



# Barrie's Garden Club Newsletter

## Cuttings

March 2018



### MARCH'S GUEST

#### SPEAKER:

**Brian Scott**

Innisfil Creek Honey

#### TOPIC:

*Beekeeping:  
Sweetness & Stings*



**March 6<sup>th</sup> 2018**

**@7:00pm**

**At the ANAF Club  
52 Morrow Rd.**

Innisfil Creek Honey is a family run Apiary located in Innisfil. They sell Beekeeping Supplies and Equipment and ship all over in Canada. The family work their hives and handle their bees, as well as harvest and bottle their own honey.

Check out their websites at:

[www.innisfilcreekhoney.com](http://www.innisfilcreekhoney.com)

[www.materiel-apicole.com](http://www.materiel-apicole.com)



**COMMON NAME:** Honeybee

**SCIENTIFIC NAME:** *Apis mellifera*

**TYPE:** Invertebrates

**DIET:** Herbivores

**GROUP NAME:** Colony, swarm

**AVERAGE LIFE SPAN IN THE**

**WILD:** Up to 5 years

**SIZE:** 0.4 to 0.6 in (workers)

Honeybee hives have long provided humans with honey and beeswax. Such commercial uses have spawned a large beekeeping industry, though many species still occur in the wild.

All honeybees are social and cooperative insects. A hive's inhabitants are generally divided into three types.

**Workers** (Female bees - Workers are the only bees that most people ever see.)

**The Queen** (lays the eggs that will spawn the hive's next generation of bees.)

**Drones** (Male bees)

Bees live on stored honey and pollen all winter, and cluster into a ball to conserve warmth. Larvae are fed from the stores during this season and, by spring, the hive is swarming with a new generation of bees.

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/animals/invertebrates/h/honeybee>



# Barrie Garden Club 2018 Photo Contest!

This year the following categories have been chosen for our annual Photo Contest!

The pictures can be sent anytime to Kim at: [kmsturje@gmail.com](mailto:kmsturje@gmail.com)

The photos will be judged and the winners announced at our awards meeting in December!

Fun Fungi - any pictures of mushrooms or fungus

Fiery Fall - pictures of local fall foliage

Precious Pinks - any pink flower or blossom in your garden

Scrumptious Succulents - indoors or out!

Perfect Pathways - the key to any garden, leading us to all of their delights!

Feathered Friends - any bird found in your garden or the environs!

## Growing Succulents Indoors

Our Canadian winters leave us craving green! An easy way to brighten our home in the winter is to try your hand at growing succulents!

Succulents like it dry, and everyone that has lived in a Canadian home in the winter can relate to a dry environment! But in the summer, you must let plants dry out thoroughly between watering (those pillow-like leaves hold moisture to use when they're growing in the desert) or move them out to a well drained area in your garden!

Here are some tips to get you started!

1. Give succulent plants as much sun as possible. They are desert plants and thrive in hot places with plenty of sunshine.
2. Try out different kinds of succulents. They're not all alike. Some will thrive in indoor conditions that others might not like.
3. Start with the green ones. The greener their leaves, the greater the chances that they'll survive inside. Pass up the gray ones, the blue ones, and the purple ones, and head straight for the bright green leaves. Part of the appeal is the variety of colors and shapes. But succulent plants in the purple and orange color family are really better suited for outdoor spaces. Instead of focusing on having a variety of color, look for green succulents in a variety of shapes!
4. If you prefer the cactus look, agave and aloe plants can also do surprisingly well indoors if placed in a bright window.
5. Give succulent plants room to breathe indoors. In outdoor settings, they can do well in crowded compositions, but in lower indoor light, it's best to space them apart so that a maximum amount of sunlight can reach them.
6. Planting succulents in unglazed plants can help them to drain completely and will prevent them from becoming waterlogged.



For more information, check out these sites!

<https://www.gardenista.com/posts/tips-for-growing-succulent-plants-indoors>

<https://www.drought-smart-plants.com/10-best-succulents-for-beginners.html>



## Honey Glazed Carrots ( [www.honey.com/recipes](http://www.honey.com/recipes) )

- 1 T butter or margarine
- 4 cups sliced carrots
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1/2 cup chicken broth
- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 1/2 tsp. minced orange zest
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. pepper



### DIRECTIONS

In large skillet over medium-high heat, melt butter. Add carrots and sauté for several minutes. Add honey, broth, orange juice and orange zest. Reduce heat to medium-low and simmer until carrots are cooked and liquid is thick. Season with salt and pepper.

## Honey Herb Dressing ( <http://www.beemaid.com> )

- 1/4 cup White wine vinegar
- 1/4 cup Bee Maid liquid honey
- 2 tbsp Chopped fresh basil or mint
- 1 tbsp Minced green onion
- Salt and Pepper to taste

### Directions

Combine all ingredients in small bowl; mix well.  
Makes 1/2 cup

