



Elm Fork Beekeepers Association

General Meeting Agenda: Oct 17, 2019

Mission: To share information and provide education to our members and community about bees and beekeeping. To promote responsible beekeeping practices, through training and education, resulting in effective management of diseases, pests, and other environmental issues.

- **Welcome and Officer reports**
 - **President – Jan Hodson**
 - **Agenda**
 - **Our new Communications Director: Susan Pritchard**
 - **TBA Convention November 8-9th, Hilton San Antonio Airport**
 - **If you're into contests, Honey contest at TBA convention**
 - **Classes: Jan 25, Feb 22, & Mar 28, 2020, \$100 includes snacks, lunch and books**
 - **Fund raising:**
 - **Hairy Vetch: 1 lb-\$3, 3 lbs- \$8, 5 lbs - \$12, 10 lbs - \$20**
 - **Pollen Feeders: \$20**
 - **Vice President – Michael Barber**
 - **Nominations Committee: Susan Pritchard, Dana Moss and Teresa Sampsell**
 - **Officer Nominations for 2020:**
 - **President: Jan Hodson**
 - **Vice President: Michael Barber**
 - **Treasurer: Julie Haza**
 - **Secretary: Louann Barfknecht**
 - **Appointed positions:**
 - **Webmaster: Byron Compton**
 - **Communications: Susan Pritchard**
 - **Hospitality: Melanie and Gary Clinton**
 - **Director at Large**
 - **Speakers:**
 - **Nov: Misty Appling and Mary Benton, bee sting allergies and therapy.**
 - **Dec: Holiday Party**
 - **Mentor Program**
 - **Scholarship for 2020**
 - **Secretary – Louann Barfknecht**
 - **September Minutes**
 - **Treasurer – Julie Haza**
 - **Reports**
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- **A few blooming nectar plants:**
 - Pigeon-berry (*Rivina humilis*)
 - Narrow-leaf gayfeather (*Liatris mucronata*)
 - Rooseveltweed (*Baccharis neglecta*)
 - Asters (several species)
 - Amaranth (*several species*) common names: pigweed, red-root pigweed, quelite
 - Take pictures of bees on nectar plants and email to janrhodson@gmail.com or text to 214-417-9071
- **Oct Monthly Tips**
 - Due to cooler nights queen may have moved her laying to the top hive box. Brood needs to be kept around 93° F
 - Brood laying will start tapering off as it gets colder.
 - Remove Queen Excluders so bees can cluster
 - Weak hives should be combined with strong hives.
 - Fall pollen and nectar should be available until first frost.
 - Check honey, pollen and brood pattern on frames. The girls need 30-50 lbs of honey stored for the winter.
 - Remove screened inner covers. Close up screened bottom boards.
 - Install entrance reducers
 - You may need a mouse guard, if not on a tall hive stand.
 - Consider facing hives to the south. Tilt hives so rain will not run into the hive.
 - Treat for varroa if needed.
 - Check to make sure that paradichlorobenzene (PDB) crystals in stored supers haven't evaporated.
- **Handy Tips and Tools: Planting Hairy Vetch – Lucas Hartman**
- **Door prize drawing**
- **Program: Getting ready for winter**
 - Panel discussion: Byron Compton, Justin Hartman, and Jan Hodson
- **Meeting Close**

Next meeting: Nov 21st, 6 pm social, 6:30 meeting, Landmark Bank

Website: elmforkbeekeepers.org

Amazon Smile: EFBA charity link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/61-1883488>

Board Meetings: Members are always welcome at our board meetings. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month from 3-5pm at the extension office 301 S. Chestnut, Gainesville.

Advocacy Prohibition: The EFBA mission is to be an educational association. No part of the activities of EFBA shall be devoted to advocacy, lobbying, politically or privately promoting issues, agendas, or businesses or personal endeavors, by propaganda or otherwise, using the EFBA name or themselves as a EFBA member.