

## 2022 Stahlman Beekeeping E-mail Notes Issue #48a

We had a good Thanksgiving Day and we are now looking forward to Christmas. Since I try to keep each issue current with the season, I have shared a bit of what I do for the Christmas season.

I check my bees as often as the weather allows. We have had some mild weather with bees getting a chance to fly a bit. Some pollen is coming in and Suzy Spencer a fellow beekeeper is collecting some of the pollen (yellow and white) to see where it is coming from. We have camellia (a winter blooming shrub) in bloom and it most likely is giving the bees something to work. I do appreciate working with Suzy who keeps me informed often of pollen sources. Bees will find pollen bearing plants anytime during the year if they can fly to find it.

This issue is about Christmas displays and Christmas gifting. I hope this gives you some ideas. When I am asked what I want for Christmas I suggest books that I would like to read!

The December 3rd issue is done. It is a delight for me when students I mentor stay in touch and share what they are doing. They are new to beekeeping and like many of you, they seek to gather information about bees. I welcome their willingness to share with you what they share with me! Cary Orange, now with two years of beekeeping under his belt, has sensors in his hives. He can tell me what is going on inside a hive on any given day. I still use the old methods -- I have to get out of my easy chair, physically walk out to the hive or hives, and guess at what is going on -- mostly just to determine that they are alive. He will share his experience with sensors with you.