
NEWSLETTER OF THE GUILFORD COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

A LOCAL CHAPTER OF THE NORTH CAROLINA BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Norman Faircloth, the editor of our newsletter, is taking a break from editorial duties. This edition of the newsletter is our effort to keep the membership informed in his absence. We are also looking for a volunteer or volunteers to help with the production of the newsletter.

- MEETINGS & PROGRAMS

July 14 @6:30PM—Cook-out meeting.

Get a hot dog and a hamburger for \$2.00. You bring side dishes/desserts to share and the club furnishes hamburgers, hotdogs and the fixings to go with them. Patrick Jones of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture will be speaking about the programs the NCDA is starting to protect honey bees in North Carolina.

August 11 @7:00PM...no meal –Lewis Cauble of the Orange County Beekeepers Association and the NCSBA will be speaking about varroa mite control.

September 8 @6:30PM....covered dish meal (bring your main dish, side dish or dessert contribution)—topic of presentation to be determined.

**NCSBA SUMMER MEETING JULY 9, 10, 11, 2015
HAYWOOD COUNTY, LAKE JUNALUSKA CONFERENCE
CENTER**

The summer meeting of the North Carolina State Beekeepers Association will be held at the Lake Junaluska Conference Center (710

North Shore Drive, Lake Junaluska, NC) July 9-11, 2015. Details of the conference and an online registration form are available at-

www.ncbeekeepers.org/education/statewide-conferences/2015-ncsba-summer-conference/

NATIONAL HONEY BEE DAY-AUGUST 22, 2015

The Guilford County Master Gardener volunteers and the GCBA are teaming up again for a free, family friendly celebration of the honey bee in the gardens at the Agricultural Extension offices (3309 Burlington Road, Greensboro, NC—behind the building where we meet). There will be activities for the children as well as educational stations with an observation hive, beekeeping equipment, extracting equipment, and information about planting for honey bees. We will also have honey tasting. Please spread the word to family, friends, and people who may be interested in bees and/or beekeeping.

CERTIFIED BEEKEEPER PROGRAM IS UP AND RUNNING

The North Carolina State Beekeepers Association has an operating system for entering the results of the written portion of the certified beekeeping examination and storing the results until the beekeeper takes and passes the practical portion of the examination. This is the first time since North Carolina State University stopped administering the program that results may be sent to a central location. Beekeepers who have taken and passed the written portion of the certified beekeeper examination may take the practical exam at the NCSBA statewide meetings, and members of the Guilford County Beekeepers Association may contact Rob Jacobs (robertjjacobs@aol.com or 336 740-1703) to take the practical exam in their own local bee hives.

GCBA has entered the passing written exam results for the 2014 beginner class and for the 2015 beginner class.

Beekeepers must be a current member of the NCSBA to participate in the master beekeeper program and to have results of certified

examinations uploaded to the NCSBA. If you have taken the certified written examination at GCBA between 2011 & 2014, and wish to have your results uploaded, please contact Rob Jacobs with your NCSBA membership number.

EPIPEN ZERO DOLLAR CO-PAY PROGRAM FOR 2015 & ONLINE EPIPEN TRAINING

Our June meeting featured a presentation about normal and allergic reactions to bee stings, and the use of EpiPens in life threatening circumstances. EpiPens require a prescription. People with a prescription and with private health insurance may qualify for the \$0 Co-Pay program for 2015. Information and sign up for the program can be found at <https://www.activatethecard.com/epipen/>

The American Red Cross offers an online instruction and certification course for administering the epipen. The program involves watching an instructional video, taking an online examination, and the payment of a modest fee (\$20.00) for the certification. The link to the Red Cross notification for the course is <http://www.redcross.org/news/article/mi/grand-rapids/Red-Cross-Releases-Online-Course-on-Severe-Allergic-Reactions>

While taking the course and getting the certification does not automatically give the legal authority to administer an EpiPen to someone suffering a severe allergic reaction, it will provide the fundamental skills to permit the effective use of the device in life threatening situations.

MORE WAYS TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH GUILFORD BEEKEEPERS

In addition to our website/blog at www.guilfordbeekeepers.org , Donna Wallace is managing our Facebook page, and Jamie Firth is managing our Twitter page. Look for them all and stay in touch.