

# The Local Buzz

January 2021



## President's Message, Spencer Wingfield

**Happy New Year to everyone and hello 2021!**

In case you did not know already, our club president, Amy Husted, decided to up and move across the USA to Vermont. This was sad news to me because I enjoyed working with Amy and being able to share ideas with her. She brought a different perspective to the group and that energy and enthusiasm will be missed. I have now moved in to fill her position, temporarily. Although beekeeping for me is my livelihood, I will do my best to keep the topics and discussion on a level that will maintain your interest. With the introduction out of the way, on to the program.

It is a great time to be a beekeeper. The recent "buzzworthy" news that I recently came across is that honey now ranks as Americans' #1 preferred sweetener, surpassing white sugar for the first time. The National Honey Board Consumer Attitudes & Usage Study 2020, took the quantitative survey that led to this news. Beekeeping, like many other agricultural professions, did not get negatively affected by the events of 2020. The demand for more natural and healthy living has raised questions of knowing how food is grown/raised.

Likewise, homesteading is at an all time high! This has sparked the interest in many to start keeping bees and learning to harvest honey. This is really exciting for the beekeeping community. Hopefully, the desire for people to continue growing their own food and lifestyles that promote health (our bodies and nature) carry on to 2021.

See you in the new year!

## January 4th Meeting – **ON ZOOM**

Due to current events the upcoming regular meeting will be hosted on Zoom.  
Meeting access information will be emailed to the membership.

\*\*\*\*\* **PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE NEW MEETING TIME** \*\*\*\*\*  
New meeting time is **6 PM** until further notice.

For our January meeting, we have a pre-recorded presentation by Scott McArt. Following the 23 minute video, we will hold a discussion session that will be recorded and later presented to Mr. McArt for a follow-up. The presentation is on the use of Neonicotinoid pesticides in US Field Crops *Inconsistent benefits to farmers and risk to pollinators*.

A brief Bio on Scott McArt:

Scott McArt, an assistant professor of pollinator health, helps run the Dyce Lab for Honey Bee Studies at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. He is particularly interested in scientific research that can inform management decisions by beekeepers, growers, regulatory agencies, and the public. Research in the McArt lab focuses on the impact of pesticides, pathogens, habitat, and management practices on the health of honey bees and wild pollinators

# Treasurer's Report — Oct/Nov

By Janet Brisson

October, 2020 Beginning Balance	\$4,494.80
Deposits	<u>\$ 92.52</u>
Subtotal	<u>\$4,587.32</u>
Debits	<u>-578.40</u>
Total r/c 12/7/20	<u>\$4008.91</u>

November, 2020 Beginning Balance	\$4,008.90
Deposits (Refund for Nevada Theater)	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
Subtotal	<u>\$4,508.91</u>
Debits	<u>-252.92</u>
Total R/c 12/7/2020	<u>\$4,255.93</u>

December 1 – 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2020 Beginning Balance	\$4,255.93
Deposits (Proceeds from Pollination Film)	\$ 552.00
Debits	<u>- 426.82</u>
Total as of 12/28/2020 Not Reconciled	\$ 4,381.11

I have to say, Paypal has been amazing. Per my Quicken program I can see how members pay their dues.

In 2020, out of \$2,260 of total membership dues, \$975 came through Paypal.

Membership dues are what pays for our great speakers. Even through the Pandemic, our club has figured out to have wonder programs through Zoom. I hope you are all able to take advantage of our Zoom meetings. Looks like we are going to Zoom at 6pm, turns out a lot easier for most folks and speakers. Anyone who is having a problem, please get in touch with me.

It's time to pay dues for 2021. We had a number of people renew or sign up these last couple of months, so if you think you might of paid, shoot me an email and I will check it out.

Being a member of the Nevada County Beekeeping Associations has many perks. Your membership entitles you to our newsletter, "The Local Buzz," sent monthly, informs you of our association's activities and lets you know what your bees should be doing at that time. The NCBA works towards educating people about beekeeping and agriculture, keeping everyone up to date on the latest news and techniques for the beginning beekeeper to the very advanced.

We sincerely hope that you decide to continue your membership with our club and most important, continue being beekeepers. We are here to help.

You can mail your dues or pay through Paypal (which costs an extra \$1.00  
<https://nevadacountybeekeepers.org/content/join-ncba>

\$20 for an email subscription and \$25 to get your newsletters via USPS.

Make check out to NBCA

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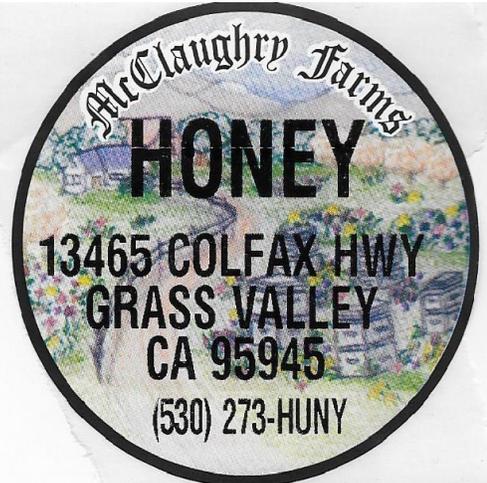
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The Nevada County Beekeepers Association is dedicated to apiculture education and promotion of the art and science of beekeeping among beekeepers, agriculturists, and the general public. This is a “not for profit” organization. Donations are welcomed.

Meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 7 PM at the Grass Valley Veteran’s Memorial Building at 255 South Auburn Street in Grass Valley. All visitors are welcome. Use the back entrance.

The newsletter is published monthly as a service to the membership. Articles, recipes, commentary, and news items are welcomed and encouraged. Contributions should be received by the 20th of the Month to be included into the next issue. Submit to [garyg@newpress.com](mailto:garyg@newpress.com)

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January 4th Meeting

**MEETING ON ZOOM - 6PM**

Use of Neonicotinoid pesticides.  
Scott McArt