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This is our newsletter that reflects the various techniques, theories and art of sustainable beekeeping.

SCBA General Meeting

[Date: March 13, 2023 6:00 – 8:30 \(pst\)](#)

Join us for our monthly General Meeting at the Druids Hall 1011 College Ave., Santa Rosa.

You don't want to miss this social meeting and the opportunities it will present as we gather in person. Reconnect with old friends and meet some new ones. You will get the opportunity to see the new office and check out books from SCBA's library in its new permanent location. SCBA's Board will be presenting: What's New and What's Going On in SCBA. We will also be acknowledging a few special members who go above and beyond for SCBA and its members.

This is a social meeting and will be in person only, *not on Zoom*.

President's Message

Hello my fellow bee lovers!

Spring is here, and it is another year of wacky weather! Rain, freezing temps, warm temps, more rain,



more freezing temps, etc. Still the blossoms arrive, and the swarms start swarming! So, get your equipment ready, gardening tools, apiary supplies, and swarm boxes. Get out there! The time is now!

That's why your cluster activities are already buzzing.

Cafes and meetings are happening in every corner of the county and there is so much to learn. Attending hive dives have been some of the best beekeeping learning experiences I have ever had. So, don't miss out if you get the chance to attend one.

It's the same when it comes to gardening. Garden digs and propagation parties are a great place to learn about growing your pollinator garden.

We are just so lucky to live in such a beautiful place. Go outside, take a deep breath and celebrate the cool, clean air of your Sonoma County springtime. Stand still and watch the pollinators all around you, busily working.

How have you prepared your apiary? What have you planted so far this year? What are your plans? I challenge you to plant something every month. We have a lot of hungry bees out there and we all need to pitch in and grow forage. It's that sweet, organic nectar that the bees are addicted to and there's only one way

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From the Desk of the Program Director

By Shannon Carr



February was an amazing month! In-Person meetings are back! Our cluster coordinators were able to come together and put on some great Cluster Cafes and Workshops with a focus on upcoming swarms. The

in-person meetings are not stopping there as we are planning a fun-filled in-person general meeting in March!

Where our Cluster Cafes are a great way to meet your fellow cluster members, the general meetings are a great way to meet members throughout the association. We will be showcasing the association, upcoming events and plans, and acknowledging a few of our members who go above and beyond for this association and its members.

March 19 is our first **Pollinator Brunch**! This brunch will highlight some of the foods and herbs made pos-

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SCBA Member Events March

[SCBA Calendar](#)

The SCBA on-line calendar is updated frequently. Check it out to see current event listings.

Mar 4 – [East Cluster Cafe](#)

Mar 5 – [North Cluster Hive Dive and Potluck](#)

Mar 13 – [SCBA General Meeting](#)

Mar 18 – [South Cluster Café](#)

Mar 19 – [Flower to Table Pollinator Brunch](#)

Mar 20 – [Beginner Beekeepers Forum](#)

Mar 27 – [Seasoned Beekeepers Forum](#)

April 29 – [Spring Fling 2023](#)

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to provide it for them. Plant! Plant! Plant!

Another way to support the bees is to support our organization. Come to our first ever Flower-to-Table Pollinator Brunch on March 19th. It is so exciting! Food, drinks, raffle prizes, and the speaker is our own Susan Kegley! Get your ticket now. Visit our website to get your tickets. Sell tickets to your family and friends. But don't wait. There are only 40 spots. It's the start of something big and you won't want to miss out.

Don't miss our March General Meeting either. It's in-person at the Druid's Hall. Come see the new office and the new home of our library. Buy some plants. Win some prizes. Visit with friends, just like the meetings before the pandemic. This one is a big, fun celebration of SCBA!

Quick Reminder: If your beautiful honey has crystallized during the cold months of winter, don't fret. Crystals are a sign that your honey is pure. And you can always warm it up and return it to that smooth, creamy, texture we love. But never microwave it! Always use a double boiler or set your jar of honey in a bowl of hot water.

One last thing, as this year becomes more and more open to in-person meetings and travel, I wanted to share a piece of advice that Geoff Whitford, from Bloomfield Bees, told me at the SCBA Holiday Boutique. He said if any of your friends are traveling and ask if you would like them to bring you something from their travels, ask them to find you a unique jar of honey from wherever they are. In time, you will have a collection of different kinds of honey from all around the world. That's a cool idea. Thanks Geoff.

Whew! There's a lot going on. Pull out your calendars and I'll see you outside!

Carol Ellis
SCBA President
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sible by pollinators and we are excited to have Susan Kegley join us to talk about pollinators and what we can do to protect them. This is a fundraiser for the association and a great event to bring your friends and family who are not members so they can see what we are all about.

April 29, we are bringing back **Spring Fling!** This event is for members only and will feature several fun and educational workshops, hive dives, and garden tours. We will serve a light lunch, have pollinator plants for sale, and have a small raffle. You don't want to miss this event!

Have you filled out the **2023 SURVEY** yet? If not, check your email and check your spam. The annual survey provides SCBA's Leaders the information they need from members to help build programs. The Survey is also the only way to get on the "Needs Bees List" so our BeeShare Coordinators can contact you. Swarm season is coming, a few early swarms have already taken flight, but we will start seeing more as the weather starts warming up. If you would like to receive a donated swarm make sure you are prepared and ready and the survey is filled out

There are a lot of great things coming up you don't want to miss! Stay tuned for more information on upcoming events.

Shannon Carr
Program Director
programdirector@sonomabees.org

SCBA Annual Survey

The SCBA Annual Survey has been emailed to our members. Please take a few minutes to fill out this survey. Your input is vital and helps us guide the programs SCBA offers. Filling out the survey is also the **ONLY** way to get on SCBA's Needs Bees List to receive local bees rescued by SCBA swarm catchers.

If you did not receive the email with the survey, please check your spam, then email Shannon at programdirector@sonomabees.org and she will resend the survey.

March's Hive To-Do List

By Serge Labesque

- If you can, arrange to obtain bees from neighbor beekeepers. Local associations can help beekeepers to connect and source bees.
- Inspect hives regularly, on nice days, at a time when foragers are out in large numbers.
- Observe the performance of the queens and colonies.
- Look for young brood and signs of preparations for swarming.
- Ensure unimpeded development of the brood nests. Add frames to provide egg-laying space and comb-building opportunities, as necessary.
- Add supers to provide nectar storage space.
- Make sure there is clustering space between the brood nests and the hive entrances.
- Ensure that the hives remain adequately ventilated.
- Remove and replace old and misshapen combs that the bees have vacated.
- Perform the first hive divisions of the season (but only if and when the hives are ready and when weather permits!)
- Keep the hive tops securely held in place.
- Observe the monitoring trays, particularly for signs of brood diseases, possible chalkbrood mummies, EFB-affected larvae, or other health-related problems.
- Gradually open the entrances of the hives to match the increasing forager activity.
- Move equipment to the apiaries.
- Set out and monitor swarm traps.
- Keep some equipment at the ready to catch the occasional swarm.
- Keep sources of water available for the bees.

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Bee Talk!

by Mohammed Ibrahim, 1st Vice President



When writing this message on a cold night, around 40F, with 44 mph gusts, I thought what a harsh winter our bees are going through in this county. I am looking forward to the annual survey to analyze the survival rate within our association. Like last season, I had a 50% survival rate in my apiary.

It's springtime. This is when we finally close the past beekeeping season and enter the new one in earnest. It is time to place supers on the hives. If in doubt, it's better to do this too early than too late. If there is a time to be ahead of our bees, it's in the spring! By now, you should've cleaned the dead out, checked on the survival colonies, and ordered your bees package if you plan to buy bees this season. Please consider local beekeeping stores for package orders.

Inspect hives on nice days when foragers are out in large numbers. Make sure the colonies do not run low on stores. Prepare hives that have been selected for splitting or for queen rearing. It is also the time to plant forage and maintain the health of the apiary and the bee equipment. I would put out the swarm trap as soon as you can; we have some swarms reported the second week of February.

The contract to the swarm rescuers was sent out, and we will maintain the public list per cluster based on the annual survey. If you need to be on the Need

Bees list, please respond to the annual survey, prepare your equipment, set it up, and send a photo of it on a stand to your Cluster Bee Share Coordinator. This ensures you are ready to receive bees when the swarm is rescued. It is very crucial for us those swarms go into safe apiary and happy homes.

The resources on our website under members only have lots of knowledge and expertise passed by our fellow experienced beekeepers. I encourage you to read about how to care for a swarm or split, build a swarm trap, and familiarize yourself with reporting swarms on the website if needed.

You might experience some bee defensiveness behavior around this time; this is a normal, new adaptation to weather and beekeepers. Enlarge the hive entrance as the colony develops; I like to keep it at 3 inches or less; some beekeepers go up to 9 inches.

For those new to beekeeping, welcome to a unique personal journey! There will be lots to learn from the bees and beekeeping; find a mentor, attend meetings, and ask questions. We all learned the same way. Most importantly, attend hive dives in your clusters or host one to get the experts to your apiary.

I wish you all and myself a healthy beekeeping season coming forward. Do not hesitate to reach out to me for any questions, suggestions, comments, and feedback at 1stvp@sonomabees.org.

March To-do list, from previous page

- Pull weeds from in front of the hives.
- Clean or dispose of equipment that held colonies that failed, as appropriate.
- Render wax from discarded frames.
- Routinely clean and scorch tools and equipment.
- Harvest and process rapidly only surplus early spring honey.

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Bloom On!

By Ann Gallagher White, 2nd VP



Spring is almost here and we are buzzing along in our gardens, adding compost, planting seeds, surveying seed catalogs, weeding, pruning, dreaming and transplanting. We are looking forward to getting our hands good and dirty as we approach a new season of gardening. SCBA is excited to hold our first Pollinator Brunch on March 19 at the

beautiful Luther Burbank Art and Garden Center in the Bennett Valley neighborhood of Santa Rosa. Our gardening group will create centerpieces on the tables: school children have painted donated pots and we will fill them with succulents that are to be donated.

We will enjoy a fabulous pollinator-focused meal while we listen to members and speakers Susan Kegley (owner of Bees and Blooms and Pesticide Research Group) and Megan Kaun (of SASS - Safe Agriculture Safe Schools).

Let's get excited about the possibilities of creating more pollinator habitat, one plant at a time, one bite at a time and getting even better educated in the process. Here are a few more things going on in and out of the garden:

School Pollinator Gardens = Making Flowers Happen! Our amazing group of gardeners in our Gardening Group at SCBA contributed pollinator plants to several children's gardens last year. **North Bay Met Academy at Windsor High School**, where we have a live hive in the classroom (thanks to Bernie) got a super pollinator pack and so did **Santa Rosa High** (where Shannon Carr, our hardworking Program Director, has an ongoing relationship with the bee club). We also reworked the pollinator garden at the **Children's Museum of Sonoma County**, adding some natives they provided along with plants grown by members.

We're gearing up for 2023! The call has gone out to our Home Nurseries to grow plants for our 2023 school pollinator gardens. Our goal is to help five

school pollinator gardens this year and to supply a mixture of flowering plants that will bloom all year long, be easy to grow and provide nectar and pollen. If you know of a school that needs help getting its pollinator garden growing, the basic requirements are that the school has a teacher/person in charge of the garden, irrigation, a no-spray policy and that the space be large enough for a pollinator garden. We are evaluating schools as they come up and will discuss the proposals at our gardening group meetings. If you want to be a part of the exciting gardening group, to grow plants or you have a school garden space in mind, please reach out to me or to our talented gardening coordinator Kim Bergstrom. Kim's email is gardening@sonomabees.org

On the Pesticide Front: AB-99: Picture wildflowers blowing in the wind and alive with buzzing bees and floating butterflies as you walk/drive/bike past. AB-99 is a new bill to limit the ability of Cal-Trans to spray pesticides on public highways. You can find out more about it on the [Safe Agriculture Safe Schools \(SASS\) website](https://www.safeagriculture.org/sass). When you visit the website, you can get informed on what pesticides to avoid, AB-99 (the state-wide bill to support having healthy highways) and much more. We believe we can have healthy highways in Sonoma County because both Mendocino and Humboldt County have done it. SCBA is participating in the coalition to make the bill a reality by talking with others who have fought the fight. If you want to fight for flower power, you can help represent SCBA by attending monthly coalition meetings on behalf of SCBA. Please reach out to me or to member Megan Kaun, a founding member of SASS at Megan.Kaun@gmail.com. You can find a website for the healthy highways initiative and more information on the bill here: <https://www.healthyhighways.org/>. Yes beeks, flower power is real and with your help the buzz is that it can be better than ever!

SCBA Pesticide Flyer Is Live! SCBA proudly announces that our member-created flyer to help educate the public on pesticides to support pollinator health is live on our website. SCBA's flyer is an informational piece you can print out at home or give to a neighbor (or put by their mailbox) or members can send a link to a friend. SCBA will use the flyer at community events to gently educate those who are not aware of the dangers of the use of pesticides to pollinator health. You can find the pesticide flyer in

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What's Happening in the Garden?

Gardening for Bee's update March, 2023

By Kim Bergstrom, Gardening Coordinator

The G4B's group is off to a great start in 2023! We have many Gardening-related events planned for the year and our new Garden Liaisons -- Maureen Bufton for North Cluster, Angy Nowicki for Central Cluster, Franny Minervini-Zick for West Cluster, and Ellen Schwartz for East Cluster -- are getting to know their cluster members, putting together "Garden Buddies" within the clusters, and planning upcoming cluster-focused topics and events. There will be gardening topics at Bee Cafés and gardening workshops for the clusters to participate in throughout the year.

For March, our Gardening focus is "all things seeds!" At your Bee Café, you will be given a handout on how to propagate plants and flowers from seed and your Garden Liaisons will be handing out seed packets along with seed starter trays and soil, so that you can all begin your 2023 gardens inside while it is still too cold to begin planting seeds outside. As mentioned above, we are starting a new concept in SCBA this year called "Garden Buddies". Like "Bee Buddies", the Garden Liaisons will help find you a garden buddy in your cluster, whether you are looking to mentor someone in the garden, learn from a mentor, or just want to share ideas, plants, and problems you encounter with a buddy. Please reach out to your Garden Liaison if you are interested. South Cluster members can reach out directly to me: gardening@sonomabees.org.

We have held three wonderful propagation workshops over January and February at Ellen Sherron's home in Sebastopol. More than 45 members of SCBA (about 10%!) got to dig up plants to take home, help propagate plants for upcoming SCBA plant sales, and share stories about their own gardens. These workshops have been so popular, that we hope to reconvene in the summer to share pictures and some food together and talk about how the plants are faring in our own gardens. We hope to bring more propagation workshops to the membership in late spring or early fall.

For those of you who couldn't take advantage of Ellen's propagation workshop, we will have plants for sale at our March General Meeting on March 13 at Druids Hall, as well as the Spring Fling on April 29! Our home nursery growers have been busy digging up plants from their own gardens to propagate for these sales and we will have a good variety on hand.

I want to give a shout out to Kelly Corbett who has volunteered to lead our "Home Nurseries Group". There is a lot of coordination that needs to take place between our folks growing plants, folks creating plant stakes and placards, and getting all those plants to the plant sales. Kelly is the perfect person as she has been an invaluable member of the G4B's group for many years and has a wonderful knowledge of plants, propagation, plant cuttings, etc.

Be sure to check the website for plant resources. We are creating documents that will help you find local nurseries, places to buy soil and compost and other gardening needs, as well as documents on great pollinator plants, and essential gardening tools.

Finally, the Garden Committee made up of folks from our "Core G4B's Team" and "Home Nursery Team" has kicked off the year by starting to meet in person every other month. In February, we met for our monthly

meeting at "Home Ground Habitats" in Novato. Gülten Eicher, one of our SCBA members in West Cluster is responsible for this amazing nursery! We spent time touring the garden as well as getting a demonstration of how they build compost and leaf mulch, and even how they manage their worm composting bins. Anyone that wants



to be a part of G4B's is welcome to join these meetings. We are always looking for volunteers from folks who know nothing about gardening but want to learn to those who are gardening aficionados. Reach out to me at: gardening@sonomabees.org if you want to participate. Until next month, Happy Gardening!

SCBA Volunteer Positions

SCBA is run by its members. There are lots of ways to help and volunteer.

If you are interested in one of these positions, OR if you have ideas on other ways to contribute, reach out to our Program Director, Shannon Carr at programdirector@sonomabees.org.

Cluster Coordinator – Help lead your cluster by coordinating monthly cafes and workshops and maintaining communication with cluster members.

West Cluster – Cluster Coordinator and Co-Coordinator

Gardening for Bees – Creating diverse pollinator habitats is essential to beekeeping. Having a variety of plants that provide pollen and nectar throughout the year will ensure a sustainable environment for bees.

Garden Liaison for South Cluster – Help the cluster coordinators manage the cluster calendar, particularly the "Garden" focused elements, by securing sites for garden-related activities, and helping to put on garden-related workshops.

Host a Hive Dive or Garden Dig – These are great opportunities to meet your fellow cluster members, make bee and garden buddies and to learn. Contact your cluster coordinator about scheduling a hive dive or garden dig.



Our 2nd VP Anne Gallagher-White and Connie Alexich volunteered to help maintain the pollinator garden at the Children's Museum.

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the [Resources](#) section of the Gardening Program's web page. A shout out to members (especially Ellen Schwartz) who asked for it! SCBA would like to thank the generosity and creativity of members Chris Dicker and Elizabeth Holdmann who gave us artwork and revisions (again and again) to make it a reality. Thank you to Bruce (our IT guru), Megan Kaun, Gayle Slade and other amazing members who also supported the project. If you have comments or suggestions on the flyer, please share. My email is: 2ndVP@sonomabees.org

Bloom On!

Ann Gallagher-White, 2nd VP

Hive Dive - No two hives are the same. Sharing your hive with members of your cluster provides an educational opportunity for members to learn about honey bees and beekeeping practices.

Garden Dig – Now is the time to cut back your plants and thin them out for new growth in the spring. By hosting a Garden Dig members can take the excess plants and transplant them into their gardens and help clean up in the process.

Join a Committee

– Join one of our committees and help make plans and make a difference in our community, both internally and externally. Committees include (but are not limited to) Education, Fundraising, and Events.

Cluster News!

By Kelli Cox, Regional Cluster Coordinator

Greetings Fellow Beeks,



What is going on with this weather?! The predictions are after this cold front we are going to have some very warm weather and you know what that means! **SWARMS!**

Your Cluster Coordinators have been busy organizing cafes; I really hope you're taking advantage of the wealth of information being offered.

I was able to go to Central/West Clusters Cafe for a great presentation from Susan Kegley about swarms. There were many exciting stories and lots of questions. Ann Jereb and her husband Don demonstrated building a swarm trap out of Peat Pots and I learned something new! They used flexible Styrofoam packing material rather than can spray foam to plug the holes. It was cleaner and way easier. I LOVE how every time attend a meeting I learn something new and highly encourage you to mark your calendars each month so you don't miss out on these opportunities.

We also heard from Angy (our Central gardening liaison) and Franny (our West gardening liaison) about what you should be planting, emphasizing the importance of planting good pollinator forage. I, for one, can't wait to get my hands in the soil.

March is around the corner as is our first in person meeting at the Druids Hall and I can't wait to see your faces! Please mark your calendars, for March 13th.

I am still looking for a West Cluster coordinator (or two). I'm also looking for someone to help our East Cluster Bonnie and Tripp.

Please contact me with any questions.
Kelli Cox, Regional Cluster Coordinator
regionalcoordinator@sonomabees.org

South Cluster Doings

On a sunny February Saturday, South Cluster members gathered at John and Darlene McGinnis' workshop to hear an entertaining and informative presentation on swarms – how to trap them, when to call experts, and explanations of different tools. We welcomed two new members. John and fellow Swarm Catcher, Nick Freeman, gave lots of tips for hive observations in this wacky weather. In addition, Kim Bergstrom from Gardening for Bees swung by to inform cluster members about upcoming gardening activities.

In March, we will return to John and Darlene's home. But, after that, we will be spreading our activities throughout the South Cluster area, holding hive dives, garden tours, and of course covering more about bee health and nurturing. For more information, feel free to reach out to the South Cluster coordinators, Rachel Parker and Gayle Slade, at Southcluster@sonomabees.org.

Beekeeping 101 Class

SCBA member and owner of Beekind Doug Vincent offers his insights on how to get started in bees, what to expect in your first year, and answers questions.

Saturday March 18, 2023
10am-1pm

Sebastopol Grange
6000 Sebastopol Ave. (Hwy 12)

For more information, go to <https://www.beekind.com/classes.html>.

SCION EXCHANGE BUZZES WITH EXCITEMENT



Thank you to members Gülten Eicher, Maureen Buf-ton-Landwehr, Connie Alexich, and Devan "D" Nielson for helping at SCBA's education booth at the Scion Exchange on February 25. We had the opportunity to meet with, and talk to, many community members about the importance of sustainable beekeeping and creating diverse pollinator habitats to help bees thrive.

SCBA Name Badges

You can now order your SCBA name badge, and make payment, on the SCBA website. Orders are placed with our supplier every few months, on the 1st, dependent upon reaching a minimum number of requests.

Click [Order Your Name Badge](#) to order your SCBA name badge today. If you have any questions email badges@sonomabees.org.



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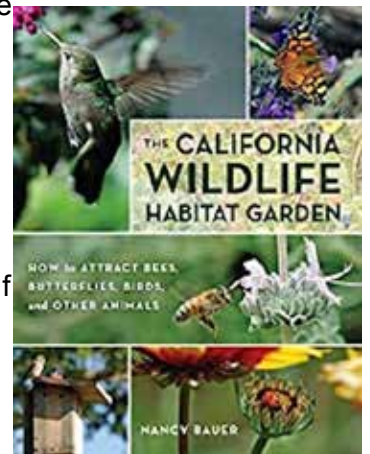
California Wildlife Habitat Garden: How to Attract Bees, Butterflies, Birds, and Other Animals

By Nancy Bauer

This attractive, practical guide explains how to transform backyard gardens into living ecosystems that are not only enjoyable retreats for humans, but also thriving sanctuaries for wildlife. Beautifully illustrated with full-color photographs, this book provides easy-to-follow recommendations for providing food, cover, and water for birds, bees, butterflies, and other small animals

We have more than 250 books and DVDs in the SCBA Library. *California Wildlife Habitat Garden* is just one of many books about bees, gardening for bees, and products from the hive in our collection. You can view all our books and DVDs available to you at [SCBA-Library](#).

We are looking to expand the SCBA library with current books and resources. If you have any suggestions for books related to honeybees, beekeeping, native bees, gardening for bees, and products of the hive, please email your suggestions to Librarian@sonomabees.org.



SCBA Library is now available to members during the week by appointment. If you are interested in checking out a book, email our librarian at Librarian@sonomabees.org to make arrangements to pick up one or two of the books or DVDs available to SCBA members.

If you have an SCBA Library book checked out, please return it at the in-person meeting on March 13.

COOKING WITH HONEY

Honey Ginger Cookies Worthy of Care Packages

By Rachel Parker

When my daughters started college, I looked for recipes for cookies that would travel well. After all, they had to go as much as 6000 miles! This recipe – which started out using molasses instead of honey – fits the bill. Powdered ginger paired up with crystalized ginger creates a tangy sweet cookie that is a little chewy and soft and stays moist for at least a week and doesn't shatter -- no matter how rough the travel.

Look for crystalized ginger that starts with thick chunks or slices of ginger root and is well-coated with sugar. Some stores sell skinny slices of ginger that has been crystalized, but in my experience, these products don't carry nearly as much gingery flavor.

DOUBLE GINGER COOKIES

(Adapted from *Williams-Sonoma Cookies Double-Ginger Snaps*)

2 ½ cups all-purpose flour
1 ½ teaspoons ground ginger
1 teaspoon baking soda
½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
¼ teaspoon ground cloves
¼ teaspoon salt
2/3 cups canola oil
1 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
1/3 cup honey
1 large whole egg, lightly beaten.
¾ cup chopped crystalized ginger
½ cup coarse sugar (sparkling sugar)
1 large egg white

Preheat your oven to 325 degrees F. Lightly grease 2 baking sheets, or line them with parchment paper. Sift the flour, ground ginger, baking soda, cinnamon, cloves, and salt together.

In a large bowl, stir the oil, brown sugar, and honey together with a wooden spoon until well blended. Add the whole egg and beat until blended. Stir in the flour mixture and crystalized ginger.



Lightly beat the egg white in a small bowl. Spread the sugar crystals in a shallow bowl.

With dampened hands or a small ice cream scoop, shape the dough into 1-inch balls. Brush each ball lightly with egg white and roll in the sugar to coat lightly. Place the cookies about 1 inch apart on the prepared sheets. Bake about 15 to 18 minutes – until the tops are set and crackled. Let cool on the cookie sheets on wire racks for 5 minutes before transferring them to the racks to cool completely.

SCBA PHOTO GALLERY



This tree, located in the Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery, is home to a wild colony of honeybees. Note the sign on the left! -- Photo by Shannon Carr



Bee foraging on oxalis (aka, sour grass). Note how much the pollen resembles propolis! -- Photo by Ettamarie Peterson



Sometimes a double swarm will turn out to be just one swarm but for some reason are separated. I put a double swarm in two boxes. When I placed them side-by-side, the bees marched out of one box and marched into the one with the queen! It is a good idea to put them in two boxes at first because there may be two queens. My rule of thumb is to remember the bees are not always reading the same book as I am. -- Photo by Ettamarie Peterson

FLOWER TO TABLE POLLINATOR BRUNCH

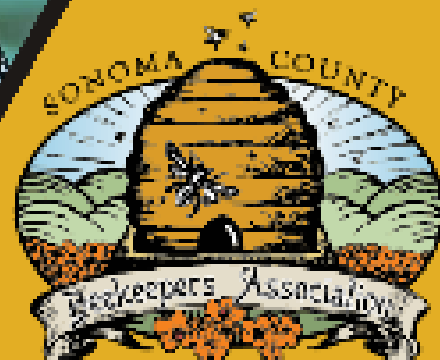
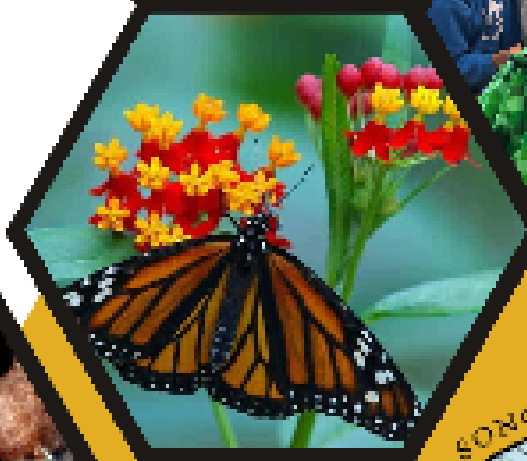
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