



**Eastern Apiculture Society**

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The Daily

*Waggle*

*"The ocellas of the EAS conference"*

**Wednesday, August 5, 2020**

**PARKING:** The parking lot is closed due to too many couples "parking" under the trees without social distancing. Please do not engage in unsafe parking practices and always wear PPE during treatments.

**MASTER BEEKEEPER VOLUNTEER DINNER:** Thank you to everyone who joined Erin MacGregor-Forbes at this year's Master Beekeeper dinner. Erin reports it was a great success and wildly exceeded her expectations. The Lobsters were amazing.

**HONEY SHOW:** This year's honey show will be self-judged. Please set your favorite jar of honey, frame of comb, or beeswax item in the middle of the table and evaluate using the EAS Honey Show Guidelines. Send photos of your entry and your score to George Wilson at [winevines@comcast.net](mailto:winevines@comcast.net) for recording in the honey show archives.

**SHIRTS:** EAS 20XX T-shirts are available for presale at the website for \$20. Get yours early as supplies are limited.

**EAS MASKS:** Submissions for the mask design contest will be accepted until November 3, 2020. Please send design entries to [queenbee@overlandhoney.com](mailto:queenbee@overlandhoney.com) with the subject line "EAS BEE-WEAR." The winning submission will appear in the EAS Journal.

**Master Beekeeper Candidates:** Please meet at Debbie Delaney's house for this year's Q&A at 3:33 pm. Refreshments will be served. Dog and kid friendliness required, and all participants must wear a veil.

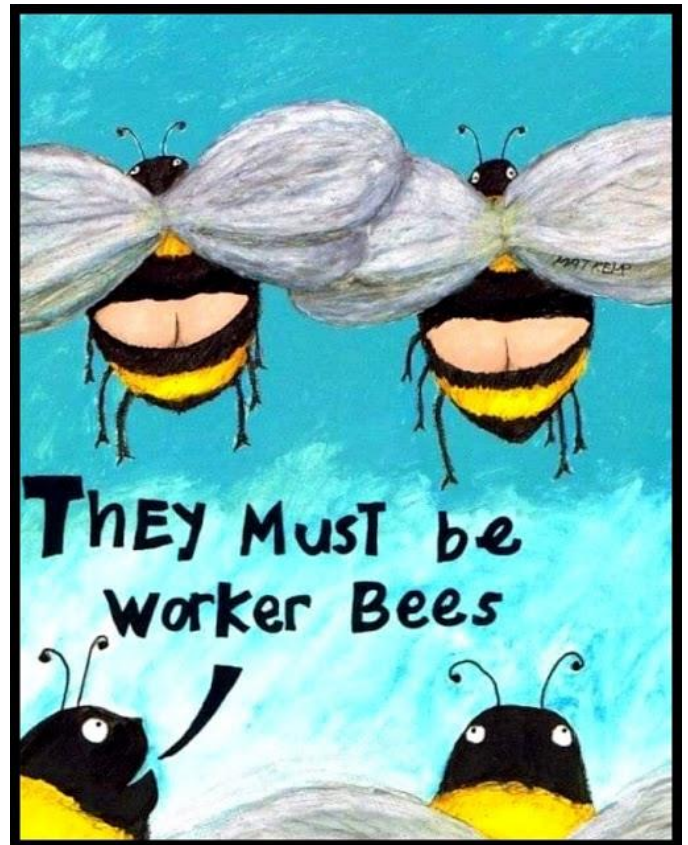
**Auction Donations:** Please save your auction donations for our amazing conference in 2021. This live auction event is always amazing in Massachusetts!

**WHAT DID THE CONFUSED BEE SAY TO HER QUEEN?** To bee or not to bee.

**Be sure to visit our VENDORS!**  
Beekeeping distributors and vendors are open!  
Please be sure to visit your favorite suppliers on their websites, and in person if possible. It's never too soon to start planning and buying for next year!

**Lost and Found:** West Virginia reports that they have LOST their nectar flow for Tulip Poplar and Locust. If you find them, please return ASAP! Beekeepers are standing by at their extractors.

**If you can, please help keep EAS strong.**  
<https://easternapiculturesociety.wildapricot.org/donate>



Dear Dr. Nasonov,  
If we make tiny masks for all of our bees, will that protect them from DWV and other virus vectored by mites? I am thinking of creating a cottage industry and selling them through Etsy. Do you think this is a good idea?  
Signed, Tiny Fingers

Dear Tiny Fingers,  
This is a great idea, sign me up! I don't think it will help with DWV or other viruses, but I know my girls would love to try these on.  
Good Luck, Dr. N.

The Waggle welcomes your contributions!! If you have a change, notice, lost and found, funny joke, correction, or question for Dr. Nasonov, please email [chairman@easternapiculture.org](mailto:chairman@easternapiculture.org) or text 207-838-4046. Thank you! If you have a complaint, gripe, or want to post a "missed connection", please text 207-772-3380.

**What type of bee can't make up its mind?**  
A May-bee

**VOLUNTEERS WELCOME!** If you are interested in getting more involved with EAS and the work we do, contact your state representative or our executive committee. We always need new worker-bees!  
<https://easternapiculture.org/about-eas/eas-contacts.html>

## Reflections

Every week I visit some of the thirty-four up and coming beekeepers on my mentoring routes. We social distance as much as possible. Some of these beekeepers are more adept than others as they navigate the curve of learning the craft. But all, and I don't exempt even one, are gracious and appreciative. When we finish in the bee yard they often gift me with their latest endeavor – sometimes it's a jar of "shine," sometimes it's a poke of the best garden-grown vegetables picked at the height of ripeness, sometimes it's a picture drawn by a tiny hand and signed boldly, the letters not necessarily in what might be called the correct order.



I continue to learn from these new friends. They constantly remind me of one of the best lessons in beekeeping - that sharing is what it's all about. We each strive to be needed. That's where home is – and by nature we each reach out for signs and hope of home whenever we can find them. Like bees coming back with pollen or nectar, water or propolis, we learn to dance – a way to tell each other where we've been and what we've seen and who we are.

Like the honey bee we're social creatures and being separated creates a longing we have little idea about how to navigate. We're still home to each other. EAS will continue in the future, and we'll come together again to share our gifts, our knowledge, our stories. In the meantime, we have

to remember that no one is forgotten. Not one of us. Perhaps the greatest gift we can offer now is the promise that we will come back, that we're still waiting for each other, and we still believe this will all be over someday.

To sustain us until then here is a picture from my little friend Nickolai who told me the bees are hiding in the Appalachian hills of Virginia. Having been the one to twice sound the alert that his parents' bees were swarming, Nickolai said, "You just never know when they're going to all come out again."

- Cindy Bee, Master Beekeeper



*"The swarm of bees you ordered is ready. Would you like us to send them to Google or the bot-dog vendor who made you wait in line behind a woman in 1986?"*

**The Bee Olympics!** Try our new Olympic Course in the comfort of your own home! Our solitary games are open to all and celebrate the hard work we are doing in our apiary this season. Please be mindful of not competing too hard and injuring yourself as you harvest honey in 90+ degree temperatures and carry honey buckets up or down stairs. Post photos of your Olympic activities to our Facebook page or send them to [chairman@easternapiculture.org](mailto:chairman@easternapiculture.org).

**An Olympic Reminder from Erin MF to Steve R:**  
*Cheaters never win, and winners never cheat.*

### Help us SPREAD THE BUZZ!

Share your BEE photos: EAS has Facebook and Twitter accounts!

- Twitter: Post to @EasternApicult1  
Twitter page is <https://twitter.com/EasternApicult1>
- Facebook: Tag photos @easternapiculture  
FB page is <https://facebook.com/easternapiculture/>

Please #EAS2020

**VISIT THE APIARY!** The Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens has a new learning apiary open to the public. With 15 colonies, two mini mating nucs, and an observation hive along with an interpretive bee exhibit, the CMBG Learning Apiary is accessible to all. We encourage you to visit the apiary if you are able to make the trip to Maine, or follow the learning apiary on Instagram at @CMBG\_Apiary to see photos and learn more.



**Painted Hives Silent Auction.** For several years we have held a silent auction for painted hives at our EAS conference. We would love to see a photo of your painted hives to showcase them in action. Please take a picture and send it to [chairman@easternapiculture.org](mailto:chairman@easternapiculture.org).