

**Next Meeting-  
September 12, 2009  
Time- 2-4 pm  
Place- The Home of  
Peter and Mary Zak  
in East Andover, NH  
Topic- "How and  
Why to Keep Bees in  
Top Bar Beehives"  
by Special Guest  
Speaker Christy  
Hemenway**

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**This Month's**

**Meeting**

This month Peter and Mary have invited us to their house for our meeting with special guest speaker, Christy Hemenway from Bath, Maine. Christy will be talking about the Top Bar Hives. She will be bringing the demonstration hive and also some to sell. Be sure to bring your questions along to ask her about the Top Bar Hives to get ready for the grant provided we are awarded it. Also please bring your lawn chairs as we hope to be able to sit outside and enjoy some sunny weather for our meeting!

We will be having our raffle at the meeting so be sure to bring those raffle items that you may have put aside for last time when we didn't get to it. As always, the raffle is three tickets for one dollar with the proceeds going towards the postage for the newsletter. In previous raffles, we have had books, eggs, jams and jellies, other food items and of course bee equipment. Thanks to all who have so graciously donated items and taken chances to win!

The meeting is scheduled to be from 2 to 4 pm Sat afternoon. This was the best time for everyone with farmers' markets and for Christy to drive in from ME. After the meeting we are having a cookout and pot luck. Peter will be grilling the meat (last time we talked, Mary thought maybe pork) but we are asking our members to bring items to go with the meat to share. This can be salads, veggies, desserts, chips and dip, drinks, fruit and dip or whatever else you may think of that I haven't mentioned. We are asking that those that are staying for the pot luck to please contact Peter and Mary to let them know how many and what they are bringing by Sept 10<sup>th</sup>. Phone is 735-5058. Thanks.

**Minutes from Last Month's Meeting**

Last month we had our annual picnic at the home of Al and Sally Carruth in Newport, NH. The weather was perfect especially after all the rain that we had in June! Everyone brought such wonderful dishes to share that we all pigged out and went home vowing not to eat again for a whole week! Everyone checked out the hives and the gardens as they tried to become friends with the chickens roaming around.

Karen Booker gave a short presentation on the Top Bar Hive by showing some pictures that Lee had taken while in Maine at Christy's workshop and the grant that was to be written. Stacy Luke, district manager for Merrimack County Conservation District, wrote a grant with help from Karen to receive 40 hives for 20 beekeepers to experiment with the Top Bar Hive in response to the CDC problem, having enough pollinators for the crops in the state and having problems getting the bees

through the winter. We had a sign up of those that would be interested in participating in the grant and came away with 16 participates.

Update on the Grant: The grant was sent in to the Dept of Agriculture to which the person in charge sent a thank you to Stacy and myself. Stacy talked with the person in charge and she thought that we had a good grant since many of the specialty crops listed for this grant are pollinated by the bees which are also considered a specialty crop in this grant. Cross your fingers and say a few prayers that this grant will be funded. The grant stated that the monies will be awarded in November. Stacy warned me that we may not hear till December as the government is not always on time with their announcements.

The club decided to have Christy, if the time is convenient, come to our September meeting to give the club a presentation on the Top Bar Hives. Karen was asked to contact her and set up a date.

**Calendar of Events**

-Sept 12 from 2-4 pm KBA's regular meeting with a Pot Luck

-Sept 26 & 27 Highland Lake Apple Orchard's Apple Fest in East Andover, NH

-Sept 25-27 Common Ground Fair in Unity, Maine where Christy Hemenway will be speaking on Top Bar Hives

-Oct 10 NH Beekeepers' Fall Meeting TBA

Nov 13 KBA's Annual Holiday Fest TBA

Dec Hope Everyone Has a Wonderful Holiday and New Year!

**Thank You's**

-thanks to Richard Brewster for his great raffle  
-thanks to everyone for bringing in such wonderful dishes to share at our picnic  
-special thanks to Al and Sally Carruth for opening up their home for the picnic

**Library**

Don't forget that KBA has a small library of books, videos and DVDs. We are trying to upgrade the videos to DVDs. If you can help by donating a DVD to the library please contact our librarian, Cynthia. If you would like to borrow anything be sure to give Cynthia a call.

**Catch a Mistake**

We try to include something for everyone. Since some people enjoy finding errors so we regularly feature some in the newsletter.

*What did the mother say to the naughty baby bee?  
Beehive yourself  
Why do bees hum?*

*Because they don't know the words.*