



WAKE COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

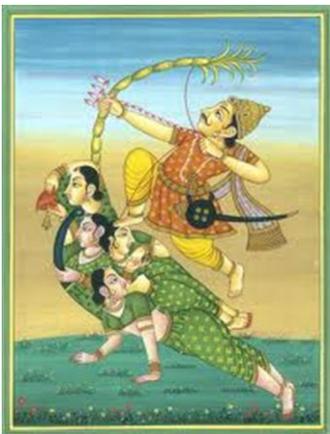
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February Meeting:
Tuesday, February 14th,
2012 at 7:30 pm

LOCATION:
Wake County Cooperative
Building -
4011 Carya Drive
Raleigh, NC 27610

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What does this picture have to do with February and bees?

Updates and Reminders

-  February Meeting:
February 14th, 2012 at 7:30 pm
LOCATION FOR MEETING:
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- The January meeting elected new WCBA officers and board member. Our guest speaker was Dr. John Ambrose, Ph. D. from NC State University. He presented a resolution for us to send to the State Agriculture Department requesting that they remove mislabeled honey from Farmers Market operated by the State and that they adopt a standard of identity for honey. This resolution was passed unanimously by the WCBA and signed by the president.
- Hats and shirts are still for sale; contact Ricky Barbour if you would like to purchase them.
- You can pay your WCBA and NCSBA membership dues at the February meeting. Please see Treasurer, Neil Woodcock.
- Volunteers are always needed at the Asheboro Zoo honey bee exhibit. Volunteers are allowed to sell honey while they are working the exhibit. Training will be provided for volunteers so beekeepers of knowledge levels are encouraged. For more information on volunteering please contact Judy Pick JimJudy9@aol.com or Janno Lewis jpdaniel@embarqmail.com.
- The WCBA will no longer renew member subscriptions in 2012 to the American Bee Journal and Bee Culture magazines. Members will still receive a discount to the magazines but will need to renew on their own for the New Year. If you have questions about this speak with the Treasurer, Dan Brubaker at the January meeting.
- Membership renewals will be emailed / mailed out by the newly elected 2012 officers in February. Stay tuned for updates in February after the election has been held.

2011 WCBA Officers:**President:**

Andy Currin

Vice President:

Steve Brown

Secretary:

Gordon Goeking

Treasurer:

Neil Woodcock

Program Chairman:

Raymond Goodman

Board of Directors:

Vivian Joyner

To serve 2 years

Danny Jaynes

To serve 1 year

Larry Williams

To serve 3 years

Education Materials:

Ben Crawley

WCBA officer contact information can be found on the WCBA website:

www.wakecountybeekeepers.org

Location of Club**Extractors & Equipment:**

The club owns equipment that is available for members to borrow. Please contact the following people for equipment:

Steve Hildebrand:

Knightdale 919-266-

9464; Vivian Joyner: New

Hill 919-387-0164;

James Knox: Raleigh

919-847-5098; Larry Hall:

Central Wake 919-612-

4499. See complete list

on the WCBA website.

Current NCSBA Events

- Check the NCBSA website for detailed information on these events: <http://www.ncbeekeepers.org/news.htm>
- **NCSBA Spring Meeting:**
 - **March 9-10, 2012** -- Morganton, NC

For February: Something to ponder**Cupid and the Bee**

Cupid once upon a bed
 Of roses laid his weary head;
 Luckless urchin, not to see
 Within the leaves a slumbering bee!
 The bee awak'd—with anger wild
 The bee awak'd, and stung the child.
 Loud and piteous are his cries;
 To Venus quick he runs, he flies;
 "Oh mother!—I am wounded through—
 I die with pain—in sooth I do!
 Stung by some little angry thing,
 Some serpent on a tiny wing—
 A bee it was—for once, I know
 I heard a rustic call it so."
 Thus he spoke, and she the while
 Heard him with a soothing smile;
 Then said, "My infant, if so much
 Thou feel the little wild-bee's touch,
 How must the heart, ah, Cupid! be,
 The hapless heart that's stung by thee!"

-Thomas Moore

From the book, *Myths of Old Greece* by William Adams, 1900 (courtesy of Joe Waggle via BEE-L)

New Officers and Board Member Approved

The Nominating Committee Report was presented at the January meeting by James Know and was approved by the members present.

The following officers were elected to office for the year 2012:

- Andy Currin, President
- Steve Brown, Vice President
- Gordon Goeking, Secretary
- Neil Woodcock, Treasurer
- Raymond Goodman, Program Director

In addition to the above officers, Larry Williams was elected to serve a 3 year term on the Board of Directors. He will join Danny Jayne, 1 year remaining and Vivian Joyner, 2 years remaining. Jim Wright has agreed to continue in the appointive position as webmaster.

We would like to thank the nominating committee for coming up with great candidates for the WCBA. The nominating committee members this year were Charles Heatherly, James Knox, and Steve Hildebrand.

We still need the following volunteers:

- 2 committee members to help with Program Director
- A person with experience in Data Base Management to work on the membership data base.
- A Librarian



*In many cultures there
were connections
between love and honey
bees as well as between
honey and love! Make
sure you say something
sweet to your valentine!*

Resolution presented by Dr. John T. Ambrose and passed by the WCBA at the January 2012 meeting:

Whereas, honey bees are essential to the North Carolina agricultural economy, and
Whereas, honey produced by North Carolina's some 10,000 beekeepers provides an important source of their income, and
Whereas, the value of honey bee pollination to North Carolina agriculture crops is estimated at nearly \$200 million annually, and
Whereas, honey bee pollination is essential for one third of all the food crops we eat, and
Whereas, in order for honey to continue to be an important food product, it is important that consumers trust the quality of honey products they buy, and
Whereas, to promote and protect the quality of honey sold, the North Carolina State Beekeepers Association (NCSBA), in cooperation with the North Carolina Farm Bureau and the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (NCDACS) spent a year developing a standard of identity for honey, and
Whereas, a standard of identity for honey is important in that it gives confidence to consumers that when they buy a product labeled honey in North Carolina, they can be assured it is just that, pure honey, nothing less, and
Whereas, to enforce the honey standard the North Carolina State Beekeepers Association was asked to create a Honey Board to investigate complaints and potential violations of the honey standard, and to report potential violations to the Food and Drug Division of the NCDACS, and
Whereas, the NCSBA has identified a significant violation of the honey standard by a vendor operating as Smokey Mountain Honey House with his base of operations on the premises of the Asheville Farmers' Market, a facility funded and owned by the citizens of North Carolina, and
Whereas, products by Smokey Mountain Honey House are distributed widely throughout North Carolina; the three samples tested as part of this investigation were purchased at the Raleigh Farmers' Market, and
Whereas, in September of 2011, three products labeled as "Pure Sourwood Honey," marketed by the Smokey Mountain Honey House were purchased at the Raleigh Farmers' Market, and
Whereas, these products when tested by the Palynology Lab at Texas A&M University were found to have zero content of sourwood pollen. One sample tested 87% basswood pollen, a second sample tested 75% holly pollen and a third sample tested zero pollen content of any kind. Under the criteria of the honey standard, to be labeled as to a specific floral source, honey must contain a pollen count of at least 51% matching the labeled honey, and
Whereas, sourwood honey is considered to be a premium product and thereby commands a premium price while ultra filtered honey with pollen removed is used primarily as a baking sweetener and when properly labeled sells for only a fraction of what premium honey brings, and
Whereas, the Texas A&M Palynology Research Laboratory is a highly respected and nationally acclaimed lab. Among its diverse clients are: the CIA, FBI, U.S. Homeland Security Department, the Federal Drug Administration and most state departments of agriculture, now therefore
Be it Resolved by the Wake County Beekeepers Association, that the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services remove from its premises all mis-labeled products by Smokey Mountain Honey House and those of any vendor found to be mis-labeling honey, and
Be it Further Resolved that the Department ban the sale of honey found to be mis-labeled as to its floral source at all Farmers Markets operated by the Department, and
Be it Further Resolved that the North Carolina Board of Agriculture adopt a standard of identity for honey.

Date: January 10, 2012 Signed: Andrew S. Currin
President Wake County Beekeepers Association

2012 Registration Renewal form for WCBA and NCSBA

Make checks out to: *Wake County Beekeepers Association*
Mail payment and registration form to the WCBA Treasurer:

Neil Woodcock
1520 Wescott Drive
Raleigh, NC 27614

Complete the registration form below (fill out separate form for each person renewing):

Wake County Beekeepers Association Annual Dues: \$10.00

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Number of beehives: _____

Email: _____ County of Residence: _____

Is this a new address/phone number/e-mail? (Check one) YES NO

Please list any expertise that would be useful to the Association (CPA, computer, web, media, etc.):

Do you wish to receive all correspondence from the WCBA through email?
(Check one) YES NO

NC State Beekeepers Association Annual Dues: \$15.00 Annual Commercial Dues: \$30.00

New Member? Yes No Member #: _____

BEE BUZZ	Receive via Post Office Mail (M_BUZZ)	Yes	No
	Receive via e-mail (E-BUZZ)	Yes	No

EDUCATIONAL EMAILS	Do you want to receive via e-mail?	Yes	No
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SOLICITATION EMAILS	Do you want to receive via e-mail?	Yes	No
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Total Amount enclosed for WCBA and NCSBA: \$ _____

February in the Bee Yard

The first hive examination can usually be made in late February. Select a bright sunny day with calm winds and a temperature of at least 60°F. This first check should be kept brief so that the brood will not be chilled. The following items should be checked during the month of February:

1) **Hive Ventilation:** If moisture is found during this check put slightly larger spacers on the topside of the inner cover.

2) **Evaluation of Food Stores:** If your bees are still clustered in the brood chamber and the super is still mostly full of honey then you should be ok. If your bees are clustered in the top super check and make sure they have at least 15 pounds of honey in storage. If they do not have adequate food storage, begin feeding them sugar syrup (for spring, mix one part sugar and one part hot tap water).

3) **Check for brood and bees:** Remove the frames until you begin to see bees. Then check for eggs or brood. If you see eggs or brood the queen is alive and laying. If you do not combine your weak hive with a strong hive or re-queen.

Information from: The Alamance County Beekeepers Association - <http://alamancebeekeepers.com/feb06asn>



This tells the story of Cupid, the god of love, who ran to his mother Venus, vainly trying to escape a swarm of bees whose honeycomb he had stolen




Check the [WCBA WEBSITE](http://www.wakecountybeekeepers.org) for up to date information:
www.wakecountybeekeepers.org

ATTENTION MEMBERS:

Remember to bring and wear your name tag to each meeting so we can easily identify one another.

Check off your name on the attendance sheet so we can track membership attendance.

We would also like Visitor's to check in and fill out a name badge.

