

February 2014 NCBA Newsletter;

## **Greetings Beekeepers;**

**The next meeting is Monday February 17, 2014, 7:00 pm Northland Arboretum, Brainerd, Minnesota**

## **Serving Committee;**

**Don Isaacson and Mikula Brodhead**

## **Dues;**

**\$10.00 are past due, This is the last newsletter you will receive !**

**Send to; Larry Chismar 3 DeBlock Dr. Crosby, Mn. 56441 or to NorthCentral BeeKeepers Association box 294 Brainerd, Mn. 56401**

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**Don would like the officers and board members to meet at 6:45 for a brief meeting.**

**The University Of Minnesota has scheduled another set of Beekeeping in Northern Climates classes. The #1 course is March 16, 2014 This is a real basic beginner course. #2 is presented on April 12, 2014 for more advanced beginners. Marla's Queen rearing course is scheduled for June 27 thru 29. The basic courses will be presented at the Landscape Arboretum, Chaska and the queen rearing will be at the St. Paul campus.**

**Costs for the #1 and #2 courses is \$ 93.00 / each with noon box lunch provided. The queen rearing course is \$275.00. Queen rearing manual, Diseases and Pests of Honeybees manual plus the dvd on queen rearing, lunches and beverages provided.**

**All registration is handled thru University of Minnesota Extension 952-443-1422. Take a look for more info [beelab.umn.edu](http://beelab.umn.edu).**

**I have taken all three of these courses and found them to be very useful. #1 may be too basic for NCBA members but #2 will explain a lot of questions you may have and help you understand what is happening and why. The University uses 3 deep beekeeping that is different than most here in the Brainerd area use but is a usable system. Like most things in beekeeping there is more than 1 way to get it done. The queen rearing course is very hands on ( take your veil along). The system Marla teaches is very generic but if you follow what she teaches you can raise your own queens. After raising queens the U of M way you can tweek and modify the system to fit your operation. It is a very good basic queen rearing course.**

**If you are going to need bees this spring do not wait any longer, It may well already be too late. Bill Krieger has sold all the 2# packages that he was allotted, he has no more. Mann Lake is still advertising but**

**they may be getting short as well. There are other sources but do not wait, or you may go without.**

**The educational program at this meeting will cover the solar wax melter, building and using your own. Don Jackson, Bill Krieger and Larry Chismar will present this very useful method to recycle old or damaged frames. Solar melters use no energy and produce a very nice product to use for candles and other value added products of the hive.**

**March meeting;**

**Blain White from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture will present the findings from the samples he pulled from hives around the state. What is in there and what to look for.**

**With the continued ugly cold weather leave your bees alone !! leave them closed up as long as there is air flow there is no good thing you can do only bad! Start getting ready to FEED, FEED and FEED as soon as the weather breaks but don't open them up until.**

**Want Ad;**

**Build new or repair old equipment**

**Gilbert Frank 31979 456<sup>th</sup>.Ave. Aitkin, Mn. 56431**

**320-241-0548, 320-292-2452**

**Have 2 only need one, can't find the old one or need a newer one**

**Want ads are free to payed up members.**



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**February Meeting;**  
**Febr.17, 2014 7:00 pm.**  
**Northland Arboretum, Brainerd, Mn. 56401**  
**Reports from the conventions, Solar wax melters**

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