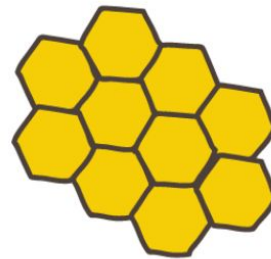
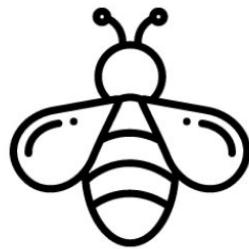




# Member Meeting

September 23, 2025

Meridian Senior Center



# While we gather...



## Tonight's Program

Welcome, News

Brooklin

OSU Master Beekeeping Program

Jeff

All About Allergies

Dr. Neetu Talreja, *The Allergy Group*

Show, Share and Sample

Everyone

Raffle

Everyone

[www.idabees.org](http://www.idabees.org)

# Happy Fall Ya'll



**I'm Brooklin, how can I help?**

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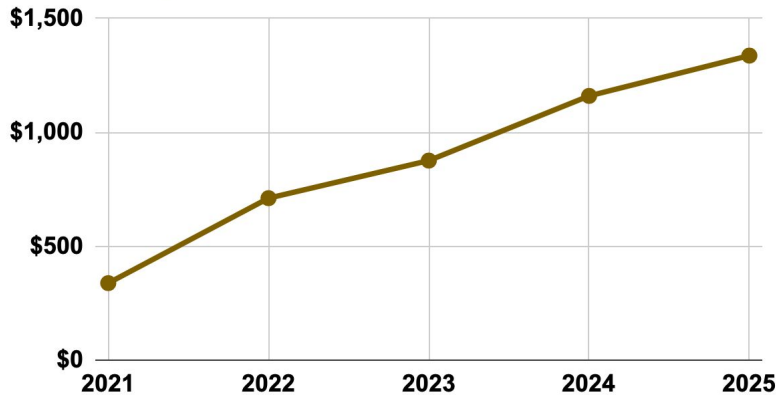
- **Officers and show runners**
  - **Shanna, Rena, Robert**
  - **Ben Lafon, FLC**
  - **Ann Cochran, Event Coord.**
  - **Marc Von Huene, Zoom**
  - **Jeff Bergland, Raffle**
  - **Joyce Gebhardt, Merch**
  - **Terry, Tech/A/V**

**Intros during sharing...**

# Fair stats - we kicked it!



## Honey Stick Sales Last Five Years



## Our biggest event of the year

- 10 Days
- 62 Unique volunteers
- 80 Volunteer slots
- 31 Exhibit entries (a record)
- \$1,336 Third largest income source
- 5,475 Honey Sticks sold, a record!

## Thank you!

- **Fair Coordinator**
  - Ruth Crone
- **Setup/Etc**
  - Rena Alexander, Terry Fackrell
- **Observation Hives**
  - Steve Sweet, Robert Sperry, Kevin Duesman, Benoit Lafon



# And other happenings



## Foothills Learning Center (FLC)

- Record honey harvest
- Ben found bees. In a tree!

## Since we last met

- Idaho Honey Bee Day Proclamation
- KIN Night Market
- Bug Days at the Idaho Botanical Garden
- Flywheel Festival at JUMP
- Collister Garden Tour at Edwards

## Coming up (\* need volunteers)

- 9/24 STEAM Night at Koelsch Elem.
- 9/27 TVBC Volunteer Appreciation
- 10/2 KIN Night Mtg (\*)
- 10/2 STEM Night at Whittier Elem. (\*)
- 10/4 FLC Open House (\*)



# Celebrating our Graduates



Master  
1 Graduate

Journey  
8 Graduates

Apprentice  
60 Graduates

Program Lead  
**Jeff Bergland**

*Classes run Jan-Apr 2026.  
Sign up now...*

Graduates have name tags and love to answer questions.





Treasure Valley Beekeepers Club

Oregon Master Beekeeper Program



# Master Beekeeper

Steve Sweet

*TVBC's First Master Beekeeper*

*Thank you for inspiring our members to  
keep learning.*

Brooklin Gore

Brooklin Gore, 2025 President

September 23, 2025

Presented

## All About Allergies

1. Why are some people "allergic" to honey bee stings and some are not?
2. What should people who are "deathly" allergic to honey bees know and do to be safe around them?
3. Is there anything I can do to become "less allergic" to honey bee stings so I don't swell up so much?
4. What is the best way to minimize swelling and pain when I get stung by a honey bee?
5. Is there any truth to the belief that eating "raw, local" honey will help with my plant pollen allergies?



# Beekeeper Call to Action



- 1. Mite Testing and Management\***
- 2. Weigh hives, check for food stores – double deeps should weigh 100 pounds or better**
- 3. Prepare sugar boards as needed**
- 4. Clean and store unused hive hardware in moth resistant containers**

\* Or get on NUC list :)

# Show, Share and Sample





***Raffle time! Thank you.***

***Safe travels home...***

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