

instead of discarding her (dont let them defrost!). Olav will pick them up when you give him a call (256-2591). Any added information on the queen (age, race, performance, etc) will also be helpful.

• **FOR SALE:** A former club member, Bob Falls, is reducing his apiary and has a number of hive bodies, supers, frames for both, top covers & bottom boards which he no longer needs. Give him a call at 656-3679.

ARTICLE(S) OF INTEREST: *"The Status of Formic Acid in the U.S."* by Bill Ruzicko in the March 2004 Bee Culture

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Like to join Guilford County Beekeepers Association?

Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. (Odd months @ 6:30 p.m. with a covered dish meal, even months @ 7:00 p.m.) Just come to our next meeting at the Guilford County Agricultural Center and join in. Dues are \$25.00 per year (that's \$10.00 for GCBA and \$15.00 for expanded membership in the North Carolina State Beekeepers Association).

- Don Hopkins, State Inspector: (336) 376-8250
- Guilford County Beekeepers Association web site <http://www.guilfordbeekeepers.org>
- North Carolina State Beekeepers Association web site <http://www.ncbeekeepers.org>

Honey-B-Healthy Home Recipe' *(this is for your bees!)*

5 cups water
2 1/2 cups sugar
15 drops spearmint oil
15 drops lemongrass oil
1/8-1/4 tsp of lecithin granules dissolved in very hot water to help emulsify the oils in the feeding

Boil 2 1/2 cups of water, add lecithin granules, stir for a LONG time until they dissolve.
Add 2 1/2 cups sugar and dissolve, let cool.
Add remainder of water
Add 15 drops each of lemongrass, and spearmint.
Do not add the oils until the temperature of the solution cools so as not to evaporate any of the oils.

Use 1/4 cup of this mixture per gallon of 1:1 syrup. It is a tremendous magnet to the bees.

One word of caution, during a nectar dearth, be very careful with this feeding. It is such a strong attractant that it will promote robbing.

It may be necessary to reduce the entrances on small hives, and be careful not to splash the syrup on the outside of the hive box.



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