



# Beekeepers Association of Southwest Florida NEWSLETTER

## Monthly Meeting

Our regular 2010 meetings are on the 2nd Wednesday of each month unless otherwise noted.

Our Next Regular Meeting will be Wednesday, November 10th, 2010, 6:30 PM Lee County Extension, 3406 Palm Beach Blvd, Ft. Myers, FL 33916-3736

Main Topic of the Q&A Discussion Period will be pertaining to the subject of "Beekeeping FAQs, part 3 of 4". Hand-outs will be provided for your notebooks.

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## What's Blooming

Chinese Violets	Skyblue Clustervine
Firebush	Sleeping Hibiscus,
Goldenrod (Common	Turks Cap
Sweet and Flat Top)	Snow Squarestem
Melaleuca	Spanish Needle
Mexican Clover	Tropical Sage
Orange	
Pickereel Weed	
Primrose Willow	



## Convention Highlights

Since the convention and last month's meeting, notable FSBA news includes our own Keith Council as Vice President and Gary Ranker as President. Jayla, our Honey Queen, was crowned as State Honey Queen.

During the Convention, Chappie McChesney snapped up first place in the Welsh Honey Judging competition, and our own David Mendes played a huge role in the Day at the Bee Yard.



Welsh Honey Judging Results on Display



Jayla Crowned as Honey Queen



David Mendes education visitors in the bee yard



Rebecca Conroy demonstrating the making of products related to beekeeping

From beekeeping basics to bee bearding, many subjects were covered at this year's convention! Thanks to everyone who helped make it big success.



This month's member photo was submitted by Lisa St. John, of Tom Allen inspecting a queen bee. Tom, we all miss you! Thanks, Lisa!

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### Newsletter Information

Send suggestions and comments to Dennis Riggs ([bees@oldmanriggs.com](mailto:bees@oldmanriggs.com)) and Rebecca Wilson ([rebecca@beck-wilson.com](mailto:rebecca@beck-wilson.com)).

### What's going on with your hives?

We would like to know what kind of activity your hives are having. Please contact Dennis or Rebecca to have your hives featured in our monthly Members' showcase.