



MCC BEE SQUAD

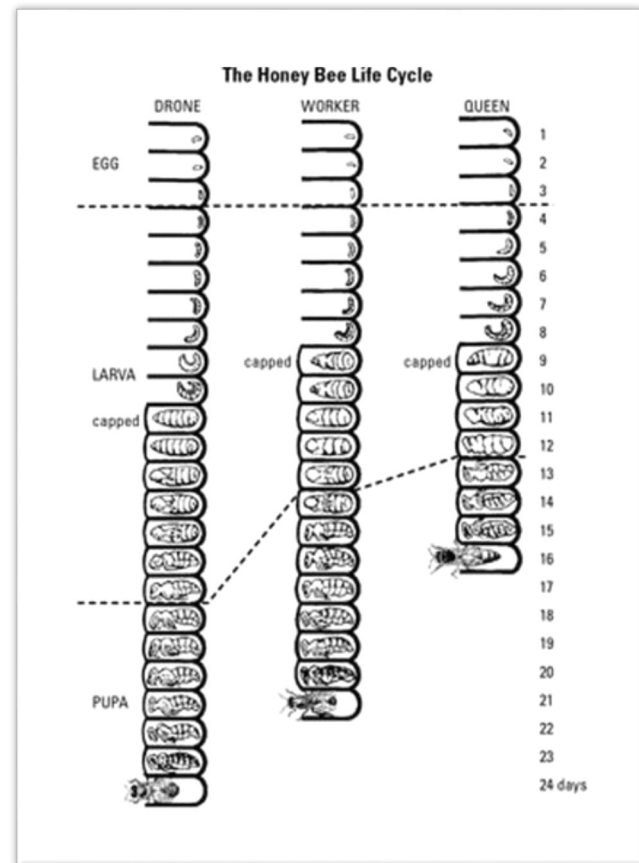
"A work of arte; and yet no arte of man,

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THE OCCUPANTS – DRONE, WORKER, QUEEN

The MCC Bee Squad met today for its first hive inspection. The bees were coming along so much so that the second brood (nursery) boxes were added earlier in the week.

We discussed the 3 cast in the hive, queen, worker bee and drones. Also explained that the bees dictate to the queen the type of egg she will lay depending on the size of the cell, small cell she lays a fertilized egg that will become a female worker bee, large cell she deposits an unfertilized egg that will become a drone (male bee). Drones have no father but a grandfather (think about it!) they are an unfertilized egg from the queen, so no drone was involved there, and the



Did You Know...

- Honey bees must visit some 2 million flowers to make one pound of honey
- Honey bees fly about 55,000 miles to bring in enough nectar to make one pound of honey.
- About one ounce of honey would fuel a honey bee's flight around the world.

MEET OUR QUEENS





THE HIVE INSPECTION

Francois showed the club members how to properly do a hive inspection, opening the cover, the puff of smoke, removing the outer frame, placing it outside the hive, making our way thru each frame and placing them back into the same position. We looked for eggs, larva and capped broods in the hive we opened. We also talked about some other hive products like wax and comb



OPENING THE HIVE



YOU GO GIRLS!



IT ISN'T THAT HEAVY....YET!



NEW DRAWN COMB ON A STARTER STRIP FOUNDATION



BEEES AT WORK ON A

Did You Know...

The queen is capable of producing up to 2,000 eggs each day

THE BEE SQUAD PHOTO SHOOT



SMOKERS READY...



BEEES READY...

In our next issue, We will discuss hive pests, how to super up (add a honey super).