

Sussex County Beekeepers Association

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President's Message

Hello,

As we collectively watch the Farm and Horse Show recede in the rear-view mirror, we can finally heave a sigh of relief that we didn't enjoy too much fair food...

While the total amount the association earned is still being counted, I am told that we did very well this year; my thanks to all of you who participated in making the Fair a success. I ran into Tim Schuler out in central Pennsylvania last week and he remarked that we have a wonderful group of members in the SCBA.

Although I already knew that to be the case, it was heartwarming to hear it from someone such as he.

We now begin to cast our gaze toward the other horizon and the rapid shortening of days that lead toward winter. It was a good year for honey in my yard, and hope it was the same for all of you. By now you all should be making plans to take your honey crop off the hives and inspect for the condi-



tion of each colony: treat where necessary and re-queen if circumstances warrant. Combine weak colonies rather than take the chance of losing them. Feed if they haven't enough stored. The fall flows have already started by me and we may not see a protracted fall bloom this year. Its best to be prepared early rather than try to catch up to the weather. There is much to do before you rest this winter. Get cracking.

Bill Foley

SCBA Calendar

Clip and Refrigerate

- **Sunday, September 12**
Joint Meeting with SENY
Noon at the Brodhecker's, 75 George Hill Road, Branchville. Bring a dish to share and a chair.
- **Saturday, October 16**
Topic to be Decided
- **Saturday, November 13**
Holiday Party—Lafayette House

Check the website
brodheckerfarms/SCBA for calendar details and updates



Honey Bee Tea for Healthy, Happy Bees

This recipe for bee tea comes to us from Chris Harp who shared it at last year's joint meeting.

According to Chris this tea helps boost the bees immune system. This recipe is for the Fall. For Spring/Summer make the sugar and water mixture 50/50.

Ingredients:
2 parts water

3 parts sugar
Thyme leaves—a tsp or more (a reduction in Varroa mite has been noted using this tea)
Dash of salt
Chamomile/dandelion tea (made separately)

To Make Bee Tea

Add salt and thyme and water to a pot, bring to a boil. Turn off heat and add sugar, stirring until dissolved. Chamomile tea, dandelion tea.

You can add other herbs, like sage, rue, yarrow, hysop, lemon balm.

Make herbal tea separately: Make Chamomile and dandelion tea (one bag each) by adding ingredients to a cup and adding boiling water. Steep for 10 minutes.

One cup of herbal tea is enough for 5 gallons. (For 10 pounds of sugar I

usually add a Tablespoon of herbal tea.) Keep any unused tea and sugar mixture refrigerated.

For more information please visit honeybeelives.org



Easy Honey Chicken Wings

Football season is coming and everybody needs snacks to maintain the energy for cheering on your favorite team.

1/2 cup honey

1/3 cup soy sauce

1/4 cup chili sauce

1 teaspoon garlic salt.

1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper

8 drops red pepper sauce

Three pounds of chicken wings or drumettes.



Combine honey, soy sauce, chili sauce, garlic salt, pepper and red pepper sauce.

Arrange chicken in a single layer in a 9x13 inch baking pan and pour on sauce. Turn chicken over to coat with sauce. Bake at 350 degrees for one hour, turning once. Cool slightly and serve.

Happy Birthday Lorenzo Langstroth!

To celebrate the 200th birthday of Lorenzo Langstroth, Father of American Beekeeping and inventor of the moveable frame beehive, four Philadelphia organizations have teamed up to present the Philadelphia Honey Festival September 10-12.

The festivities will kick off with the placement of a historical marker at 106 South Front Street, Philadelphia, the birthplace of Langstroth.

The Wyck Association is hosting three great beekeeping speakers:

Kim Flottum, editor of *Bee Culture* magazine will discuss the Joys of Urban beekeeping.

Elizabeth Capaldi Evans, professor of Biology at Bucknell University and author of the book [Why Do Bees Buzz? Fascinating Answers to Questions About Bees](#) will discuss her work on bee behavior.

Dean Stiglitz, author of [The Complete Idiots Guide to Beekeeping](#), will talk about natural beekeeping

The speakers are just a part of a whole weekend of activities promoting beekeeping and pollinators in art, education and of course agriculture and gardening.

To check out the schedule of events please visit phillyhoneyfest.com

Eastern Apiculture Society

One of the proposals presented to SCBA for using some of our funds to help beekeepers is a donation to the Eastern Apiculture Society Foundation. Many new and recent beekeepers may be unaware or unfamiliar with EAS.

The Eastern Apicultural Society of North America, Inc. (EAS) is an international non profit educational organization founded in 1955 for the promotion of bee culture, education of beekeepers, and excellence in bee research. EAS is the largest non commercial beekeeping or-

ganization in the United State and one of the largest in the world.

EAS conducts a conference every year with about 400 beekeepers in attendance from 26 states and Canadian provinces.

The EAS Foundation for Honey Bee Research is a competitive grant program developed from donations received from beekeepers and others interested in funding research on topical problems in honey bees. Grant funds may be used for sup-

plies, equipment, salaries, travel or other appropriate uses by the recipient. As a nonprofit organization, the EAS Foundation does not pay overhead on funded research grants.

Dues for EAS are \$25 a year. *The EAS Journal* is published four times a year.

For more information about EAS and their activities visit easternapiculture.org.



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