in the gardens to prepare for the explosion of growth that will happen in the next few months. Find out what you can do to provide forage for pollinators and beautify your yard at the same time!

For 2024 we are planning a frame building clinic, hive cleaning, scorching and maintenance clinic, educational and instructive hive dives and maybe a Spring Swap Meet. I am looking into building a solar melter and learning to make products from the rendered wax. Gülten Eicher, our new Gardening Liaison is looking forward to leading many helpful gardening activities including propagation, pruning, composting, vermicomposting (WORMS) and more!

Do you have any ideas that can help our cluster do better this year? Do you need a Bee Buddy? Do you have an idea for a clinic or topic of discussion for a Bee Café? Would you like to host a Bee Café at your home? Please send your suggestions or ideas to us via email to [westcluster@sonomabees.org](mailto:westcluster@sonomabees.org).

We are looking forward to the 2024 year and hope to see many members at our Bee Cafés and events.

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## SCBA BOOK NOOK



### [The Secret Life of Bees](#)

By: Sue Monk Kidd

Winter is a good time to curl up with a good book. There are more than 250 books in the SCBA library to peruse and you can choose from non-fiction books on beekeeping, gardening, crafts and cooking, as well as children's books and fiction; we even have some DVDs to watch. You can view all our books and DVDs available to you at [SCBA-Library](#).

*The Secret Life of Bees* is a best-selling novel about a young girl's journey towards healing and the transforming power of love. It tells the story of Lily Owens, whose life has been shaped around the blurred memory of the afternoon her mother was killed. When Lily's fierce-hearted Black "stand-

## South Cluster Cafe: Come In Out of the Cold

*By Rachel Parker & Gayle Slade  
South Cluster Coordinators*

'Tis weeks after Christmas; winter has yet to settle,  
And the weather is testing beekeepers' mettle.  
Though South Cluster bees are snug in their hives  
We hope come March we can start some dives.

Join us in January, please, to help your poor lead-  
ers  
And meet up together under Brewster's heaters!  
We will make a plan for the new year's meetings  
To welcome 2024 and share in sweet greetings.

At 229 Water Street, Petaluma you'll find us at  
Brewsters' place  
On January 20th come on down and let's meet  
face-to-face!

Rachel Parker & Gayle Slade,  
South Cluster Coordinators  
[southcluster@sonomabees.org](mailto:southcluster@sonomabees.org)

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in mother," Rosaleen, insults three of the deepest racists in town, Lily decides to spring them both free. They escape to Tiburon, South Carolina, a town that holds the secret to her mother's past. Taken in by an eccentric trio of Black beekeeping sisters, Lily is introduced to their mesmerizing world of bees and honey, and the Black Madonna. This is a remarkable novel about divine female power; a story that women will share with their daughters.

We are looking to expand the SCBA library. 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](mailto:Librarian@sonomabees.org). In addition, we are starting to add beekeeping tools and equipment to the library. Keyword search "equipment" to see what we have. We are actively looking for Candle Molds to add to our equipment library for members to borrow. Please contact us if you have some molds or other useful equipment you can donate.

SCBA Library is available to members at in-person general meetings and during the week by appointment. Email [Librarian@sonomabees.org](mailto:Librarian@sonomabees.org) to plan to pick up one or two of the books, DVDs, or equipment available to SCBA members.



## Wreath Making Workshop A Lot of Fun

Thank you to Angy Nowicki and Ellen Sherron for putting everything together for the wreath building workshop; Sylvia Cook for driving all over Sonoma County picking up Christmas tree trimmings; and Grandma Buddies Tree Farm, Garlock Tree Farm, and Frosty Mountain Tree Farm for donating Christmas tree trimmings.



*Cheryl Koeller, Gülden Eicher, Ellen Sherron, Kelly Corbett, Roger Simpson making preparations for Wreath Building Workshop.*



*Kim Bergstrom, Zach Bard, Angy Nowicki building wreaths.*

## Holiday Party: Festive Cheer, Great Food, and Bingo



*Playing Bingo is a tradition at the SCBA Holiday Party.*



*SCBA's youngest member, Nicholas Bard, assisted Secretary Andy Baxter with the calling of the Bingo numbers.*

## A Capital Thanksgiving: Roasted Pears

By Rachel Parker

One of our daughters lives in Washington, DC, and while visiting her over Thanksgiving we had breakfast several mornings at Tatte Bakery and Café in Foggy Bottom. We enjoyed a granola and yogurt breakfast with roasted pears. When we got back, I looked for recipes to recreate the yummy breakfasts at home. This recipe for Roast Pears with Balsamic and Honey was written as a dessert; the author serves the pears with ice cream. But I'll always think of this as a breakfast option and have some tangy Greek yogurt on the side and a little granola or toasted oats sprinkled over the top.

### Roasted Pears with Balsamic and Honey

From [Whereismyspoon.co](http://Whereismyspoon.co)

#### INGREDIENTS

- 2 large pears (slightly underripe)
- 2 teaspoons unsalted butter
- 3 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 4 teaspoons runny honey (or more to taste)

#### INSTRUCTIONS

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F.

Halve and core the pears (do not peel them). Melt the butter in a cast-iron skillet or other heavy-bottomed, ovenproof pan. Add the pears, cut side down, and sauté them for two minutes.

Place the pan in the oven and roast the pears for 20 minutes. Flip the halves, drizzle the vinegar on the pears. Continue roasting for 5 more minutes.

Remove the pan from the oven, drizzle each pear with some honey and let them rest for another few minutes.

Serve warm with the pan juices and more honey.



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## SCBA Name Badges Order Now!

You can now order your SCBA name badge, and make payment, on the SCBA website. Orders are placed with our supplier every few months, on the 1st, depending upon reaching a minimum number of requests.

In addition to a name badge, you can order multiple “swing tags” listing your cluster, position, or fun tag

lines such as “Pollinator Advocate” or “Queen Bee.”

Click [Order Your Name Badge](#) to order your SCBA name badge today. If you have any questions email [badges@sonomabees.org](mailto:badges@sonomabees.org).





# SCBA Business Members, Donors, and Sponsors

## SCBA Business Members

### **Beekind Honey and Beekeeping Supply**

Doug & Katia Vincent  
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*Located in Sebastopol, Beekind is the place to get all your beekeeping supplies as well as gifts from the hive.*

### **Bees N Blooms**

Susan Kegley  
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[www.BeesNBlooms.com](http://www.BeesNBlooms.com)

*Sustaining bees, trees, blooms and you. Bees N Blooms is home to thousands of honeybees and native bees, a lavender labyrinth, a butterfly pollinator garden, and acres of pollinator-friendly plants and trees.*

### **Buzz Off Honey**

John & Darlene McGinnis  
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[www.goahwayranch.com](http://www.goahwayranch.com)

*John McGinnis, with his expert craftsmanship, makes all the equipment he sells by hand. You'll find hives, nucs, swarm traps and all the equipment in between.*

### **K2 Ranch and Vineyards**

Ken and Kat Savano  
<https://k2ranch.com/>

*K2 Ranch and Vineyards offer vacation rental, event space, and gardens*

### **Marin Coastal Bee Co.**

Michael Louis Turner  
<https://marincoastalbee.com>

*Raw Pacific Coast honey and bee-hive removal Services in Marin and Sonoma Counties.*

### **R Honey Pots**

Liz & Joey Russell  
[rhoneypots@gmail.com](mailto:rhoneypots@gmail.com)

*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.*

### **Sonoma County Bee Company**

Candice Koseba  
[info@sonomacountybeecompany.com](mailto:info@sonomacountybeecompany.com)  
<https://www.sonomacountybeecompany.com>

*Dedicated to the support and practice of regenerative beekeeping in Northern California, Sonoma County Bee Company maintains colonies for individuals and small businesses.*

### **Tauzer Family & Apiaries Sola Bee Farms / Honey Bee Genetics**

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