

BBA general meeting May 12, 2016

Guest list tonight to include Roger Blanco and Gary Hitchcock

Previous events included Earth Fest in Coral Springs , Earth Day at Pioneer park, Spring Fest, and Arbor Day in Coconut Creek. All events went well with lots of interest and potential new members. Some publicity was received.

Apiary has now been secured with a cable and lock system. All occupants of the apiary have received the necessary access information. This should help deter random dumping as well as hive vandalism.

Gary Hitchcock presentation

Seed bombs.....using some modeling clay in a pancake shape, place some soil/compost and seeds. Roll into a ball and let dry. Free seeds can be found on various websites. Use only water base clay, and Florida friendly plants. Great for fixing bare spots and beautifying roadways.

Apiary is still under quarantine for AFB. Will be re-inspected on a 30 day basis.

Anne Shapiro made some incredibly beautiful graphics for use at upcoming events....many thanks to her for the effort.

George Ramos has some metal racks available for possible hive stand use. First come first served. Price is right at free

John Rochester offered up some bee calendars. John also suggested the use of discarded political signs, the ones of corrugated plastic to use as beetle traps. Put a little Crisco and diatomaceous earth in side.

Honey production for year is lagging behind.

Eastern side of FLL area seems to have better honey quality than those further west in county. Perhaps the rain levels ??? Variety of flora ?

Alan Shapiro is a distributor now for beekeeping supplies.

Suggestion was made to pool wax for club.....Need for mead recipes....

Roger...AFB advice

Sanitize tools with torch or in smoker. Rub in sand. Use nitrile gloves w/talcum. Do not use tools on foreign hives. AFB can e spread by poor habits and robber bees also.

AFB samples are sent to plant pathology for verification tests.

Amazon sells solar water pumps that can be used to supply water for bees.