

JCBA Officers 2015

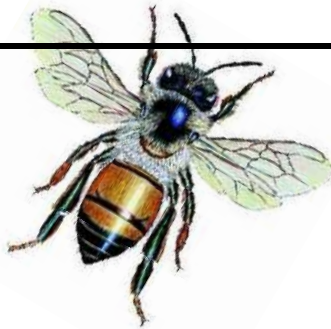
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Message from the President of the JCBA

In these times of change in the Johnston County Beekeepers Association I wanted to offer some brief thoughts on what we as beekeepers can do to keep our state and local associations growing and relevant to us and the local community.

The most significant change in the 9 year history of the JCBA happened last month with the resignation of Amie Newsome from her position as the Johnston County Extension Horticulture Agent. One of Amie's many contributions was public education about the importance of bees and beekeeping. I don't think many current members of the JCBA realized how much Amie was doing. We also do not know if the new extension agent will take on this duty as it is currently not in the job description for a county horticulture agent. Now the JCBA must try to fill this roll of coordinating presentations on bees and beekeeping to the local community. I feel the best way to try and fill this role is to have a public outreach committee with a chairperson to coordinate and pass along requests within our association for beekeeper presentations. If we could put together an email list of beekeepers willing to present programs related to bees and beekeeping I believe we could fill many requests.

Please consider contributing to this effort. More information will be available at the next monthly meeting.



Johnston County Beekeeper's 2015 Program Agenda

(programs/speakers may be subject to change)

Feb 16th:

Bailey Bee Supply - The latest & greatest gadgets in beekeeping

A message from Vice President, Ray Hunt:

These are the new contact cards for the Johnston County Beekeeper's Association. Contact Ray Hunt at jacobee@earthlink.net if you need additional cards to distribute to any beekeeping sales outlet, such as honey sales, equipment sales, sellers of bees, queens, and other bee related items in Johnston County and surrounding counties.

Membership is important because there is strength in numbers. As our organization and the State Association grows, our potential impact increases. We must create a strong organization of beekeepers throughout the state to ensure that the beekeeping industry can maintain and develop rules and legislation that preserves the resource of beekeepers for the benefit of agriculture and the economy of North Carolina.

Membership in the JCBA is an asset to the beekeeping industry as well as to individual members. County Associations are a valuable resource to learn about beekeeping as well as to network with other beekeepers in the area. We welcome beekeepers of all levels of experience and look forward to working with them to develop their level of operation and expertise to whatever level they may require.

If you are not already a member of our Association, we ask that you consider joining. Contact one of our current members if you need additional information about the JCBA.

If you are already a member, we ask that you keep your membership current and your contact information up to date. Ray Hunt is the current Membership Chairman of the JCBA, but it is the responsibility of each member to encourage new membership in our organization.

If you would like to assist in the development of new membership in the JCBA, contact Ray Hunt at jacobee@earthlink.net. Let's make 2015 the year that we doubled membership in the JCBA.



The N.C. Johnston County Beekeeper's Association meets the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 PM
Johnston County Agricultural Center
2736 NC 210 Hwy., Smithfield, NC
www.jacobee.org

A great resource for information, upcoming events and beekeeping help.

**If you have not already done so, please do!
Thank you!**



A printable [membership form](http://www.jocobee.org/membership/) (PDF) to join the Johnston County Beekeeper's Association can be located on our website. Copy and paste: <http://www.jocobee.org/membership/>

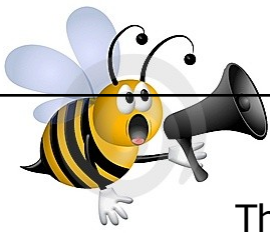
Please print out the form and bring it to our next meeting along with your check made out to: Johnston County Beekeepers.

Or you can mail your completed form to:
Johnston County Beekeepers
c/o Chris Stark
100 N. Sunset Ridge Drive
Willow Spring, NC 27592

Membership dues:

Individual memberships—\$10.00

Family memberships—\$15.00—Family members to be included



What you need to know

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March 16th: Artificial Swarming Techniques: Keeping your bees at home: Kim Underhill

April 20th: TBD

May 18th: Will Hicks – Apiary Inspection

June 15th: Dr. Tarpay– IMPORTANT—Webinar on Pesticide Re-labeling

July 17th: FRIDAY: Tour de Hive: Field Trip to Bayer Bee Care in Clayton, NC

August 17th: Mite Treatments up close and personal

Sept 21st : Master Beekeeper Charles Heatherly: Overwintering Hives

Oct 19th: TBD

Nov: 16th: Al Hildreth Making Mead—The nectar of the gods.

Dec 21st: Annual Christmas Banquet



Big Oak Bee Farm is now taking orders for spring packages.

Contact: Tom & Kim Underhill for details
919-272-4450

Farewell to our Queen!



Our very own Queen Bee, Amie Newsome, was offered a wonderful opportunity in Charlotte, NC with the NCSDA & CS. Our January program celebrated Amie and her dedication, loyalty and contribution to the Johnston County Beekeepers Association.

80 plus beekeepers came out to say their good-bye's with hugs, many tears and toasts.

We are very sad to see her go, just like losing your very favorite queen. We wish her well as she begins this new chapter in her life and career! No words or gift can express our appreciation for what Amie did for beekeeping across our state and beyond. Thank you Amie, we will miss you.

We love you Amie!



2015 NCSBA-SCBA Spring Conference Review

The Spring Meeting can be summed up in one word: **AWESOME!**

The feedback and comments included:

- "This was one of the best meetings I have attended in a long time. "
- "The speakers were incredible and the content of their lectures appealed to all levels of beekeeping experience. The information they shared was easily grasped and something you could take home and actually apply in your own bee yard. "
 - "WOW! The amount of knowledge in this room is incredible."
 - "If you missed this meeting, you missed out!"

The North Carolina State Beekeeper's Association (NCSBA) hosted the joint North Carolina and South Carolina Beekeepers Spring Conference in Monroe, NC at the Union County Cooperative Extension Center on **February 5, 6, & 7, 2015**. The theme for the conference was "Protecting Our Bees."

Guest speakers included:

- Kim Flottum, Editor, Bee Culture Magazine
- Dr. Keith Delaplane, Professor of Entomology, University of Georgia
- Jennifer Berry, Research Professional III, University of Georgia

-Presentation topics included: nutrition, basic rules of beekeeping, understanding the colony as a super-organism, keeping bees alive, and the importance of polyandry in beekeeping.

-The ever popular and informative "Ask the Experts" panel question and answer segment covered a vast array of topics.

-Workshops included topics: Beyond honey and wax processing, Bee and Hive Art, Queen Castles in the Apiary, among others, all which provided "take home" useful information.

-The NCSBA Executive Committee defined the Master Beekeeping Program as one of the primary focuses for the club this year. There will be changes made to improve the Master Beekeeping Program going forward including the input of data for testing, delivery of certificates and redefining acceptable public service credits for all levels.

All in all, there was much to be gleaned from this meeting and if you went home "empty" you were not listening.

2015 Summer Meeting is planned for July 9-11th at Lake Junaluska. Look for details coming soon on the NCSBA website: ncbeekeepers.org and plan to attend.

See you there!

Mark Your Calendar



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FESTIVAL



★ MAY 15-17, 2015 ★

 **NCSBA** NORTH CAROLINA STATE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

July 2015

NCSBA Summer Meeting: July 9-11th
Lake Junaluska

Conference & Retreat Center

Visit web: www.ncbeekeepers.org for more
details coming soon





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:

-February (Honey Bees)

Average Colony consumes about 25 pounds of food in February

If weather turns bad, a colony with small food reserves can quickly starve to death

- Their cluster has worked its way upward into the top deep brood chamber

Rearing Brood- By the middle of January, brood rearing begins again in preparation for Spring

-Sunlight & warmer weather will trigger the queen into laying a few more eggs each day

-Noticeable pollen flow under way, especially red maple-brood build-up intensifying

Red Maple Pollen color: gray to light green

-Minimal if any nectar available---most hives need feeding 1:1 syrup in most cases

Beekeeper Duties:

-Monitor food stores

-Check entrance, remove snow or debris

-Check for moisture build up: Check inside the top cover for moisture.

Equipment: Need equipment ready NOW! For spring honey flow.

Quickly check on the queen • Is she laying?

Do not linger long, as pulling frames can chill brood

Beekeeper Activities:

-Pay your Club & NCSBA dues for the year

-Repair/replace equipment if needed; move hives if needed; keep learning.

-During last half of February, consider adding super/hive body of wax *foundation* to allow bees to draw out more comb for spring. (**Feeding or nectar is required for this.**)

-Make plans now to attend the annual NCSBA Summer Meeting in July.

-Subscribe to American Bee Journal and Bee Culture

-Attend Beekeeping Club Meetings

-Call your State Bee Inspector and set an appointment for later in the year for them to come out and inspect your hive WITH YOU. - Great Learning experience!

-Implement a record keeping system and keep it up to date

-Have fun!

- Take your valentine out for dinner



Smile! You're on Candid Camera!



Mahonia Aquifolium (Oregon Grape Holly)

Bees were definitely getting nectar from Mahonia

Edgeworthia Chrysantha (Paperbush)

Edgeworthia was producing pollen



Photo's submitted by Chip Braswell
taken on February 8th, 2015.

Do you have photo's you would like to share?

Please do!

Send them to: bigoakbeefarm@gmail.com

Help Support the NCSU Apiculture Program

MAKE A DONATION

There are three means to donate to the Apiculture program.

- Donate online at the Apiculture Program website homepage. You can pay by credit card and the donation goes through the NCSU Agriculture Foundation. To donate this way, go to <http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/entomology/apiculture/> and click on the **large red "Make a Donation" button**. *Note: Donations made through the online system garner only a 5% overhead charge.*
- Donate directly to NC State's Apiculture Science fund as an unrestricted donation for the general support of research and extension programs. There are many research projects currently underway and are listed on the research and extension websites (http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/entomology/apiculture/research_projects.html).

Note: Donations made for research on a specific topic garner a 51.5% overhead charge deducted from donated funds. However, a "no strings attached" donation to the Apiculture Program general research program generally has most of the overhead fees waived (only 5% overhead charged) and this helps the donation go much farther. If you choose this option to donate, make sure to attach a letter with the donation stating your intention for the donation.

- Donate items to NCSBA for the Spring or Summer Conference Silent Auction. Proceeds from this auction will go to the NCSBA Apiculture Science fund. The monies are held in the NCSBA account until needed. When the need arises among students in the NCSU Apiculture program and there are sufficient available, Dr. Tarpy has the student(s) write a short grant to the NCSBA.



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