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President's Corner

Dear SBA Members:

March has offered several opportunities for the bees to fly, even if it does not yet feel like spring. Be sure to check those hives for weight and help out the girls with dry sugar or fondant patties if needed. This is the time when most hives are lost, when the population is slowly going up and desperately in need of food, yet the willows and silver maples are still at least three weeks away. Some beekeepers like to put in a pollen patty to help with brood rearing, but if you do, make sure you don't let them run out.

There are some wonderful opportunities for education this month. First our own New Hampshire Beekeeper's Association is holding its annual spring meeting on March 19 at Lakeshore Farm in Northwood. Speakers include Allen Hayes from Maryland, an EAS Masterbeekeeper who will be talking about "Gadgets you don't need but will definitely want" as well as a hive scale

project, and Bill Mares, President of Vermont Beekeepers. Info and registration can be found on the web: nhbeekeepers.org.

Also the Massachusetts Beekeeper's Assn.'s spring meeting is the following weekend, March 26, in Topsfield and the featured speaker will be Jerry Hayes who answers questions in the American Bee Journal's "The Classroom". The registration form can also be downloaded from their website, massbee.org.

If you are willing to take road trips, there is a presentation at the Dublin Public Library on May 5, sponsored by the Monadnock Beekeepers featuring Dean and Ramona Stiglitz, speaking on "native flora, how it protects bees, and how chemical treatments alter it". I believe there is no advance registration required, but there is a suggested donation of \$5. And I will put in another plug for a wonderful movie touring the entire country, but making only one appearance in NH:



"Queen of the Sun", showing the week starting April 8 at the Red River Theatre in Concord--queenofthesun.com--check it out!

Finally, if you haven't already done so, please bring honey or your own beeswax products to contribute to our annual basket for the NHPTV auction in April. Thanks to those of you who have already responded.

Amy Robinson

Reminder

- The Seacoast Beekeeper's Association newsletter is always looking for items to add. If you would like something advertised, or would like something bee related, do not hesitate to contact Christopher Somma.

NEWSFLASH!

BEN AND BEV CHADWICK HAVE ONCE AGAIN GRACIOUSLY DONATED A PACKAGE OF BEES FOR RAFFLE, VALUED AT 85 DOLLARS. THE BEES ARE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE APRIL 15 (OR THEREABOUTS) SO YOUR ONE CHANCE TO BUY TICKETS IS AT THE MARCH MEETING. TICKETS WILL ONLY BE FIVE DOLLARS EACH SO BUY SEVERAL TO INCREASE YOUR CHANCES- WHAT A DEAL FOR THE LUCKY WINNER!!!!!! *THANK YOU SO MUCH, BEN AND BEV.*

March 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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27	28	29	30	31		

Schedule of Events

- **March 17, 2011 -** Monthly meeting, Jeremiah Smith Grange Hall, Lee, New Hampshire
- **March 19, 2011—**New Hampshire State Beekeepers' Association Meeting
- **April 21, 2011 -** Monthly meeting, Jeremiah Smith Grange Hall, Lee, New Hampshire
- **May 19, 2011 -** Monthly meeting, Jeremiah Smith Grange Hall, Lee, New



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SEACOAST BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION 2011 MEMBERSHIP FORM

ANNUAL DUES (\$12.00)

New _____ Renewal _____

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL: _____

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