



## HCBC Monthly Meetings Summary

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**January 5, 2016**

Allan reminded everyone to renew memberships. Bee school will be Feb. 20. Bill Skelton is the coordinator.

Our speaker tonight was Dave Cowart a commercial beekeeper. Weather is the concern of beekeepers this year. Hoping that the cold has stopped queen rearing. "Chill Brood" is when brood freezes or chills due to queen laying and then it gets cold. On sunny days when it is above 50F with no wind check hives for weight and feed if necessary 1:1 sugar water in bags. Be ready for swarms early in the spring. Feed pollen patties and sugar water if you want to increase the hive. Be aware that hive beetles love pollen patties.

- [wnc.bees.org](http://wnc.bees.org) will teach you how to make fondant.
- Treat for Varroa in February.

There will be a Board meeting in February. Date is not yet been determined.

Next beekeepers meeting is February 2.

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