



# Membership is

10 Jan 2018

*"The tools that a society uses to create and maintain itself are as central to human life as a hive is to bee life. Though the hive is not part of any individual bee, it is part of the colony, both shaped by and shaping the lives of its inhabitants."* –



## Happy New Year -

The MCC Apiary has been put to bed for the winter, I am happy to announce that of the 4 hives we combined and treated, as of today they were still alive, they have been wrapped and quilt boxes are on. Hopefully we get some steady weather for them and we will wait and see if they make it through, we have done all we can as beekeepers to make that happen!



Good signs the bees have been house cleaning

Giant Praying Mantis Paying us a visit





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- Think about what you want to order for bees this season...will you order NUC's, if so, what size...Deep or Medium. Will you get 3lb Pkgs.
- This may help you decide, if you have drawn comb on frames then a Pkg would work for you, if you are starting new with empty (not Drawn) foundation you should look at buying a NUC
- Go and watch your bees on 40 degree + days see if they are active.
- Get busy cleaning old frames/foundation and woodenware, repair damaged boxes, make or buy replacements and add paint to them if needed.
- Build new frames for the season, thinking about how many more you will need to get through to extraction time...a good number for extras is 20 build frames extra per 5 box hive.

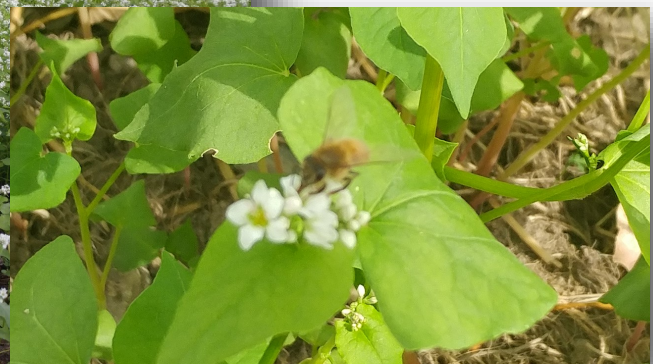
## Photos...



Buckwheat in Bloom



Bees loved it....



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- Order the fruit trees
- Order the deer resistant wildflower seeds
- Leveling area next to current deck for possible member hives
- Build raised bed planter box for Apiary sign
- Split all hives that make it through winter



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My vision with the member hives is for members who cannot have hives of their own because of city ordinance, property size, renting, pesky neighbors or for whatever reason, you could rent the space for your own hive and **manage it during club meetings only**. It still has to go through the school approval process before we come up with a cost for rent. Think about it and let me know if it is something of interest to you as members, so I can have

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Membership renewal starts this month, \$20 payable to MCC Bee Club, you can drop off forms to Chef Scott O'Farrell in K bldg., culinary department or Barb in the main office before Feb 28th. (Forms will be attached to email)

**Our First meeting for the year will be in Mar.**