

SKAGIT VALLEY BEEKEEPERS

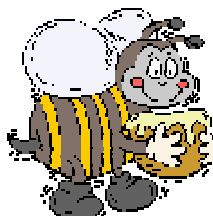


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Our Association meeting is Thursday, November 10 at 7:00 PM. in Burlington, WA at CENEX Administration. 1833 Park Lane. It is over the railroad tracks and behind Camping World.. Turn in at the KIA dealer and turn right on Park..

Our speaker will be Jody Gerdt who spent her summer doing bee research with and for Marla Spivak at the University of Minnesota.. She is eager to share her experiences working in a university research lab of high caliber. I understand from my reading that Ms Spivak has handed off working primarily on Minnesota Hygienic bees, her project for years, to others and is searching/breeding bees now for solutions to varroa and our other new bee destroyers. I will be interested to hear Jody's talk.

President Bill and others attended the State beekeeping conference in Federal Way, WA a week ago. They will have information for us. Bill presented a letter to the Sate Beekeepers requesting an extension of the \$1000 grant we received last year. Our Association costs for the project at the Experiment Station are growing and we can use continued help, both monetary and volunteer. Bill will speak to that.



ELECTIONS! ELECTIONS!

It is time for Association elections. All offices are open. If you don't show up you may be President! ELECTIONS!

I still had German hornets attacking hives as of two days ago. Hopefully these freezing mornings at the house have knocked them down. It has not been pretty after a summer's hard work here. I will have to find another place for fall bees or some way to thin out hornets. Bill talked to folks in Federal Way who make traps from 55 gallon drums, bait with meat scraps and fill them with dead hornets. Nothing I did here seemed to make much difference.

It is interesting to read again about follower boards to help ventilate and insulate hives. Look at the last Bee Culture magazine .

Member Gary Ehrenfelds has created a free to us, database for beekeepers. Contact him at gary@ehrenfelds.net. Get a username and password. All info secure!

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