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# Welcome

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March 19, 2026 EPIC Campus, Littleton CO  
Meetings are the third Thursday of each month  
Club Website: <https://highlandbeekeeping.com/>

High Land



**Beekeeping** Club

Board Members

President: Ellen McClurkin

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Treasurer: Gary McKenna

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# Annual Dues

\$25 per year (Jan-Dec)

- Includes membership to Colorado State Beekeeping Association
- Participation on the Swarm List
- In Apiary Activities
- Reimbursement for Master Beekeeping Program

## Payment Options:

- Zelle: [highlandbee2020@gmail.com](mailto:highlandbee2020@gmail.com)
- Check: Payable to HLBKC c/o Gary McKenna 6250 E. Euclid Place, Centennial, CO 80111
- PayPal



# Treasurer's Annual Report

# Beekeeping events

- March 21st (This Sat) Southeast beekeeping garage sale at Tagawa gardens
  - March 28 - 29 Pueblo Bee Curious Show
  - CSBA Summer Meeting - June 13 in Rifle
  - CSBA Winter Meeting - EPIC November 14
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# In The Hive -March-

Spring is here early this year

- The queen has likely started laying more eggs and may be on the way to full spring production - early pollen sources are available (Maple, Dandelion)
- Still clustering on cold nights. This can be a critical time for bees between food resources and ability to manage brood area! If brood production > adult bees, brood around edges chills and dies



# Beekeeping Tasks

## -March-

- Check Hives for food supply-  
Starvation Danger this month
- Provide water
- Order pollen subs if needed
- Purchase and Repair Equipment  
Do you have enough for swarm  
season?
- Watch entrance reducers/mouse  
guards
- Watch entrance for pollen,  
drones, activity



# APRIL In Apiary Event

Inspections and finding  
the queen

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EPIC Apiary

April 25th Weather Permitting

# Installing Bees

- Hands On  
Activity



# Packages

My Box of bees is delivered!  
Now What?

- 3 pounds of bees 10-12,000 workers
  - Mated queen in cage
  - Do you see dead bees?
    - A few is expected
  - Checking queen
  - Candy plug vs direct release of queen.
  - Feed, Feed, Feed !!!
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# Drawing Wax

What to do and what  
to avoid  
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# Nuc Install

What should you look for when accepting a nuc?

- 5 frames
  - Should include
    - Honey
    - Pollen
    - Brood - all ages
  - Have they been treated for mites?
  - Where to place in your hive
  - Feed !
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# Swarms

Collecting swarm tips next month

- Bees Ready to draw wax
  - Optimal time for mite treatment
  - Queen of unknown source and quality
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Next Month

Swarms, Splits,  
Inspections, Mite  
Checks

Questions?