

SKAGIT VALLEY BEEKEEPERS



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As always, our August meeting is the booth set up at the Skagit County Fair. We will meet TUESDAY EVENING at 7:00 PM in Building D, in our regular space, , as always. We will be done before you know it, also as always.

Part of the meeting will need to involve establishing who will be the booth volunteers. Diane Dong has been working to pull this together. There are often a few slots to fill even then.

There should be passes handed out for the booth volunteers so you can gain entrance at the gates.

Most of us know the Fair runs from Wednesday,-7th through Saturday-10th when we then need to quickly tear down.

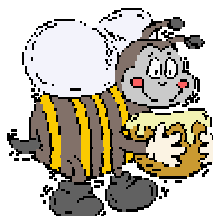
Wife Jean and I did a road trip to Alaska and the Yukon. One of the things I enjoyed was watching the shifting fireweed bloom times. We necessarily covered a lot of ground in a hurry. Not only did the angle of the sun and day length change for us but fireweed came and went, based on driving north or into the mountains, being close to water or where heat is trapped. Interesting!

Long distance driving south in upper British Columbia, (there is a lot of British Columbia.) was like watching a fireweed travelogue unfold.

We bought dandelion honey, fresh extracted in mid-July, in Delta Junction , AK from Ukrainian market gardeners. Different and good. Around here the bees ignore dandelion in favor of other choices.

- Time to treat for mites as necessary
- You could pull some surplus honey and extract.
- If you plan to requeen you need to get a jump on things.

See you at the Fair.



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