



Elm Fork Beekeepers Association

General Meeting Agenda, July 18, 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**
 - New Logos
 - North Texas Bee Trader Facebook
 - Extraction Party Aug 17th, Mountain Springs Community Center 3 pm
 - Brazos Valley Bee School, College Station, TX. Sept 7th, 2019
 - **Vice President - Michael Barber**
 - Speakers
 - **Secretary – Louann Barfknecht**
 - June Minutes
 - **Treasurer – Julie Haza**
 - Dues
 - Reports
 - **Webmaster – Byron Compton**
 - **Hospitality – Melanie and Gary Clinton**
- **July Monthly Tips**
 - Check for full supers. You can harvest when the honey is at least 80% capped and passes a shake test. Leave honey in the brood boxes for the bees.
 - Allow bees to clean up your supers but remove them quickly if the nectar flow has stopped.
 - Use a fume board, bee brush, or bee blower instead of smoke to remove bees to keep the honey from tasting like smoke.
 - Bottle in a clean environment. If selling, must have labels with beekeepers contact info, weight, and state small beekeepers uninspected facility statement.
 - Freeze empty frames of comb for several days to kill any wax moth larva before storing.
 - Put frames in plastic bags with paradichorobenzene (PDB) to store. *Caution! Be sure to only use PDB crystals and not moth balls (naphthalene). Moth ball will contaminate the wax and kill your bees when supers are returned to the hive.*
 - Check for swarm and supersedure cells
 - Check honey, pollen and brood pattern on frames
 - Keep your girls cool! Provide a close clean water source and ventilation.
- **A few blooming nectar plants:**
 - Cucumber, cantaloupe, and watermelon
 - Persimmon

- Prickly Pear
- Common Annual Sunflower (Asteraceae Helianthus species) Native
- Zexmenia (Asteraceae Wedelia Hispida) Native to southern Texas, Perennial
- Button Bush
- Take pictures of bees on nectar plants and email to ianrhodson@gmail.com or text to 214-417-9071
- Handy Tips and Tools:
 - Cleaning your smoker (worth repeating)
- Door prize drawing
- Program: Byron Compton – Harvesting Your Honey
- Meeting Close

Next meeting: August 15, 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.