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Meeting Information & Agenda

- ✓ For the September meeting 9/18/17 @ 7pm. Al will be discussing "Getting Ready for Winter".
- ✓ If anyone said they want a cookbook, please bring \$20 to pay for it after our meeting, cookbooks will be sold 1st Come, 1st Serve.
- ✓ There will be a chance to get a grant for beekeeping equipment from the State of NC www.ncbeekeepers.org/north-carolina-beehive-grant-fund Must be a NC Certified Beekeeper.
- ✓ If you are interested in NCSBA MBP Certification, please go ahead and get your NCSBA membership www.ncbeekeepers.org/membership/join-or-renew-now
- ✓ NCSBA looking for volunteers to help sell at NCSBA honey booth: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c49adab2caof49-ncsba1>
- ✓ Register for bee and honey competition for 2017 NC State Fair. Deadline 9/15 @ 11:59pm

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Businesses and Services

Businesses and Services offered by JCBA are listed on our website at [\(click here\)](#)

NC State Fair Bees & Honey Competition

DEADLINE TONIGHT! 9/15 11:59pm!

Today is your last chance to enter the NC State Fair! If you are even thinking about making something, go ahead and enter. You still have several weeks to actually make it or get it together. The fair is one of our better ways of showing the public and government that beekeeping is big and active in NC so we want to be well represented! This year they've even expanded the honey variety categories and ADDED A BEE-THEMED CRAFTS section. I've seen some amazing things in the club booths, so I can't wait to see what people enter now that there is an actual class for this stuff!!!

Have a story? Would you like to be featured in the newsletter?

Please submit your request to Newsletter@jacobee.org

Native Plants for Bees!

Link for native plants good for bees ([click here](#))

Like us on social media 

This Month's Bee Tips!

From: Nancy Ruppert, Apiary Inspector, NCDA & CS

September

- ☑ Continue measures for pest control; if hives exposed to but not sickened by American foulbrood, apply treatment to prevent full-blown disease. Varroa control should be completed by end of month!!
- ☑ May feed thin (1:1 or more diluted) sugar syrup for 2-3 weeks to stimulate queen laying---builds up winter population---but by last week of September, begin feeding thicker (2:1) syrup for winter stores, although thicker syrup may not be necessary if >3 supers of honey left on hive and/or heavy fall nectar flow.
- ☑ Consider Nosema assessment/treatment.
- ☑ Combine colonies later in the month if weak and/or have failing queens.
- ☑ Should have brood in bottom box☑ if not, may need to rearrange things.

NC State Fair Bees & Honey Competition

The 2017 State Fair runs from Oct. 12 – 22. They are accepting entries for the competition online until 11:59 on September 15th. If you want to enter by paper, it must be postmarked by 5 pm or hand-delivered by 4 pm on September 15th. Here is a link to register online as well as read the rules:

<http://www.ncstatefair.org/2017/Competitions/Entering/BeeandHoneyCompetition.html>

JCBA has been invited to put up a booth for competition. Please come to our meeting with some ideas about a theme. It shows our support of the NCDA and NCSU Apiculture folks.

North American Mite-A-Thon will take place on September 16, 2017 and all beekeepers are invited to help!

This will be the first annual Mite-a-thon.

Sponsored by the Pollinator Partnership, and many other honey bee-dependent companies, organizations, and universities. This is an effort to collect information from beekeepers during the timeframe September 9 through September 16th. By participating, you will be helping the study to determine how varroa populations are distributed through north America. At the same time, you should be

doing a fall mite count to determine if treatment is necessary. This way, you get two tasks done at once.

For more information visit:

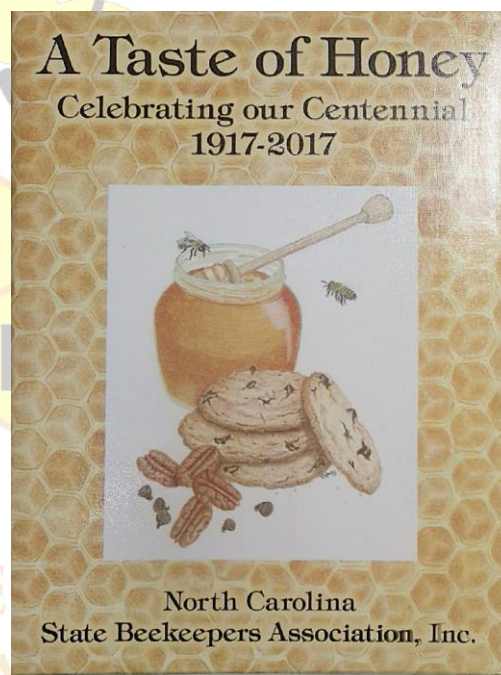
<http://www.pollinator.org/miteathon>

For information on methods to check mite count:

<http://honeybeehealthcoalition.org/varroa/>

NC State Beekeepers Association Centennial Cookbooks are here!

Our club pre-purchased 20 books for club member to purchase. We had 8 people sign up before the purchase, but we believe more members will want a 100th Anniversary Cookbook. They are \$20 each and the profits from the book help fund the planned NC State Apiary Lab in Raleigh. It's a state of the art facility that is well-needed by the school.



Sneezing? Don't Blame Goldenrod!

Did you know that throughout North America, there are more than 100 different varieties of goldenrod? This member of the daisy family tends to appear in all its bright yellow glory in abandoned fields, along roadsides, and anywhere else it can grow undisturbed. The multitudes of golden blooms appear in the late summer and throughout fall, adding their rich color to the landscape, and attracting many beneficial insects.

Although this herb (yes, it's technically an herb!) is sometimes considered a nuisance weed by gardeners, and is commonly (and mistakenly) blamed for seasonal allergies. It

blooms at the same time as ragweed, which the real culprit behind hay fever. So if you're sneezing this time of year, don't blame goldenrod!

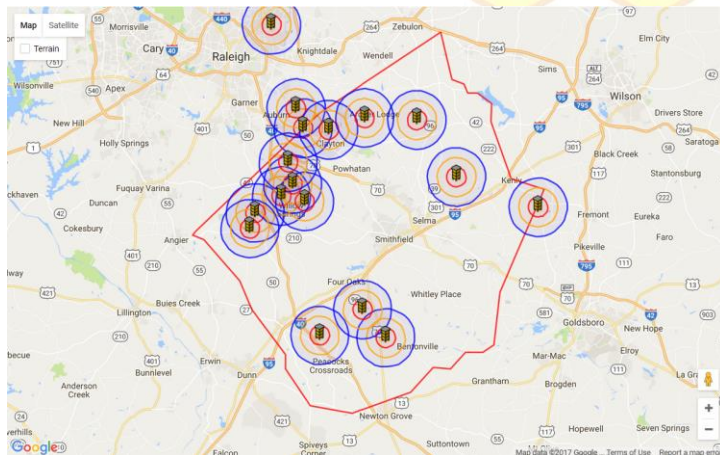
Goldenrod actually has a variety of uses, and there are many myths and legends surrounding it. People have used it to make dye, as a cure-all, and even as a good luck charm. In fact, during the American Revolution, when colonists ran out of British tea, they made a beverage – called Liberty Tea – from goldenrod.

[\(full-article read more\)](#)

Hive Map

Hey members, if you have not already. Let the webmaster@jacobee.org or at the monthly meeting let me know the address you would like to have show up on the member hive map. It's fun to see how close other beekeepers are to your bee yard as well as bee saturation in your area in addition to how many drones might be mating with your newly hatched queen!

We take privacy in mind! So your address is not displayed or your exact location only a small radius is displayed. I encourage you to get on the map. Talk to the board or your fellow members to find out more. The Hive map is located online (not open to the public) behind a members only password section at <http://www.jacobee.org/members-area/hive-map/>



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