



BEE LINES

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February 10

We have an exciting February meeting lined up and hope to see you there!

Bradley Weeks, MD will be talking about Apitherapy. Apitherapy is the medicinal use of honeybee products, including bee sting therapy, to treat common medical conditions such as MS, arthritis, tumors and hay fever. Dr. Weeks is a world-renown expert on the topic and founding member and past-president of the American Apitherapy Society (AAS) www.apitherapy.org.

Dr. Weeks completed undergraduate studies at Dartmouth College, medical school training at the University of Vermont, and is licensed to practice medicine in Washington State. For more information, visit www.weeksmd.com.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by president, Amy Lopit.

TREASURE REPORT: Checking - \$812.68
Savings - \$837.68

Introductions were held. Over 30 people were in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS: Hailey Michel-Evleth stopped by and gave us a short explanation on the survey that she is doing on honey bee populations in the Puget Sound area.

Bonnie Yost gave a brief presentation on the Western Washington Bee Breeders Exchange. Rachel Wessel talked about candle making with bees wax. She talked about why you would want to use bees wax over paraffin wax. She also talked about heating temperatures and methods for making bees wax candles. After the meeting,

Rachel invited everyone down to Beez Neez to make candles. Beez Neez donated the wax and molds and even gave out free almond oil for making lip balm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

Membership Dues.

Time flies and we are already in the second month of the year. Please make sure you have renewed your membership.

Beekeepers Goatskin glove order.

I am going to be placing an order for the “Bucko” beekeeping glove. This goatskin glove is one of the best beekeeping gloves being made today. I hope to have the order placed in time to receive them back to hand out at our March mtg. Also if folks cannot make the mtg alternative arrangements can be made.

The gloves come in the following sizes, S, M, L, XL. Please state size and qty when ordering, checks should be made payable to NWDBA.

You can either hand me your order at this months mtg or send me an email and I will give you the address to send your order to. Please use this email for the glove order

nwdba_newsletter@yahoo.com

Cost is only \$10 each pair.

ALL ORDERS NEED TO BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN FRIDAY FEB 19TH

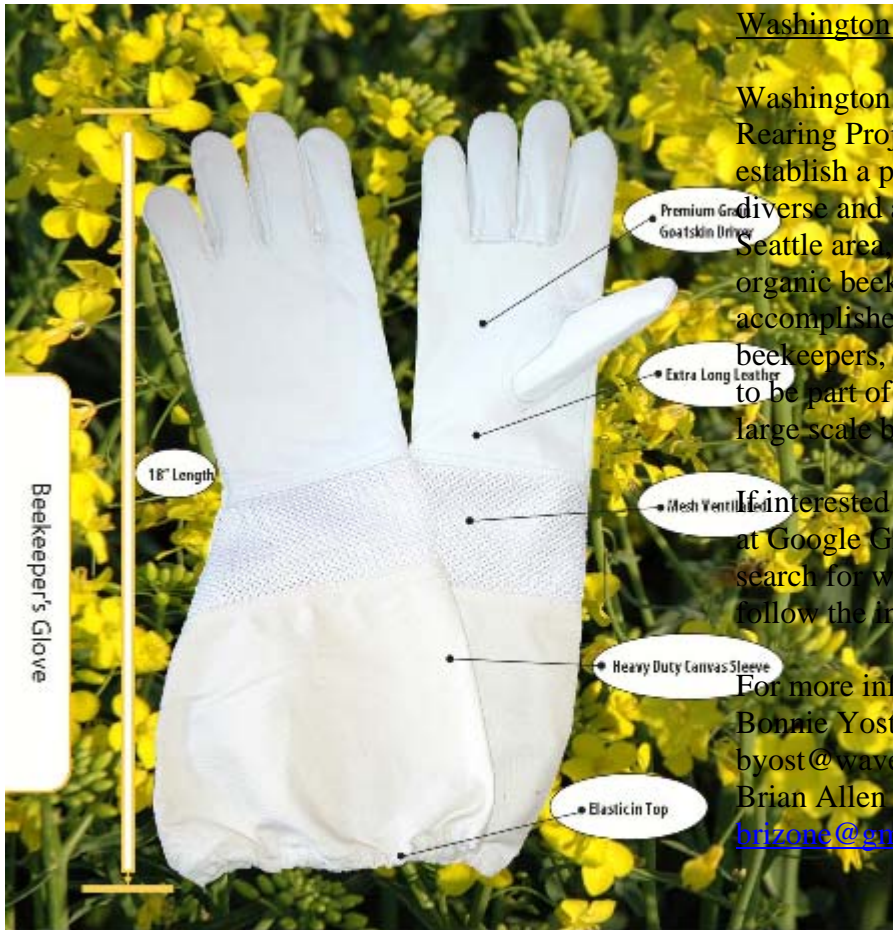
These gloves retail for \$29 don't miss out on this great offer. Order yours today.



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Beekeeper's Glove

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 Premium Grade Goatskin Driver, Extra Long Driver, Unlined, Koyatone Thread, Heavy Duty Canvas Sleeve, Mesh Ventilation, Elastic Top, 18" Length, Men's Sizes: S, M, L, XL.

Washington Bee Breeders Exchange.

Washington Bee Breeders Exchange Queen Rearing Project The goal of this project is to establish a program of rearing local, genetically diverse and adapted queen bees in the greater Seattle area, ultimately resulting in successful organic beekeeping methods. This will be accomplished by coordinating with local beekeepers, allowing an opportunity for anyone to be part of the program, thus not requiring a large scale beekeeping operation to participate.

If interested you are encouraged to join the group at Google Groups. Go to Google Groups and search for washingtonbeebreedersexchange, follow the instructions to join the group.

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Hive Decorating Contest.

We are going to hold a decorating contest this year, prizes have been generously donated by Beez Neez Apiary Supplies of Snohomish. Check the link on our web page for all the details.



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Evergreen State Fair bee booth.

Each year we run an information exhibit. Last year we purchased a new canopy. This year we need to update the displays, they are getting a little old and ragged. We are looking for a volunteer to take charge of designing the new display. You would not have to do all the work as we will solicit more help as needed.

If anyone would like to volunteer to do this, or would like more information on what is needed, please contact me at nwdba_newsletter@yahoo.com

Web updates.

Swarm Call List – This will be updated each year at the end of February. Only paid up members can be on the list, non members will be removed at that time.

Several additions to the web page, including a link to a very good video on assembling frames and foundation. Check out the link on the equipment page.

Also added is the Governing documents section. In order not to make this newsletter too long the draft of our by law revisions can be found there including our existing by laws. We will put the revision up to vote at a later meeting.

Bee News.

Good News !

Fewer beekeepers are reporting evidence of a mysterious ailment that had been decimating the U.S. honeybee population. But losses due to colony collapse disorder remain high enough to

keep beekeepers on edge, and longtime stresses on bees such as starvation and poor weather add to the burden. A survey of beekeepers for the January issue of the Journal of Apicultural Research found that the percentage of operations reporting having lost colonies but without dead bees in the hives — a symptom of colony collapse disorder, or CCD — decreased to 26 percent last winter, compared to 38 percent the previous season and 36 percent the season before that.

Great News!

Preliminary report to the beekeeping industry: NOD Apiary Formic Acid Flash Treatment*
An experimental test conducted by the University of Hawaii.

“The mite kill within the first week of treatment surpassed our expectations.

Treated colonies experienced a very large mite drop three days after product application. This initial large mite drop most likely derives from mites found on adult bees (phoretic stage) when the product was introduced to the hive.

The mite drop from the treated colonies continued to be notably higher than control colonies during the first 10 days after treatment.

This prolonged increase on mite drop levels suggests that mites in capped cells were also affected by the treatment and were being removed from the hive as the new workers emerged from their cells”

To read the whole report go here,

<http://www.ctahr.hawaii.edu/sustainag/news/articles/V1-wright-varroa.pdf>



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