

Dear Beekeepers,

Happy Fall! Although we can't meet at the college, we have monthly meetings set up through November, a fall management workshop coming up first weekend of October, Kevin Mills' free fall management webinar this Saturday, 9/5, and more. Read on for details!

**View a Recording of our August 12 Zoom Meeting:** First, thanks to **Dr. Dewey Caron** for anchoring our first-ever LCBA Zoom meeting, which was attended by about 25 individuals/couples. Dewey covered the PNW loss survey data for LCBA, compared and contrasted our figures and practices with statewide data, and gave advice on how to plan to support our bees in fall and winter, along with Q&A. 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> To access Dewey's slideshow, visit our website's Monthly Meeting link: [https://www.lewiscountybeekeepers.org/monthly\\_meetings](https://www.lewiscountybeekeepers.org/monthly_meetings). To view the "cloud" recording of Dewey's talk and our meeting, visit: [https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/5uZuf5j32WdLH5Hw5XzSd5d-AqDPT6a82ygY\\_PolyxxkAiQL9W1kcumEYdwTG4FD](https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/5uZuf5j32WdLH5Hw5XzSd5d-AqDPT6a82ygY_PolyxxkAiQL9W1kcumEYdwTG4FD) You may use this password: Q\*52?qM7.

**Dewey also has a new book:** *The Complete Bee Handbook: History, Recipes, Beekeeping Basics, and More*. It's in color with illustrations and covers a wide range of bee topics. To get one, check with Dewey at [dmcaron@udel.edu](mailto:dmcaron@udel.edu); it's also available on Amazon for \$17 and shipping.

**Free Fall Management Webinar with Kevin Mills, Hive 5 Bees: September 5th (Saturday) at 6pm.** Kevin was our Spring Management workshop leader earlier this year. Kevin writes, "Minimize the chance of your bees and wallet hurting this winter and spring! Although no-one can guarantee success in beekeeping - take a few minutes to learn crucial fall & winter management techniques greatly increases your chances." To sign up for the webinar, visit: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEuceCurTorE9LFTevenXm-JsM4M5427TUg>

**September Monthly Meeting – Weds, Sept 16, 6 to 8 pm: Please note – this time only, our September monthly meeting is the \*third\* Wednesday. We'll meet via ZOOM with 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/>

**How To Participate:** Please RSVP to this email. On the morning of Wednesday, Sept 16, 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, Sept 15, and we will set up our projector & screen at the Apiary with a laptop; those

who would like to attend there are welcome.

**Fall Management Workshop: Saturday, October 3, 10 am to 1 pm at the Apiary, with pizza, pop, & Q&A after: to attend, please RSVP to this email so we can manage numbers and plan for refreshments.** At this workshop, our Mentorship Coordinator and Lead Apiary Drone, Cody Warren, will cover how to make sugar blocks and moisture control boxes, as well as take Q&A on oxalic acid vaporizing and fogging for mite treatment

**Meanwhile, Here Are Resources to Help You Manage Your Bees in Fall & Prepare Them for Winter:** I know I shared these last month, but they're even more timely now, and you can find them on our website's Education page under the Fall Management and Winter Management links:

[https://www.lewiscountybeekeepers.org/education/fall\\_management\\_issues](https://www.lewiscountybeekeepers.org/education/fall_management_issues).

- 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 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, including a film of Kevin and Jeanne making candy blocks and how to make a moisture control box:  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGVu9UaU5Z5cX3Un-N6irlw>
- There's more on the "Winter Management" page.

**October Monthly Meeting, Weds October 14, 6 to 8 pm via Zoom: Let's Talk Bees!** LCBA Mentors, including Cody Warren, Gottfried Fritz, and others, will cover their approaches to fall and winter management, with Q&A from our audience – more details in our October Bulletin. See the Sept meeting info about re: how to participate!

**November Monthly Meeting, Weds, November 11, 6 to 8 pm via Zoom: Dr. Dewey Caron will be back to talk about working with Africanized bees.** Many beekeepers have noticed that sometimes a package or nuc colony imported from California will turn out to be a "hot" hive: though Africanized bee colonies can't thrive in our wet Southwest Washington climate, that doesn't stop their genetics from getting into our apiaries. Dewey has worked with Africanized bees and their keepers in Bolivia each winter for many years, and he will share his experiences in working with these – shall I call them "dynamic"? – highly honey-productive bees.

**Our Six 2020 Youth Scholars** are preparing their bees for fall with the help of their mentors. Each youth scholars' families have gotten involved, too! You can see their progress on our website: for photos, visit [https://www.lewiscountybeekeepers.org/youth\\_scholarship\\_program/2020\\_youth\\_in\\_beekeeping\\_scholarship\\_students](https://www.lewiscountybeekeepers.org/youth_scholarship_program/2020_youth_in_beekeeping_scholarship_students). Jeremy Corwin, now an 8<sup>th</sup> grader in Centralia, is being mentored by Steve Howard; brothers Westley and William Morton are keeping their bees in Rochester, mentored by Cody Warren; Gabbi Payne, a 9<sup>th</sup> grade home school student in Winlock, is mentored by Susanne Weil; Berkeley Varick

is a 7<sup>th</sup> grader in Chehalis being mentored by Bob Harris; and Olivia Wiley is a 10<sup>th</sup> grader in Centralia, mentored by Kevin Reichert. Thanks to the mentors, and thanks to LCBA members and community partners for supporting this program!

**2021 Youth in Beekeeping Scholarships – Application Deadline Friday, November 20, 2020. For application forms and information, visit:**

[https://www.lewiscountybeekeepers.org/youth\\_scholarship\\_program/want\\_to\\_apply\\_2021\\_lcba\\_youth\\_in\\_beekeeping\\_scholarship\\_program\\_application\\_forms](https://www.lewiscountybeekeepers.org/youth_scholarship_program/want_to_apply_2021_lcba_youth_in_beekeeping_scholarship_program_application_forms) Yes, we are planning to have our LCBA youth scholarships for new beekeepers between 6<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grades next year! Do you know a child or family new to beekeeping who might be interested in this program? Please share this information and my contact information if they have questions. It's a great opportunity for kids to get involved with bees.

**Beesearch:** As reported in the last news bulletin, we are planning to resume in September, so Peter and I will be contacting the students. We are shooting for the third Thursday, Sept 17, 6 to 8 pm. Since we just got this continuing education seminar for beekeepers going before the lockdown, if you had been interested but missed the first meeting, please let us know if you'd like to join in!

**LCBA Board Officer Nominations & Election News:** Per our bylaws, we will hold our election. Per our bylaws, to run, one must be a member of the association current on dues. To see what each officer is responsible for, as well as election process, visit our website:

[https://www.lewiscountybeekeepers.org/yahoo\\_site\\_admin/assets/docs/LCBA\\_Bylaws\\_Approved\\_December\\_9\\_2017\\_Annual\\_Meeting.353115018.pdf](https://www.lewiscountybeekeepers.org/yahoo_site_admin/assets/docs/LCBA_Bylaws_Approved_December_9_2017_Annual_Meeting.353115018.pdf). Here's the short version, though! The Nominating Committee is tasked with presenting a slate of candidates for the board offices up for election by October 1; if no further nominations are heard by the Nominating Committee by October 15, the slate is elected as presented unless there are contested offices. Any contested offices will be voted on at the November meeting, probably via email to the Nominating Committee (we are working on how to do this in a pandemic!).

**Nominating Committee:** Cody Warren and Gottfried Fritz have agreed to serve as our 2020 Nominating Committee. In this even-numbered year, the Vice President, Secretary, and Education Coordinator are up for re-election. Walt Wilson is willing to continue as VP, having served the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of what would have been President Bob's VP term. For the sake of continuity, Peter Glover is willing to continue as Education Coordinator, and I am willing to continue as Secretary, though we hope to step down a year from now. However, if you are interested in serving on the board – or know a member who is – please contact our Nominating Committee! Contact information: [codywarren68@gmail.com](mailto:codywarren68@gmail.com) or 360 388 1669; [gfritz87@aol.com](mailto:gfritz87@aol.com) or 360 623 4748.

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

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