

BC Honey Producers (BCHPA) 93rd Annual General Meeting November 8-10th, 2012 in Kamloops

The conference starts on the 8th with the evening wine and cheese meet-and-greet. AGM on the 9th. Education day on the 10th. The theme is *Innovations in Apiculture*, which focuses on practical, sustainable and innovative beekeeping and honey production techniques for novices and experienced beekeepers. The Banquet is “western style”, so come dressed in western or casual attire.

There is an auction with all proceeds going toward apiculture research and education in B.C. You are also invited to submit your Honey Products in the 2012 BEST OF BC HONEY COMPETITION. Go to the BCHPA website for registration and other details. Come out and support your provincial lobby group for beekeeping.

Velcro petals help bees hang on

By Victoria Gill

Science reporter, BBC News

Most insect-pollinated flowers have cone-shaped surface cells, while others have flat surfaces. Current biology found that bees prefer easy-to-grip petals, which have cone-shaped cells. The bees have minuscule claws on each of their feet that allow them to grab on to the cells. With the flat cells, their middle legs are scrabbling continuously, so they keep their wings moving to maintain their balance, which is a lot less energy-efficient. It has also long been speculated that the conical “bumps” exist to attract pollinators.

For interest / Average selling price at the gate is approximately 500 gram jar, \$8.00; 1 litre

Community Supported Apiary - Honey Shares for Sale

Blessed Bee Farm is a new business following the Community Supported Apiculture or CSA model. This is a partnership of mutual commitment in the future of honeybees between the beekeeper and the apiary’s community of supporters. A share supports the apiary throughout the growing season and in return shareholders receive a healthy supply of honey and hive products.

Share prices:

+Drone \$30.00

A minimum of 1 kilo of organic unpasteurized honey plus a 250 ml jar of pollen and honey blend.

+ Worker Bee \$50.00

A minimum of 1 kilo of organic unpasteurized honey plus a 250 ml jar of pollen and honey blend. Also an exclusive a tour of the apiary and an introduction to harvesting honey.

+ Queen Bee \$400

All the surplus honey from one hive. Included is a personal visit to the hive to see how the bees are doing.

+ Other Hive Products

Please enquire about propolis, wax and fresh pollen sales.

Newsletter - All shareholders will get an e-newsletter updating them on the progress of the bees. The newsletter will share honey recipes, bee facts and figures and activities for children and adults.

Bee Hosts Needed - Do you have a large yard that is crying out for bees? Do you want to learn more about bees and beekeeping? Host up to four hives and learn from a Certified Bee Master the art of beekeeping.

Our Mission - We provide the highest standard of organic bee management to produce a honey unrivalled in flavour and quality. We keep bees ethically to sustain this vital and threatened animal for the future. Our goal is to integrate bees into the urban environment, to engage and educate the public in bee conservation and beekeeping. Our honey is chemical and GE free, unpasteurized and pure, direct from the bees to you. We only harvest the surplus leaving the bees what they need to flourish.

To participate please sign up. Phone Brian at 778-554-6421 / 778-554 or email Blessedbeefarm.1@gmail.com

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