

The BUF Buzz

Berea Urban Farm

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In this Issue: It's all about the bees, and Marty's photos of the farm!

Long Live the Queen



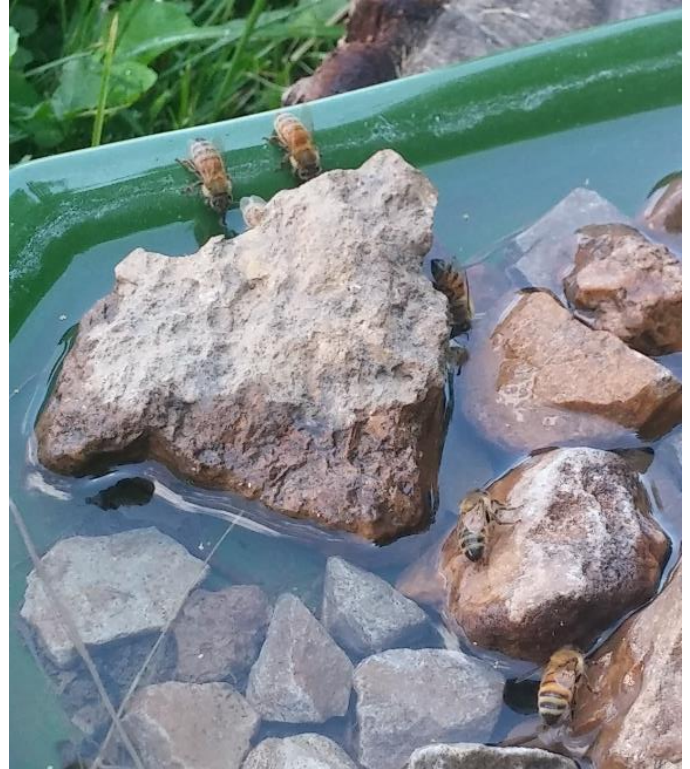
Due to age, poor genetics or other reasons, a queen may perform poorly, laying insufficient numbers of eggs to build or maintain the hive. Such a queen will need to be replaced. We have requeened four hives at the BUF. With Italian queens bred for resistance to varroa mites. Two other hives have Russian queens that are doing great.

Honey Bee Watering Hole

Honey bees use the water to control the temperature and humidity of the hive, to dilute any crystallized honey, and to produce food for their larvae.

To create a source of fresh water:

- A small container is plenty-do not use a deep bucket.
- Use wine corks, rocks, or pebbles to give bees a place to stand on.



Tree Rings Hold Pollinator Plants



Pollinator plants offer nectar and pollen to the bees and other pollinating insects. Over the next 18 months the BUF will create a pollinator pathway with educational signage that will provide pollen and nectar all year long. The first phase of the pathway includes 12 tree rings to provide food for the summer and fall.