

October 2014

What you need to know

The Johnston County Beekeepers Association meets the third Monday of each month at 7:00pm at the Johnston County Agricultural Center
2736 NC 210 Hwy.,
Smithfield, NC.

Website: www.jacobee.org

Our website is a great resource for information, upcoming events and beekeeping help.

Officers for 2014:

President ~ Chip Braswell
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Boo Ya'll



Johnston County Beekeeper's Association
invites you to our

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Johnston County Beekeeper's Association Murder Mystery Party.

**You and guests are invited to
“Diagnosis of a Regicide”
(A beekeeping Murder Mystery Party)**

Date: Monday, October 20, 2014

Time: 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm

Location: Johnston County Agricultural Center (2736 NC Highway
210, Smithfield, NC 27577)

R.S.V.P.: To Amie Newsome before October 3rd

Call : [919-989-5486](tel:919-989-5486), Test: [919-915-1388](tel:919-915-1388), or
e-mail amie_newsome@ncsu.edu



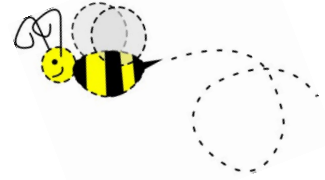
The goal of this event is to teach attendees more about honey bee diseases and pests in a fun and engaging manner.

When you call to register, please indicate how many people will be attending and of those attending how many would like to participate.

There will be prizes handed out for best-dressed, best actor / actress, most money obtained in playing, and for the person who first guesses correctly.

If you have questions please contact Amie Newsome.
RSVP before October 3rd if you are looking to get a character.
Spectators and non-players are welcome! (if you dare!)

Materials used for the evening events were purchased from
Dinner and a Murder Mystery. (<http://www.dinnerandamurder.com/>)



In and around the Bee Yard

This section is to highlight some considerations for your apiary this time of year. For specifics, it is suggested that you read, research, talk to other beekeepers as well as document what you do so you can refer back and decide what works best for you and your bees.

Honey Bee Activity:

Oh MY! Our winter season is here!

Do we have enough food stored????

Honey bees seasons are approx. 3 months ahead of ours.

Winter runs from mid October thru December!

Spring (build up) starts in January!

They need enough food stored to survive! Does your bees have enough food stored?

Beekeeper Duties:

October

Post-treatment assessment for varroa mites (Did your treatment work?).

Remove all queen excluders, if present.

Combine hives that are weak/have failing queens.

Feed thick (heavy 2:1) syrup, if needed, for winter food stores.

Limit frequency of inspections after mid-October: Bees are sealing cracks with propolis

Keep OUT! - Add entrance reducers near end of month to keep mice out.

Bye Boys! You're outta here! Drones are being expelled in most hives.

Set up your hives for winter: Brood should be in the bottom box...if not, may need to rearrange things.

Beekeeper Activities:

Attend club meeting and get involved.

-Go to the State Fair and eat everything!

- Keep records up to date

- Feed your bees and keep water sources filled

-Plan for next season, repair equipment, order bees, store supers etc.

What's Blooming this month?

Aster, Goldenrod and Ragweed. Sneeze!

For more information check out ncbeekeepers.org and the website's new look!



Important Dates, Events & Activities for 2014

Johnston County Beekeepers 2014 Program Agenda

(programs/speakers may be subject to change)

Oct 20th: A fun mystery program: Assassination of a Queen

Nov: 17th: Candle Making demo

Dec 15th: Annual Christmas Banquet



FYI...



Tom & Kim Underhill
Raleigh, NC

Big Oak Bee Farm is taking orders for
2015 Packages

For details and to reserve your package
contact:

bigoakbeefarm@gmail.com

Or call
919-272-4450



Reminders:

1. Johnston County Beekeepers Booth Set Up

Tuesday, October 14th Time: Morning

Theme: What does it take to get started in Beekeeping?

2. We need volunteers to help set up and take down our booth Monday, October 27th—Morning

Contact Amie Newsome for details: amie_newsome.ncsu.edu

North Carolina Beekeepers Association Honey Sales Booth

Thank you to all who signed up to help sell honey!

If you have forgot when you signed up to work, please contact
Kim Underhill at bigoakbeefarm@gmail.com for details.

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