

NOVEMBER 2024



NEWSLETTER



Workshop 4 was a jam packed day at Government House. We started off at the tennis pavilion discussing swarms, swarm cells, queens, and all of the exciting adventures that we experience in Spring beekeeping. Dr Bob Newton joined us later in the morning to discuss anaphylaxis and how to use an EpiPen - with all of us having a chance to practice using one on ourselves. We then went into the sentinel/guardian hives, where Bob demonstrated how to do a varroa mite alcohol wash (don't worry if you missed this we will be doing this again....and again!) and Bettina led out a hive check on another hive, we even found a supersedure cell! As we headed back for lunch, author Mark Leech (Beekeeping at the End of the Earth) joined us to discuss sedentary beekeeping, planting for pollinators and the work he has done in Haiti selling honey to raise money for locals to build a bakery. Following lunch, Bettina led a garden tour which is absolutely stunning at this time of year - bees and flowers in full force! Thank you Bettina and Her Excellency the Honourable Barbara Baker AC Governor of Tasmania for hosting us.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE GALLERY



SHE WHO BECAME THE SUN



Handmark gallery in Hobart has just opened a stunning exhibition by Tasmanian artist, Mandy Renard. @mandy.renard.art, featuring our favourite insect and it is called "She Who Became The Sun";

Mandy's artwork is sublime and the combination of women beekeepers, bees and her distinctive style has created powerful images of women in our element.

As Mandy says:

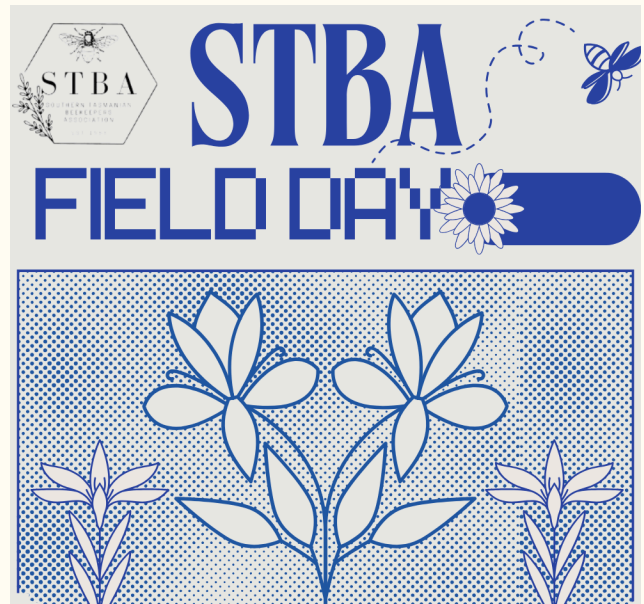
"A hive of ones own. We have come far since Virginia Woolf's 'A Room of Ones Own.' All around I see visionary, intelligent, benevolent Queens who nurture big ideas and grasp the hives complexity. Let's keep building these beautiful empires."

This exhibition is now open.



STBA FIELD DAY

Join fellow club members and Master Beekeepers on Sunday November 10 for the STBA Annual Field Day. There will be trade and market stalls, live hive demonstrations, a sausage sizzle, and an auction (including mated queens). The demonstrations will be led out by a number of hive leaders including Ash Newman, Sam Brown, Peter Norris, Bob Newton and Jenni McLeod. Tea Tree Hall from 9.30am, bring your bee suit and loose change for the BBQ and raffle.



NOVEMBER WORKSHOPS X2

Now we are in the middle of Spring, bee activity is high. This month, we are running back to back sessions so that you can have 2 days of bee learning, Day 1 (22nd November) will be at Tasmanian Pollination Services (TPS) in Richmond, where Queen Bee Ange will be teaching us all about raising queens. Day 2 (23 November) will be held at Rookwood estate and Sam Brown will be joining us to talk about nucs, how to make successful splits, before we head into the apiary to start requeening hives in the apiary. don't forget to book your space for [TPS](#) and [Rookwood](#) via these links.

EXTRACTION

As STBA members, Bee Queens can access the STBA honey extraction equipment for free. There are a number of kits across greater Hobart and the Eastern shore for you to borrow. It is recommended that you plan ahead and book the equipment, especially if you need to use it on the weekend. You have a choice of manual or electric extractors and they come with a hot knife, cappings bucket, settling tank and sieve. Manual extractor \$50 deposit, electric extractor \$100.

Kit No 1. Manual Extractor, located at Mt Nelson, managed by Keith Wooldridge 0427 618 918.

Kit No 2. Manual Extractor, managed by Heritage Honey, Derwent Park, 03 6200 9572

Kit No 3. Electric Extractor, managed by Louise Sales, Bridgewater, 0435 589 579.

Kit No 4. Electric Extractor, managed by Andrew Edwards, Lindisfarne, 0439 403 536

Kit No 5. Manual Extractor (benchtop unit), managed by Kathryn Kirk, Rosetta, 0437 962 898