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HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!



Southside Beekeepers Association

Christmas Potluck Dinner

WHEN:

Saturday, Dec 9th, 6:00pm

WHERE:

Emporia/Greensville Extension Office

105 Oak Street

Emporia, VA 23847

REMINDER



The October meeting was the last meeting of 2015. There will be no meeting in November. In lieu of the December meeting we will hold the Annual Christmas Party.

POTLUCK DINNER

We ask that everyone bring a potluck dish to share. A list of basic suggestions are below however you are welcome to bring whatever you would like. Courtney & Leslie have volunteered to ensure the room is set up and ready for the party. Sue Moore has volunteered to coordinate the food for the Christmas Party this year. Please decide what you would like to bring and email me at sbmoore07@hotmail.com or call me at (804) 514-8196 so we can avoid duplicates. An updated menu will be emailed as it fills to help you decide what you may want to bring.

CHRISTMAS POTLUCK SUGGESTIONS

Turkey
Ham and/or
Ham biscuits
Stuffing
Macaroni & Cheese
Green Bean Casserole
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Sweet Potatoes
Broccoli Casserole
Corn Pudding
Peas
Deviled Eggs
Casseroles
Vegetables
Rolls/butter
Sausage Balls
Cheese Ball
Cake
Pie
Cookies
Brownie

GIFT EXCHANGE

A Pollyanna/Dirty Santa gift exchange will begin shortly after dinner so start looking for that perfect gift now! The gift should be valued at approximately \$20.00 and should arrive wrapped. It is hard to predict what the most popular gift will be. (We would like to try to stick with bee related gifts again this year - a beekeeping tool, bee decoration, honey, etc.) This is the one time you will want to be the last one to choose a gift because when it is your turn you have the chance to 'steal' any gift that has been unwrapped before yours, so the last person has the pick of them ALL! Please come and enjoy the holiday music, decorations, food, gifts and fun! You won't want to miss this so mark your calendars for Saturday December 9th and prepare to have a great time!



Congratulations!

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Strawberry Bush (*Arbutus unedo*)

What's Blooming in November

Aster, Autumn Flowering Cherry (*Prunus 'autumnalis'*), Camellia sasanqua, Camellia senensis, Chrysanthemums, Confederate Rose (*Hibiscus mutabilis*), Cyclamen, Dandelion, Eleagnus, Eupatorium, Fall Crocus, False Holly (*Mahonia*), Fatsia japonica, Fragrant Tea Olive (*Osmanthus*), Ginger Lily (*Hedychium coronarium*), Goldenrod, Gourds, Heather (*Erica carnea*), Joe-Pye Weed, Knapweed (*Centaurea*), Knotweed, Lantana, Leadwort (*Ceratostigma plumbaginoides*), Loquat (*Eriobotrya japonica*), Marigold, Marjoram, all the Mints, Morning Glory, Oregano, Pansies, Pincushion Flower (*Scabiosa*) Plectranthus, Pumpkin, Rosemary, Salvia, Sedum, Smartweed, Strawberry Bush (*Arbutus unedo*), Sunflower, *Tagetes*, Toad Lily, Violas, White Clover, Winter Squash, Witch hazel (*Hamamelis*)



Knapweed (*Centaurea*)

SOUTHEAST VA BEEKEEPER "YARD NOTES"



Your hives should be heavy with stores, at least 60 lbs. If not, continue to feed any light hives with sugar syrup. For fall and winter feeding, an easy rule of thumb for small batches of syrup is 1 cup of water for 1 pound of sugar. Remember, if there's too much water, the bees will have to work hard to evaporate it to the proper consistency. That's why we make it thick at this time of the year.

Moisture, not cold, is the leading cause of problems in the winter hive. Do not allow moisture to condense on the hive top and drip onto the cluster of bees below. Be sure to leave the screened bottom board open to improve ventilation; a hive stand works nicely as a skirt to block winds from blowing into the hive bottom. Allow for moist air to escape at the top of the hive by propping up the telescoping top, but anchor the top with a brick or other heavy object to keep it in place during winter storms. A mouse guard or entrance reducer is also recommended.

If you do not have a subscription to one of the bee magazines, consider subscribing. Use the winter off-season to read and be ready to implement your new knowledge in the spring.

Order, assemble and paint any woodenware you will require for the 2016 season. In just a few short months you will be busy with a new beekeeping year!

