

Dear Beekeepers,

I hope this finds everyone well! We have some upcoming events that we hope you will be able to join:

August 12 LCBA Meeting, 6 to 8 pm via ZOOM – Dr. Dewey Caron on What To Do For Your Bees in August. Dewey will talk about how the BIP and PNW loss surveys can help us plan to support our bees in fall and winter. Dewey will give a presentation and take questions; we'll have discussion, general bee Q&A, and it will be nice to see people's faces! You can view the details of the PNW survey here, broken down by county: <https://pnwhoneybeesurvey.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/2019-20-Lewis-Co-REPORT.pdf> Thanks again to Dewey and his team for all their work on this project. Some ZOOM details follow;

How To Participate: Please RSVP to this email (if you already RSVP'd, you don't need to do it again). On Wednesday morning, I will send an email with the link for you to click on to join the meeting.

Some Zoom Tips: I will set up the meeting such that as administrator, I "click" to "admit" you; this keeps our meeting secure. It helps if everyone mutes their microphones while others are speaking; in a large meeting, audio feedback can drown out the speaker. Your computer will ask you to enable your microphone and your camera; if you don't want your image to appear online, that's fine; you can participate via microphone and you will be able to see the meeting, but others will see only a square with your name on it.

If you haven't done Zoom, or don't have good access, no worries; please let me know by Tuesday evening and we will set up our projector & screen at the Apiary with a laptop; those who would like to attend there are welcome.

September 16 LCBA Meeting, 6 to 8 pm via ZOOM: Dr. Danny Najera, the "Mite Buster." Danny teaches biology at Green River College, where he has organized a research team of students to manage bees and bust their mites. Danny will share his research on Varroa control, tips on methods, and more! Bring your questions! For an article on Danny's work to save honey bees, click here: <https://southsoundmag/>. Danny's group is also on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GreenRiverHoneybees/>

Our Next Workshop: Traditionally, LCBA has held a fall management workshop at which we cover how to administer oxalic acid vaporizing / fogging for mite treatment, constructing moisture control boxes, and similar fall management topics. The board is working on dates, and we're planning to incorporate a Youth Scholarship fundraiser in this event as well. More news in the September update! Meanwhile....

Preparing Your Bees for Fall: LCBA has resources on our website to help you think about your fall management plan. Here is the URL for our Education page Fall Management: https://www.lewiscountybeekeepers.org/education/fall_management_issues. On this page, you'll find:

- 10 key things you can do in fall to help your bees, by LCBA Past-President Kevin Reichert
- A slideshow of Kevin's method for making a moisture control box and his for candy board approaches. To see details on moisture control box assembly in the slideshow, scroll down below the "10 tips" section.

- Dan Maughan's make-it-yourself winter patty recipe to help provide your bees with extra nutrition in fall and winter.
- Kevin's hard candy recipe, with a link to a video demo of how to make these, step by step
- Kevin's home-made version of honey-b-healthy.
- Lauri Miller's No-Boil sugar candy recipe.
- And more! Check it out....also, our YouTube channel has videos by Mentorship Coordinator Cody Warren on many beekeeping topics:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGVu9UaU5Z5cX3Un-N6irlw>

The Latest on Those Asian Giant Hornets..... You've probably heard that an Asian Giant Hornet was found in a trap last month after two were observed in Whatcom County earlier this summer. WSDA is trapping for them and asks us to help by reporting any sightings. Photos help; specimens are even better, so if you murder a murder hornet, please don't dispose of the body. Instead, go online to agr.wa.gov/hornets; email hornets@agr.wa.gov (nope, not the hornets' email), or call 1-800-443-6684. They ask us to share as many details as possible and include location. Their website now has a section specifically for beekeepers at <https://agr.wa.gov/departments/insects-pests-and-weeds/insects/hornets/beekeeping> . You can find a sightings map, info about "citizen scientist trapping for Asian giant hornets," and more!

Beesearch: As reported in the last news bulletin, we are planning to resume in September, so Peter and I will be contacting the students. Since we just got it going, if you had been interested but missed the first meeting, please let us know if you'd like to join in!

Our Youth Scholars have been having a lot of fun with their bees. Their experiences will be the focus of our September update, so stay tuned!

Best wishes to all – stay healthy, and bee happy!

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