



**WGC Membership Meeting  
Wellington Community Center  
Monday, January 8, 2024 at 9:30 AM**

**Speaker: Tom Peterson  
Peterson Farms Honey**

**Topic: Pollinators and Natural Habitats**

Tom Peterson is a dedicated beekeeper whose fascination with bees began during his formative years. Acquiring his first hive in 1973, he rapidly immersed himself in the world of apiculture, and by 1980, his passion had blossomed into 2500 thriving hives.

Though he sold his beekeeping business in 1990, his love for the bees never waned. In 2010, he reignited his calling, establishing an impressive 3500 hives that now span across Minnesota, Texas, and California. Alongside his son and five grandkids, Tom operates Peterson Farms Honey, a family endeavor reflecting his unwavering commitment to preserving natural habitats for pollinators.

In the early 2000s, Tom and his brother acquired 180 acres of farmland in Minnesota, dedicating themselves to restoring the area to its natural prairie state, ensuring a brighter future for bees and their ecosystems.