



It's BOO-tiful
OCTOBER, 2022

The Beekeepers Association of Central Arizona
(azbeekeepers.org)

Next Meeting- October 20-
(Always the third Thursday of the month)
7:00pm (Doors open at 6:30)
Valley Garden Center (1809 N 15th Ave. Phoenix, AZ 85007)



Our guest speaker this month will be
Michael McLean
“Constructing hive components”

*That's scary!! So if you haven't figured out how to put all the pieces together yet,
this would be really good meeting to come to-! (Either that, or ask your kids!!)*



IT'S ALIVE!!!
“ALIVE in the HIVE” is BACK-!
(Who knows what spooky things lurk in those dark cavities we call combs??!)

“Alive in the Hive” Saturday October 15th at 8:00am. This is an event where we will be conducting an actual hive inspection and discussing seasonal management principles. All attendees should bring their own protective gear for the event. This is a “members-only” event; however, anyone wishing to participate can join on the day of the event for \$20. 5533 N Central Ave, Phoenix AZ



This is the ultimate “Hands On Experience” provided by master beekeeper himself, Joc Rawls. This is THE event to BEE at-!

(To read about last year’s “ALIVE in the HIVE” event, go to Beekeepers Association of Central Arizona website and look under NEWSLETTER- April 2021 for a full report.)

What do you call a bee who only comes out at night in October?>>>



So what do your BEE babies need this winter?? Here are a few ideas you can start this Fall...

This is the time of year to feed as much syrup as you can get them to take so they can insulate the brood nest with honey.

Replace broken equipment and make sure they have good tight hives to survive the cold winter months. Not much bee activity from here on. Easy to remember and no snow or freezing weather to worry about! Check list...

- Strengthen your hives and check your queens (Combine weaker colonies and make sure all queens are accepted, present and producing brood.)
- Make sure there is enough stored food to get them through the colder months. (Heading into fall, you will want to feed a 2:1 sugar water syrup (as opposed to the 1:1 syrup in the spring). They will store the thicker syrup in place of nectar, bolstering their winter stores. Refined white cane or beet sugar works, but never give them raw sugar; the solids will upset their little bee bellies.)
- Check for those little home invaders; MITES!
- Repair or replace bad equipment and insulate if needed (It’s cooler weather- Here’s your chance!)
- Attend Bee Meetings (YES!!)

(Thanks Joc!!)

