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ANNOUNCEMENT FOR A WEBX workshop - Brad Hogg

We are presented with a unique situation these days. 2020 will no doubt go into our history as a remarkable time. Unlike other periods in history when the world population was faced with similar situations, we have some advantages **today** that have never been present in the world in the past.



One of those advantages is what technology can do for us. Even though the internet is nothing new and video collaboration is also not new, the way in which we are using this technology is being expanded from a peripheral activity into a necessary component of carrying on business and relationships.

In this way, I thought perhaps the RRAA could use a video collaboration technology to resume some semblance of normalcy to the cohesiveness of our Association. To this end, I have asked Rheal if he would be agreeable to giving his scheduled presentation to the RRAA membership at the usual time on the usual date that we would otherwise meet. Rheal graciously agreed to do this for us.

Many of us have used video collaboration software etc so some of this will not be new to some of us. For others, I hope that you will join us in this new idea, this new way of filling in the gaps while we can't meet in person.

A separate email will be sent out to each member with the web link, scheduled time and date as well as some instructions that should help you get connected.

You should know that it's perfectly fine if you happen to not have a web camera or a microphone. There is a text chat feature in the application that will allow you to take part in Q&A and there is no compelling reason that you need to show a camera image during the presentation. All you need is a computer or tablet or smartphone that has sound capabilities and an internet connection.

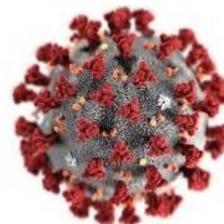
I hope that you will join us for this presentation. This could be the beginning of a new world of possibilities for the Association and even our personal lives.

Watch your email inbox for more detailed information and instructions. The Email will be from "RRAA Events"

- Brad Hogg

Next meeting:

**CANCELED
DUE TO COVID-19**



-Stay Safe

-Practice Social Distancing

-Isolate as much as possible.

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**Beekeeping is Food
Production, and thus
essential.**

However reasonable
safety precautions should
be engaged.

- Any assistants or
employees should be
screened.

- Sales should be
curbside pick up, or
doorstep delivery.

- Unessential travel,
shopping, or public
interaction should be
limited.

- Social distancing in all
activities should be
observed

Be Cautious, Stay Safe.

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MBA Report to the Red River Apiarists' Association Spring, 2020

As I write this report, my husband, Rob, and I are nearing the end of our second week of selfisolation, after having returned from a rather restful holiday in Cuba. That was an unusual experience, as we were (and chose to be) rather confined to "base" this time and did not get to visit our usual beekeeper friend.

Those of you who attended this year's MBA Convention heard several very interesting speakers, once again. The Thursday night session regarding CFIA, was well attended and answered several questions for those who participated.

Our MBA AGM was held during the convention, with some new faces being added to the Directors' list. Please see that list and one for the various committees within the MBA, included with this report. ***(Editors Note: Please email Marg or the editor for these lists.)***

In spite of the MBA Executive's need for holding our meetings online and with the help of "Bluejeans" (like ZOOM), there has been a flurry of activity on the part of various committees. This is particularly so on the part of the Labour and Workplace Safety Committee. Because of COVID-19, and the closure of borders to incoming flights, much extremely hard work has had to happen very quickly to ensure that those beekeepers involved in workers through the Temporary Foreign Worker Program (TFWP) receive the people they require to keep their businesses going, from Nicaragua and the Philippines (mostly). These workers will need to self-isolate for the required 2 weeks, thus putting strain on those operations when they are just in the midst of Spring preparation with hives. MBA has worked very hard with the Canadian Honey Council (CHC) and KAP to remedy much of the problem.

Another committee working hard, has been the Stock Replacement Committee. Due to transport issues with the current situation around the world, delivery of Queens and Packages is being compromised. Once again, MBA has been working very hard with the CHC to address this issue. Hopefully, by the time you read this, the issue will have been solved for this year.

The KRTP Committee has also been busy. Please see elsewhere in this newsletter for that report from Ian Stepllar. (Page #9)

The Provincial Apriarist, Rheal Lafreniere, sent out information from COVID-19 regarding safe measures we can all take in our own beekeeping operations. Each of us knows the importance of our roles as food producers, so heeding all instructions is prudent. Rheal also reported that the Inspection program will proceed with some modifications due to COVID-19. A list of vets willing to work with beekeepers is listed on the MBA website.

There will be a couple of field days this year: The South-Central Beekeeping Association (date, TBD), and the MBA will both sponsor them. The MBA Field Day will be held June 13th at Adam and Murray Lewis' farm and it is hoped that the RRAA will be holding some activities and demonstrations. There will be sponsors and a POT LUCK style meal.

That's it for now, except to wish each beekeeper, whether you have one or 2001 hives, a safe, disease free season and good production.

BEE SAFE!

Marg Smith



**Manitoba
Beekeepers'
Association**

The Earliest Spring Forage for the Bees: Spring Plants and Flowers to Look for in the Spring

With Spring just around the corner in the Northern hemisphere and temperatures rising well above 53° F (10° C), bees are starting to get out of their hives in search of fresh nectar and pollen. While most of the fruit trees haven't blossomed yet (or about to), there are some early spring flowers that serve as the first bee forage. In this article, we highlight five of them.

If you're a beekeeper, check for these flowers around your apiary to make sure your bees have something to eat in these first sunny days. If you don't keep bees, but you notice these plants in your backyard or garden, don't be too quick to mow the lawn – help out the bees that are flying by and pretty soon they will return the favor by pollinating your fruits, vegetables and flowers.

Dandelion
Crocus
Chickweed
Maple tree
Primrose



Dandelion

Despite the fact that dandelions are commonly perceived as a weed by the gardeners, it is an important source of nectar and pollen not only for bees but also for butterflies, moths and other pollinators. It is widely distributed and is blossoming throughout the whole active season for the bees – from early spring to autumn.

Crocus

Crocus is considered one of the heralds of Spring. A crocus piercing through the February and March snow is a common sight in both Europe and North America. It is pollen-rich and gives the bees the much-needed boost in the first Spring days.



Chickweed

As dandelions, chickweed is also passing as a weed for gardeners who are quick to uproot it when spotted intergrowing between their cultivated plants. What most people don't know about chickweed is, that it is edible and it is even considered a superfood. But before you head to your garden, think about the bees – chickweed blossoms very early in Spring and its little flowers are a crucial source of nectar and pollen.



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The Earliest Spring Forage for the Bees: Spring Plants and Flowers to Look for in the Spring (Continued from previous page)



Maple Trees

The Maple tree is native to North America but it is commonly distributed in Europe as well, mainly as a park tree. It blossoms before most of the other trees. Its abundant flowers are in dense clusters and offer very sweet nectar, that the bees simply can't resist.



Willow

Very adaptable to soil and moisture conditions, these early bloomers are a critical early source of pollen and nectar. The flowers, also called "catkins" can bloom as early as March and are a most sought out harbinger of spring.



Primrose

A very early bloomer, their name derives from the Latin 'prima rosa', meaning the first rose. They blossom all the way to late May and are an excellent source of protein and energy for bees and butterflies.

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****CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS****

Have you come across an interesting article? Would you like to share an observation? Share an anecdote or an observation from your own beekeeping experiences?

Do you have an opinion you want to voice to the beekeeping community? Seen a video you found informative or would like a topic researched? Send it in to the Editor!

Taking all submissions at: honeyb@mymts.net

Recommended Reading:

Beehive Alchemy: Projects and recipes

A new recipe/DIY/how-to book from [Petra Ahnert](#). 160 pages, and available in an E-Book format.

This is a good basic how-to guide for beecrafting. The book is well photographed in color and arranged logically in chapters with recipes grouped around the area of use- body care, candles, home use, studio projects (batik, multimedia), foods, etc.

Including a great recipe for furniture polish. A classic, you *never* forget that smell!

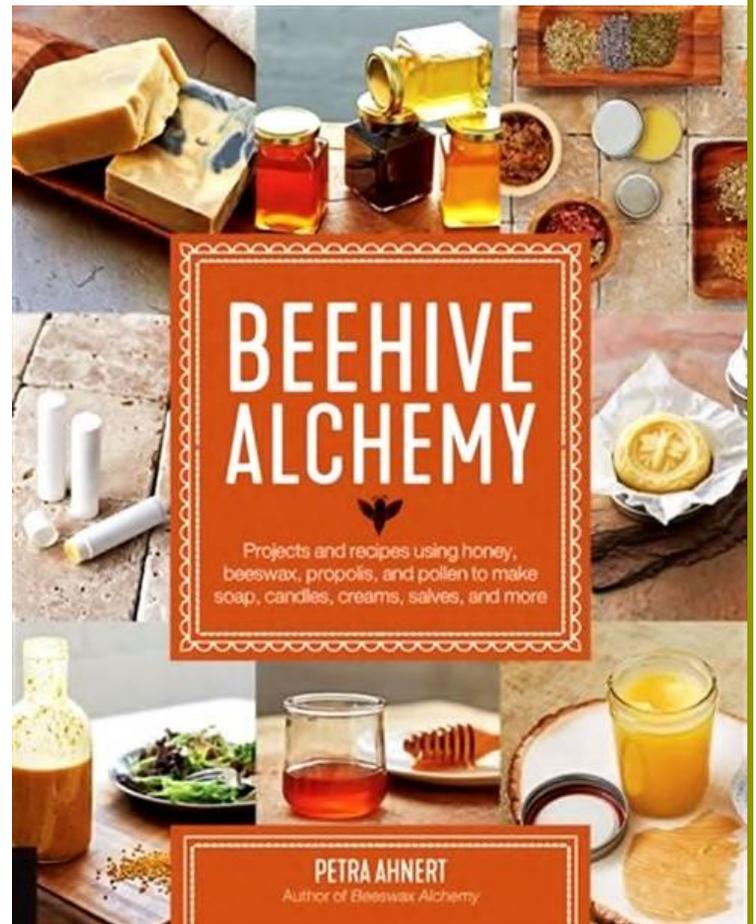
This book has a short intro, a usable index at the back, and some useful appendices which provide conversions for baking, info on various oils used in the bodycare recipes and their properties, some safety info with links to online lye calculators for the soap projects, along with a short bio. There are links to online resources scattered throughout the book; most are aimed at North American readers.

There's nothing truly groundbreaking here, but it's always nice to add to the apiary and crafting libraries and this particular book fills a niche (crafting with bee products) which isn't overcrowded. The skincare products are wholesome and down to earth and safe. The crafting projects are fun and appealing. Bonus points for being the first bee book in my experience to include batik projects. The cooking recipes are tasty and versatile and trend toward the high end (pistachio & honey chevre is simple but just about guaranteed to impress).



The author's writing style is friendly and accessible, and all of the recipes from food to cosmetics so far have been very solid, with great to fantastic outcomes.

-J.R.



Introducing:

2 Million Blossoms Magazine!

Introducing a new quarterly magazine dedicated to educating the public about pollinators. Learn what dangers they face and how we can help them.

Created by honey bee biologist Dr. Kirsten Traynor, 2 Million Blossoms will provide a much

needed space for smart, nuanced

conversations about pollinator conservation. We are talking long-form articles from an impressive list of contributors: Rusty Burlew, Marla Spivak, Mark Winston, award winning author Craig Childs, Dave Goulson and Kim Flottum.

The 2 Million Blossoms Mission:

“To awaken readers to the vast diversity of pollinating insects and animals. To delight, entertain and name those well-adapted creatures buzzing through our world, because the more we know about pollinators, the better we can provide habitat. Our quarterly magazine will offer short and long form articles exploring how bees, birds, butterflies and bats enhance our planet.”

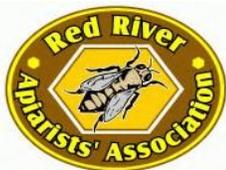
About The Creator

Another wonderful aspect of this magazine is its creator Dr. Kirsten Traynor. With so many male voices in both the science and beekeeping world, it's thrilling to see a Dr. Traynor use her expertise to bring this wonderful magazine to life. As former editor of Bee World and The American Bee Journal, Dr. Traynor knows how to make a magazine, but I suspect her background in science and her passion for pollinators will be what makes this publication shine. Alarmed by, “the growing divide portrayed between beekeepers and native bee enthusiasts” and believes that it, “distracts from our many shared goals to improve forage and habitat for all”. With Dr. Traynor at its helm, 2 Million Blossoms is sure to deliver the kind of inspiring and scientifically sound information we really need right now. **Please check**

this out at: 2millionblossoms.com



In light of the Covid-19 outbreak and so many people stuck at home, we've made our inaugural [January 2020](https://www.2millionblossoms.com/sneakpeak) issue available for free. Any one can access that first issue at <https://www.2millionblossoms.com/sneakpeak>.



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As I'm wearing the newsletter editor's hat, I made myself a promise to go lightly on the current covid-19 pandemic topics as we are immersed daily with more than enough information to process.

However there are a few items and articles of interest that apply to the beekeeping community. So forgive me if this adds to your numerous reminders of the challenging times we are wading through!

RRAA meetings are canceled until further notice. We can't tell you when they will resume, so we won't even speculate on the subject. However we are publishing a newsletter every month, and I have plans to do so even during the summer as to keep a line of communication to the membership until we can enjoy each others company again. Please keep in mind that the email lists are compiled from the members in good standing rolls. If you have yet to pay your fees, we can't communicate with you! If you are unable to submit your membership fees due to the pandemic, please send me an email so I can ensure you are getting all of the publications and notifications we are distributing. We do not wish for any of our members to be excluded at a time where fellowship and sharing is so important.

To work with the new responsible social distancing lifestyle, **we are also presenting an online webinar.** This isn't our regular meeting, as there are certain bylaws that need to be respected in regards to procedure, and only a presentation will take place. To keep continuity we will have it on the same evening and time as we have traditionally gathered. This may be adapted for a new meeting format, and this is a great way to test drive this platform for our possible future needs.

Swarm Patrol activities this year will be prepared for, but as we cannot predict the ongoing environment this current crisis brings, it may very well be mothballed until next season. The RRAA intends to communicate any and all new information as it happens via emails and this publication.

We will be organizing a mentor program this year. With the cancelation of meetings, it will be much harder to solicit participation of those willing to help those new to the community. I am appealing to the senior beekeepers in the RRAA to step up at this time to pitch in and dedicate some time and effort in your season to assist those who need guidance. Only answering texts, emails, and phone calls to your assigned student is the level of commitment asked. See page #14.



Be safe, be kind, be patient, and look for the helpers. If you can manage it, be one yourself. - J.R.



Research Report - April 2, 2020

-Ian Steppler (Abridged)

As we wait for our Knowledge Research Transfer Program (KRTP) grant proposal to be approved, the Research Committee has been busy developing ground work for our Tech Transfer program so that we can hit the ground running.

One important function we identified to run this Tech Transfer Program was to develop an Advisory/Steering Committee. This committee will work at arms length to the MBA as an advisory panel and it will be used as the platform for Manitoba beekeepers and Industry partners to “steer the ship”. Its purpose will be to identify, evaluate and propose activities that the KRTP could undertake to help the MBA implement a hands-on beekeeper driven support service.

The KRTP Steering Committee will operate under a certain structure:

KRTP Steering Committee

Steering Committee Chair (voting)– by default MBA Research Chair

MBA Secretary (non-voting) – Daryl Wright

KRTP Lead (non-voting) –

Researcher (non-voting) – Dr. Rob Currie

Manitoba Provincial Apiarist (non-voting) – Rheal Lafreniere

Honey Bee TTT, other provinces (non-voting) –

Manitoba Regional Beekeeper Associations (3 voting seats)

Beekeepers at Large (up to 3 voting seats) –

Industry Partners (up to 3 voting seats,)

(1 seat Crop Production, 1 seat Honey Marketing, 1 seat Habitat & Sustainability)

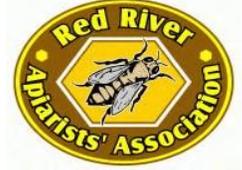
The steering committee is made up of a number of a membership of voting and non voting seats. The membership on the KRTP steering committee will be a term appointment of 3 years which will be appointed by the MBA BoD. There will be no buy in for a seat, sponsorship will be kept separate from the KRTP Steering Appointments. The committee will sit twice per year.

Another important point we decided to implement was the development of a KRTP Sponsorship Program. As we develop this program based on government grants, our goal is to have this program evolve towards a Self-sustaining program model.

We plan to continue to meet with other like-minded partners for support as we further develop the ground work to this program. We hope to hear back from Ag Action Manitoba shortly.

Ian Steppler, Chair Research and KRTP committee, Manitoba
Beekeepers Association

(This repost is abridged, and some specifics were omitted due to available apace.
The original report in it's entirety is available by emailing honeyb@mymts.net)

RRAA Meeting Minutes for March 2020 - Recorded by Monica Wiebe

New Bee Keepers 6:45 – 7:20

John Russell General information – what to do with dead-outs, ordering bees protocol, feeding etc.

Meeting started at 7:30

Minutes from Feb 11, 2020 accepted . Moved by:Waldemar Damert Seconded by: Jeff Richard

Treasurer John Speer: Balance \$ 5419.64 Membership about renewed. Extra News Letters available MBA

Convention John and Tim attended. Interesting how the commercial side operates.

A few convention highlights:

Bee Nutrition, David Tarpy

Bob Ginnie Blue Ridge Honey Company

Is Feeding Sugar Syrup Good or Bad for bees?

Sucrose vs. fructose (1.3 sugar/water)

Dr. Clarence Collison What do you Know – A Closer Look. Bee Diet: Nectar, Pollen, Water Hives

require 30-100 lbs of pollen per year.

Coffee was early

Loony draw \$96.95 Toonie Draw: \$118.65.

Thanks to all who brought items to share in the loony and toonie draw and for those who brought food to share for coffee break.

Tim and John hosted a Open Discussion

“What Needs to be done?” - Waldemar Dead outs – Clean Up.

Mismanagement – many reasons Mite miscount, wash low but unhatched winter bees

2 Hands size of brood might be there now. Clean now and keep from molding Start feeding Sept. 1 pulls all the food by Oct. 1

Go with a young queen into winter. In nature the swarming queen will not make it to the winter. Waldemar

is experimenting with new queen 6 weeks before honey flow and again after honey flow

What if it is toxicity of HMF - -not as great if mix water is not hot – we need a review of research.

Dead Outs: Dissect and wonder. Know what is happening in your hive.

Pollen Patties discussed. Supplements still not matching natural amino acids.

Josh Wiebe South Central Beekeepers Association in the Morden Library on April 7th. 7-9 pm (Now Cancelled)

Announcement : Marianne & Ted Scheuneman Memorial on Wed. March 18, 11:00 am Cropo Funeral Chapel. Let John know so he can forward the information. (Cancelled due to covid-19)

Adjourned: 9:25

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Wiebe

Melissa's Musings

-Mary Chown

It All Started with a Drop of Honey

Sometimes the smallest thing when left alone, will grow into a big problem. Here's a cautionary tale from Thailand.

Once upon a time, a queen and her chief advisor were sitting on the balcony overlooking the great beautiful city that they ruled, and they were eating rice crackers dipped in honey. And as the queen picked up a cracker, a drop of that honey fell to the pavement below.

"My Queen, you have spilled a drop of honey," observed the advisor. "Shall I call a servant to come and clean it up?"

But the queen laughed, "A little drop of honey is not my problem. Someone will clean it later." A little later on the advisor leaned over the balcony and looked down.

"Your Highness, that drop of honey is attracting flies. Shouldn't we call a servant to come and clean it up?"

But again the queen replied, "A little drop of honey and a few flies are not my problem.

Someone will deal with it later."

Soon a lizard darted out from underneath the palace wall and began to catch the flies on her tongue. Then a cat sprang from the baker's shop and began to bat the lizard back and forth like a toy. Just then a dog charged out from the butcher's shop and began to bite the cat on the neck.

"Your Highness," the advisor implored, "now the flies have attracted a lizard, which attracted a cat, which is now being attacked by a dog. Shouldn't we call someone to stop the fight?"

But the Queen only stretched, and shook her head at her advisor, "Won't you relax. A silly animal fight is not my problem. Someone will surely see to it."

The owner of the dog and the owner of the cat noticed what was going on, and they began to shout at each other, and they came to blows.

"Your Majesty," said the advisor, "there are people fighting in the streets! We must go and stop this!"

"No no no," said the queen. "It's not our problem."

The two people fighting became many more people fighting, as others joined in the fray. And the queen looked down and suddenly the whole street below had erupted into what looked like a giant street fight!

Then some soldiers came along, but some knew the butcher and some knew the baker. So the soldiers, too, took sides and the battle grew. It grew and grew until a great battle waged in the streets. People were throwing rocks through windows and tipping over the vendor carts. Someone picked up a torch from the wall and hurled it through a window. Fire raged, and eventually it spread to the palace.

The next thing they knew, the queen and her advisor were being escorted down a ladder from the balcony into the street below because the palace itself was in flames.

Later that day when the fire had died out, the queen and her advisor surveyed the ruins of their land. Suddenly the queen stopped in the street underneath where her balcony had been. She reached down and touched something in a small puddle on the ground. "It's honey," she

said, remembering. "I guess I should have had that drop of honey cleaned up in the first place. Now, my whole kingdom has been lost because of it."

-M.C.

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They are those of their originator and not of the Red River Apiarists' Association.

Deadline for any submission to this newsletter is the second Sunday preceding the membership meeting to allow for publishing and mailing delays and the legal obligation to allow membership to review last meetings' minutes for errors or omissions before next meeting. Regular membership meetings are normally scheduled 7:30 on the second Tuesday of every month at the Elmwood Legion 920 Nairn Avenue in Winnipeg except months noted above.

The Red River Apiarists' Association, formed in 1963, represents the beekeepers of the Red River Valley and environs in southern Manitoba. The association provides a forum for the promotion of sound beekeeping practices through education, networking opportunities, meetings, field days, workshops, presentations by local apicultural experts, as well as the dissemination of this monthly newsletter.

MBA ELECTION RESULTS:

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A Reminder!

Checking food stores this time of year is good management practice. Bees that are booming in April can be dead outs before the bloom if

the food stores run low. When the queen starts laying, reserves of honey and pollen are used up at a much faster rate. Keep an eye on your colonies on warmer, windless days and have a plan for supplemental pollen or sugar patty

Manitoba Raised Bees

4 frame nucs with 2019 queens

Also throughout the 2020 season

feeding. They made it this far, help them get the willow and dandelion blooms!



THE BEE CAUSE

we will have queens available to

Contact Rod McCulloch
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Hallucinogenic Honey? This nectar source honey has some unsettling effects:

As Winnie-the-Pooh has been proving for the best part of a century, honey is absolutely awesome. Deliciously sweet, incredibly healthy and almost indestructible, few foods can claim to have contributed more to human eating habits over the course of our history than everyone's favorite sticky syrup.

-Rhododendrons

As one of the world's most flexible ingredients, honey comes in all sorts of shapes and sizes. From runny liquid in cheap plastic squeezies to meticulously prepared and ridiculously expensive manuka, there's a category to cater for every budget. However, despite the image of small bears sweetly stuffing their paws into sticky jars, there is some honey that should never be trifled with.

In the mountainous slopes that surround the Black Sea region of Turkey, a honey is made that has an astonishing hidden secret. Deli bal has been carefully produced by local farmers for thousands of years, leaving an astonishing legacy unlike any other food on earth. Also known as "mad honey", this special substance has the power to induce lightheadedness, mild nausea and, in the right doses, extraordinary hallucinations.

As with any honey, the source of deli bal's power comes from the plants. Though all honey is in some way a by-product of the pollination process, the flowers that produce deli bal are themselves unique. Rhododendrons are large, beautiful blooming shrubs found across Asia and North America. Though their flowers have been garden centre staples for decades, there are a few species that are rich in one particularly insidious chemical - grayanotoxin. It is this ingredient that can lend honey made from rhododendron pollen its peculiarly trippy quality.



he effects of deli bal should not be underestimated. Even a teaspoon is enough to induce euphoria and lightheadedness, and any more is capable of causing a full-blown acid trip. One historical example proves just how potent it can be. In the 1st Century BC an invading Roman army was brought to a standstill after savvy locals plied the soldiers with deli bal honeycombs. As the legion proceeded to lose their minds by the side of the road, defending Turkish forces emerged from the countryside and killed them all.

Despite the legacy of Rome's unlucky soldiers, deli bal is not all about drug-induced death and destruction. Locals in Turkey take a small amount of the honey every day for its supposed health benefits, which include mental wellbeing and increased sexual prowess. However like most holistic medicine, research, proper counseling, and legal implications should be considered before imbibing.

-Thomas Lethbridge (Abridged from twistedfood.co.uk)



2020 Red River Apiarist Association Mentoring Program

This will be a challenging year for beekeepers to say the least. Those with less experience or who are entering the craft may feel particularly uneasy with the social isolation impacts of guidance and resources. We as a group have an opportunity to assist those who need direction and reassurance to ensure a successful season. Please consider taking on a student, to act as a resource for questions and advice. The commitment is only for text, phone calls and email inquiries. Field work assistance (especially now...) is not expected. Unsure if you are qualified? The RRAA has a core of very experienced apiarists to help you, help your student. Any issue you feel is beyond your skill set can be fielded by the very best in the organization. "Kicking it upstairs" is always an option.

Being available is your biggest contribution!



CALLING ALL SENIOR BEEKEEPERS! The RRAA is asking you to take on a student to act as a resource for questions and guidance in this beekeeping season. If you feel of a skill level comfortable to take this on, please email me at: **honeyb@mymts.net with MENTOR 2020 in the subject line.**

Include your full name, cell number, and email. I will pair you with at least one student, or more if you request.

CALLING ALL NOVICES! Resources are available to field questions and help problem solve throughout the season. There are no "dumb" questions. Experienced beekeepers can interpret what your hive is experiencing, and can provide advice, reassurance and answers to your questions. In this age of technology, texting pictures and emailing video is a huge advantage from years gone by. If you need a mentor, please email me at: **honeyb@mymts.net with STUDENT 2020 in the subject line.**

Older Articles of Seasonal Interest

These articles have appeared in previous BeeCause issues, and will be archived for RRAA member access in our soon to be announced group drop box. If you don't have your old copies handy, email me for the back issue containing the article you wish.

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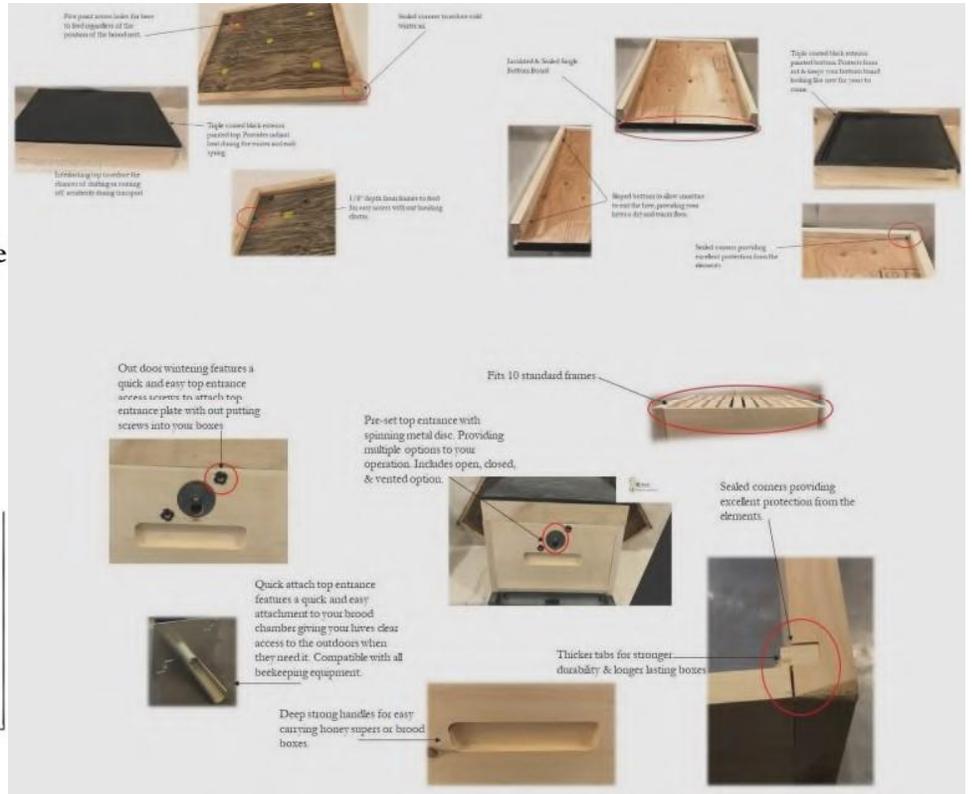
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IMPORTANT UPDATE
WINNIPEG RETAIL STORE ONLY

March 25, 2020

To our Valued Customers:

As you are aware, with the increasing news and concern regarding COVID-19 we temporarily restricted access to our building, including our retail store, in order to prioritize the safety and well-being of our employees and our customers. We are still open for business and are continuing to take orders online, by email and by phone, for pick-up at our dock or for delivery.

Since this was implemented, we have been experiencing higher than normal call volumes. Our staff has been working very hard trying to answer all of these calls and assemble orders as quickly as they can during this very difficult time. If you call the store and are unable to speak to someone at that time, please leave your name, phone number and a brief message. One of our staff will get back to you as soon as possible.

Please note that emailing us is also a very fast and effective way to place an order. This would assist in reducing the volume of calls being received and allow us more time to prepare orders.

In order to help us provide you with the best possible customer service, we are implementing the following procedures until further notice:

1. Same day pick-ups or ship outs will no longer be permitted. Orders must be placed ahead of time, **with a minimum of 24 hours' notice**, either online, by email or by phone.
2. Order Pickups: Once your order has been placed, **it will be ready for pick-up the next day between noon – 5:00 pm.**
3. Please note that all payments not done on account must be made in advance as the store front will be closed.

Thank you so much for your continued business. We sincerely appreciate your patience and understanding during this trying time and hope to re-open our doors soon, once it is safe to do so.

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The RRAA membership extends for one calendar year. Renewals are due in January and includes access to 8 monthly issues of the RRAA BeeCause newsletter.

I hereby apply for membership to the RRAA\$35.00/year

*Optional: Beekeeper Liability Insurance - \$65.00 + \$5.20 HHHH.... \$70.20/year

Total Payment \$ _____

**Note: Liability Insurance fees must be submitted before April 1st.*

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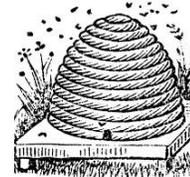
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- New Member
- Renewal
- U of M Student Beekeeping Course (free first year)
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