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Reminder

- Wendy Booth will be collecting donations for the Local Honey Basket to raise money for New Hampshire Agriculture in the Classroom.

President's Corner

Dear SBA members:

Happy Fall! This is the month for last minute syrup feeding (2:1/ sugar : water), and possibly a feeding of pollen patties for fattening up the winter bees. As many of you know, I am not ordinarily a big proponent of cane sugar feeding, but with the drought we had this summer, many of us are finding it a necessity. Only feed when it is warm enough for the syrup to be processed; once they are in cluster it is too late.

There are several news items concerning two of our country's most noted bee researchers (and who have also spoken at local conferences in the past few years). **Marla**

Spivak, Professor of Entomology at the University of Minnesota, developer of the Minnesota Hygenic Queen and who is currently studying the social immunity properties of proplis, has won a MacArthur Genius grant of \$500,000. These awards are "unrestricted fellowships to talented individuals who have shown extraordinary originality and dedication in their creative pursuits and a marked capacity for self-direction. There are three criteria for selection of Fellows: exceptional creativity, promise for important future advances based on a track record of significant accomplishment, and potential for the fellowship to facilitate subsequent



creative work" (taken from the MacArthur Grant website). We look forward to her ongoing scholarship.

In addition, **Tom Seeley**, Professor of Entomology at Cornell has published his latest book, **Honeybee Democracy**, which delves into the decision making process of bee swarms as they locate a new dwelling, and how this study has led him to observations about human decision making.

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Secretary's Notes

Dear SBA Members:

I don't have much to report this month as I have been very busy with bee school along with Amy Antonucci. We have a large class this year which is nice to see. The class is

full with approximately twenty family participants. If anyone would like to assist with bee school in the future or has comments or suggestions, please feel free to volunteer or help. We are always looking for assis-

tance. Also, please welcome the new beekeepers that might attend our next meeting.

Sincerely,

Christopher Somma

President's Notes Continued

I have only just started this book, but find it quite fascinating, with gorgeous graphics, and beautifully written. Perhaps you might nudge Santa in the direction of your local bookseller!

In October, I will be in Minnesota, but Bill and Wendy Booth have graciously agreed to run the meeting. Beeschool is up and running, starting on October 6, with thanks to organizers Amy Antonucci, Margaret Agnew, and Chris Somma. I thank Kathy Barrett who led a curious group of UNH students through an impromptu two hour beekeeping class, as well as many others who spread the word in classrooms, at garden clubs, libraries, etc. A big part of our mission is to educate the public about our love for the honeybee and her value in our shared ecosystem.

Two business items: Don't forget about the **NH Beekeeper's Association Fall meeting** in Bridgewater, NH on October 16 from 9-3. If you want more info or have not yet registered, download the Fall newsletter from the NHBA website (nhbeekeepers.org) and send in your registration by October 10. Registration questions to Moe L'Heureux, (603) 668-0130. Also, Wendy Booth is collecting items for a **NHBA gift basket** as part of the auction to benefit NH Ag in the Classroom. If you have something to donate (honey, beeswax products, etc.) bring it to the October meeting.

Finally, I am going to have some larger family obligations in the coming year and cannot continue alone as president. I am, however, willing to be a co-president with shared responsibilities. So, before the end of the year, hopefully someone will come forward and help to keep our club humming along!

Sincerely,

Amy Robinson

Picture of pollen from Amy Antonucci

October 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30

Schedule of Events

- October 16, 2010 -**
New Hampshire State Beekeeper's Fall Meeting; Bridgewater Town Hall, Bridgewater, New Hampshire
- October 21, 2010 -**
Monthly meeting, Jeremiah Smith Grange Hall, Lee, New Hampshire
- November 18, 2010 -**
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SEACOAST BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION 2010 MEMBERSHIP FORM

ANNUAL DUES (\$12.00)

New _____

Renewal _____

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL: _____

Make check payable to Seacoast Beekeeper's Association, and completed form to our next monthly meeting