

KEARSARGE BEEKEEPERS

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FEBRUARY/MARCH 2019

NEXT MEETING

**SAT, MARCH 9, 2019
9:00 A.M.**

**NEWPORT HIGH SCHOOL
245 N.MAIN ST.
NEWPORT, NH**

Please note meeting location

**SPEAKER: TROY HALL
OF HALL APIARIES**

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Bees – by Norman Rowland Gale

You voluble,
Velvety
Vehement fellows
That play on your
Flying and
Musical cellos,
All goldenly
Girdled you
Serenade clover,
Each artist in
Bass but a
Bibulous rover!

You passionate,
Powdery
Pastoral bandits,
Who gave you your
Roaming and
Rollicking mandates?
Come out of my
Foxglove; come
Out of my roses
You bees with the
Plushy and
Plausible noses!



**Excerpt from a poem by Isaac
Watts, parodied by Lewis Carroll in Alice
in Wonderland.**

How doth the little busy bee
Improve each shining hour,
And gather honey all the day
From every shining flower!

How skillfully she builds her cell!
How neat she spreads the wax!
And labours hard to store it well
With the sweet food she makes.

Kearsarge Beekeepers Schedule of Speakers for 2019

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Company</u>
May 11th	Sam Comfort	Anarchy Apiaries
October 12th	Andrew Munkres	Lemon Fair Honey Works
November 9th	Kirk Webster	Champlain Valley Bees and Queens

Please note that all speaking events are free to all current members of the Kearsarge Beekeepers Association. These talks are open to all, a \$10 fee will be asked of any non-members wishing to attend. These meeting will be held at the Warner Town Hall located at:

Warner Town Hall
5 E Main St.
Warner, NH 03278

Raspberry Crumble Bars Recipe, from the Food Network, courtesy of Anne Thornton

<http://www.foodnetwork.com/recipes/anne-thornton/raspberry-crumble-bars-recipe-1924271>

John Chadwick sent this. He made them for the November Harvest Dinner and they were a hit. He says to add a little honey to validate this recipe for beekeepers!

Here is a delicious recipe that is very easy to make.

- 2 sticks butter, softened
- 2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup light brown sugar
- 1 cup rolled oats
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 cup Raspberry Preserves,

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Spray an 8-inch square baking pan.

2. Add the flour, both sugars, oats and salt to a bowl in your stand mixer. Add in the butter and egg and beat at low speed. Stop the machine and scrape the bowl down a couple of times. Keep processing until the mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Keep 2 cups crumb mixture aside. (This can be done without a mixer, a 2 tined fork works well for mixing).

3. Press the remaining crumb mixture on the bottom the prepared pan. Spread the Raspberry Preserves over top, leaving 1/2-inch border. Crumble the rest of the oat mixture over the preserves.

4. Bake until lightly browned, 40 to 50 minutes. Cool completely before cutting into bars.

Spelling bees? No, but they can do arithmetic, say researchers

Study says honeybees can learn to carry out exact numerical calculations



A European honeybee, *Apis mellifera*, feeding on garden lavender. Photograph: Ernie Janes/Alamy

Honeybees can learn to add and subtract, according to research showing that while the insects have tiny brains, they are still surprisingly clever.

Researchers behind the study have previously found that honeybees can apparently understand the concept of zero, and learn to correctly indicate which of two groups of objects is the smaller.

But now they say insects can learn to carry out exact numerical calculations such as adding and subtracting a given number.

“Their brain can manage a long-term rule and applying that to a mathematical problem to come up with a correct answer,” said Dr. Adrian Dyer, co-author of the research from RMIT University in Australia. “That is a different type of number processing to spontaneous quantity judgments.”

To read the rest of this article, go to kbanh.org

NHBA 2019 Spring Meeting – March 16

Registration form on next page

Where: Camp Carpenter in Manchester on

When: March 16, 2019 9 am – 3 pm

Speakers:

- Anita Collins will be speaking on honeybee genetics and breeding
- Eric Venturini will be speaking about the Xerces Society and native pollinators

Meal: TBA

You won't want to miss our annual raffle. Raffle time saving tip: create stickers with your name and phone number on them to put on raffle tickets. Less handwriting for you and ensures we can read your writing.

**NH Beekeepers Association
Spring Meeting Registration Form
March 16, 2019
9am to 3pm**

Venue: *Camp Carpenter*, 300 Blondin Rd., Manchester, NH 03109

Speakers:

Anita Collins will be speaking on honeybee genetics and breeding

Eric Venturini will be speaking about the Xerces Society and native pollinators

Meal details to be announced as soon as available on our website at nhbeekeepers.org

Please bring a morning snack to share.

Annual raffle drawing (please bring return mail stickers with your name on them (like from junk mail) to put on raffle tickets to make claiming prizes quicker).

Vendors will be present.

Pre-registration required for meals. Deadline for meal registration: **3/1/19**

Name(s) _____

Street or PO Box# _____ Town _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Attending with meals @ \$20 each _____ # Attending without meals @ \$10 each _____

Not a paid-up member for 2019 yet? Please include your membership fee _____

2019 Membership: for individuals \$15 _____ for families \$20 _____

Directions to venue:

From route 93 N (traveling north): take exit 5 and turn right onto route 28 (Rockingham road). Go past diner on left and take the immediate left onto Auburn Rd. At the four-way stop, take left onto Old Derry Rd. Old Derry Rd. becomes Bodwell Rd. at the Manchester/Londonderry line. Take a right onto Blondin Rd. after you pass East Meadow condominium complex. Continue onto Blondin Rd. to the Camp.

From route 101, route 293: take exit 1 off route 293 onto route 28 (South Willow St.). Go past 2 of mall of NH entrances and turn left at the next intersection with traffic lights onto Huse Rd. Go over highway and take next right onto Mooresville Rd. Continue to the end of Mooresville Rd. and take a right onto South Mammoth Rd. Go under highway and take next left onto Bodwell Rd. Continue for 1.7 miles and take a left after the convenience store onto Blondin Rd. Continue on Blondin Rd. to the Camp.

From route 93 S (traveling south): take Hanover St., Candia Rd. exit. At Hanover St. go straight. At Candia Rd. take a left and go under highway. Take second right onto East Industrial drive (first left leads to Boy Scout Office). At the end of East Industrial drive take right on Island Pond Rd. Take immediate left onto Cohas Ave. At the end of Cohas Ave. (stop sign) take a left onto Bodwell Rd. After passing the convenience store take another left onto Blondin Rd. to the Camp.

Please make checks out to and mail at:

NHBA

C/O Shahana Sharmin

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An important message from Heather Achilles of the NEW HAMPSHIRE BEEKEEPERS ASSN.

I hope everyone has had an easy winter and that your hives are all buzzing!

To better understand why our NH winter hive loss is so high, NHBA is sponsoring three citizen science projects in that you can take part in during 2019.

Deadout Autopsy Data collection - A key component to understanding our hive loss is so high is to start collecting the observations people are making when they autopsy their deadouts. We have put together a hive-side checklist to record what you see as you go through the dead hive. You can submit these observations online, via email or US mail. The checklist, FAQs, and how to submit observations can be found at: <https://www.nh-honeybee-health.com/deadout-autopsy>

NH Healthy Hives – This is a new multi-year initiative to promote healthy hive management. Each year there will be a specific management theme to focus on. The theme for April 2019- March 2020 is “**Varroa Mite Testing**”.

- a. The goal is to get more beekeepers (whether they treat or not) to do testing and make them more aware of their varroa situation.
- b. We ask participants to a monthly mite checks (either alcohol wash or sugar roll) of their hives and record the counts on a tracking spreadsheet. This spreadsheet also allows recording of other information such as Nosema counts (why not have a spore count done if you did an alcohol wash!), if you treated, if the hive swarmed, and more
- c. The data that is collected can be submitted on line, email or via US mail at intervals that are convenient to the participant.
- d. Early volunteers will have the opportunity to receive a free Varroa Easy Check Kit complements of NHBA.

More information about this program, the tracking spreadsheet, instructional videos, and more can be found at: <https://www.nh-honeybee-health.com/mite-testing>

2018-2019 NH Hive Loss Survey - we'll be doing the survey again this year. We'll collect data starting ~April 1 - Apr30. I'll send out an email when the survey is available. Once again this year, one of the participants will win a 1 year NHBA membership and also the club with the highest percentage participation will win \$50 toward refreshments at a future meeting.

If you have questions or suggestions about any of the projects, please give me a shout!
Thanks!



KBA MENTORS

The following club members have graciously volunteered to be mentors to our new beekeepers. They are also available to share their experiences and knowledge with other members who have questions or need advice.

Richard Brewster, Andover, 735-5457
Alan Carruth, Newport, 863-7064
John Chadwick, Sutton Mills, 927-4327
Randy Fleury, South Sutton, 927-4144
Dave Hartman, Warner, 456-3881
Bill McDonald, Newport, 863-4012

NH BEE AND EQUIPMENT DEALERS

Hillside Apiaries, Merrimack 429-0808
B-Line Apiaries, Alden Marshall, Hudson 883-6764
Spring Fever Farm, Ben Chadwick, Alton 875-3544
NH Honey Bee, Gilsum 354-8019
Troy Hall, Plainfield 298-7209
Kevin Sargent, Newport, 843-5927

KEARSARGE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

2019 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name(s) _____

Street or PO Box _____ Town _____

State _____ ZIP _____ Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Check: New or Renewal

Check one:

I would like to receive my newsletter by downloading it from the club website _____
(Saves \$ for the club) www.kbanh.org

OR

Please send a printed newsletter to my mailing address above _____

2019 DUES ARE \$20.00

Please make checks payable to: **KBA**

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CLUB EXTRACTOR

KBA owns a 3-frame tangential extractor, great for small batches. It is available to any and all KBA members. Please contact Dave Hartman at 456-3881 to arrange to borrow it. Of course, it needs to be cleaned before it is returned

KBA WEBSITE & FACEBOOK

www.kbanh.org

Webmaster Mike Bellino 603-938-5129

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In addition to a public Facebook page, where you can find information and announcements, KBA also has a private Facebook Group. Here is an explanation from Katy Toomey, our administrator:

“As a dues-paying member, there is a new benefit and resource available to you. If you are a Facebook user, search Groups for “KBA-NH” and request to be added to the group. This is a private group for members of the KBA to post bee pictures and videos, ask bee-related questions, and stay up to date with the KBA. The content cannot be seen by the public and any member can post content. It is a private message board type of group where you can further your relationships with other members of the KBA and learn from our mentors’ posts and pictures. Please join us and stay connected through our mutual love of bees.

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