

2018 - SABA Monthly Meetings

6:30-7:00 PM – Ask A Beekeeper – Informal question & answer session with experienced beekeepers

7:00 PM – Formal start of the meeting

- What beekeepers should be doing this time of year
- Business (if any) and Announcements (always)

7:30 PM – Program with guest speaker starts

January 22 The Flow Hive

SABA has been given a Flow Hive super by the company. We will have a live hook up with Flow Hive in Australia and will see their video, and be able to ask questions in real time. In addition, SABA members will have a chance, for a limited time, to purchase a Flow Hive at a discount.

February 12 Candle Making

EAS master beekeeper and SABA member, Aaron Morris will demonstrate his simple method to process wax and make beautiful candles. Dispel Winter's darkness and make use of your wax.

March 5 Board Meeting 6:30-8:30 (no general meeting this night)

The Board will have an extended meeting to discuss various items of business. All members are welcome, subject to the space limitations of the side meeting room.

March 19 Deadout Autopsy

Bring in any deadouts that you may have found undisturbed in a brood or honey super. Experience members will try to help you find out what went wrong. Putting the boxes in a garbage bag will keep your car cleaner.

April 16 Making Spring Splits and Nucleus Colonies

Master beekeeper Lloyd Spear will demonstrate his methods. He makes 200 splits each Spring with 99% success. Make up your losses, or have an extra nuc ready for Queen problems.

May 21 Cut Comb and Chunk Honey

SABA member Gregory Stoddard will demonstrate his methods. With no extractor and minimal equipment, a small beekeeper can make a beautiful product that sells for a premium.

June 18 Bee Diseases

Jack Rath DVM and Betterbee partner, will talk about problems we need to watch for and their treatments. Beekeeping is animal husbandry and we need to care for our bees.

July 16 Selling Honey For the Small Beekeeper

Dan Conlon, the owner of Warm Colors Apiary, will speak about selling honey for the small beekeeper. He will cover bottling, branding your honey, venues to sell at, and working with stores. His considerable experience will give valuable advice.

Aug.– NO MEETING

Sept. 10 Board Meeting 6:30-8:30 (no general meeting this night)

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Sept. 17 Fall Wrap Up

EAS master beekeeper and long-time SABA member and former board member, Aaron Morris, will give his Fall Wrap Up talk. Should you wrap or not? Feed, or is it too late? Medicate, when and how. He will help us get our bees ready for their long Winter so they will be there to greet us in the Spring.

Oct. 22 Annual Dinner and Young Beekeeper Awards

The Annual Dinner is a highlight of SABA's meetings, and the Young Beekeeper Awards are an important reason it was founded. We will meet the two 2018 winners, and hear from the 2017 winners about their experience. We will also hear from Roberta Glatz, who began beekeeping at the age of eight, eventually managing 100 colonies and selling their honey. She was in the first class of EAS master Beekeepers from Cornell under Dr. Roger Morse. She has attended almost every Apimondia since, and was the first woman president of New York State's bee club, ESHPA. She will talk to the award winners, and all of us, about her adventure.

Nov. 19 Observation Hives

EAS master beekeeper and teacher Anne Frey will speak about the fascinating world inside an observation hive. The thrill of seeing into the bees world and all the things only read about are an education not to be missed. Anne will explain how to build, set up, and care for a colony that is right in our house!

Dec.– NO MEETING