



# WAKE COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

[www.wakecountybeekeepers.org](http://www.wakecountybeekeepers.org)

**November Meeting:**  
Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>,  
2011 at 7:30 pm  
[Note this is the 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Tuesday in Nov.]


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

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## Updates and Reminders

-  **Meeting Dates through the Year End:**
  - November Meeting: November 15<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, 7:30 pm  
**LOCATION FOR MEETING:**  
**Wake County Cooperative Building - 4011 Carya Drive Raleigh, NC 27610**
  - December Meeting: Holiday Pig Pickin' December 13<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, 6:30 pm  
**LOCATION FOR MEETING:**  
**Wake County Cooperative Building - 4011 Carya Drive Raleigh, NC 27610**
- Hats and shirts are still for sale; contact Ricky Barbour to purchase them.
- If you have not picked up your WCBA or NCSBA memberships please see Treasurer, Dan Brubaker at the November meeting.
- 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](mailto:JimJudy9@aol.com) or Janno Lewis [jpdaniel@embarqmail.com](mailto:jpdaniel@embarqmail.com)

**2011 WCBA Officers:**

**President:**  
Ricky Barbour

**Vice President:**  
Andy Currin

**Secretary:**  
Sarah Pleasants

**Treasurer:**  
Dan Brubaker

**Program Chairman:**  
Kate Hanser

**Board of Directors:**  
Vivian Joyner  
To serve 3 years  
Marvin Pate  
To serve 1 year  
Danny Jaynes  
To serve 2 years

**Education Materials:**  
Ben Crawley

WCBA officer contact information can be found on the WCBA website:  
[www.wakecountybeekeepers.org](http://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>
- To view the fair entry winners visit:  
<http://www.ncstatefair.org/2011/Competitions/WinnerSearch/winnerdisplay.asp>

### Great Jobs Available with the WCBA!

The Wake Beekeepers Association needs a few good men and women to step up to leadership positions in our Chapter. The continued excellence of our programs, schools and other contributions to beekeeping depends upon good volunteer leadership. Please contact the Nominating Committee if you are willing to serve or if you would like to nominate someone. Contact: Charles Heatherly, James Knox, Steve Hildebrand at our monthly meeting.



## NC State Fair 2011 – Love A Fair

The 2011 NC State fair brought many ribbon winners from WCBA members!



Danny reported that the NCSBA sold out of all the honey they had to sell on the last Saturday of the fair.

A special thanks should be given to Eleanor Silver for heading up the committee that resulted in WCBA winning the Sweepstakes Award for 2011. The theme for this year's booth was "Bee" A Good Neighbor. The theme displayed how humans, bees and flowers all benefit from one another. Thanks to all those who submitted their entries for our booth.

### Wake County Beekeepers Display Booth-Sweepstakes Awards

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Place Blue Ribbon Winners

Deep Comb for Extracting- James Knox  
 Gift Basket of Bee Products – Sarah Pleasants  
 Pure Beeswax Single Block – Danny Jaynes  
 Display of Pure Beeswax Products – Mary Jaynes  
 Novelty Items containing Beeswax – Mary Jaynes  
 Cosmetics Items containing Beeswax – Mary Jaynes

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Red Ribbon Winners

Wake County Beekeepers Display Booth  
 3 Sections of cut comb honey in containers – Larry Williams  
 Observation Hive with Honey Bees – Steve Hildebrand

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Place White Ribbon Winners

3 jars of Creamed Honey – Sarah Pleasants  
 Extracted Honey 50 pounds – Danny Jaynes  
 Non – Carbonated Dry Mead – Ricky Barbour  
 Non – Carbonated Sweet Mead – Shannon Hughes  
 Mead with Fruit – Ricky Barbour  
 Thanks for the Mead Making demonstration



#### Other Entries were submitted by:

Eleanor Silver, Diane Saunders, Al Pleasants, Larry Williams, Shannon Hughes, Scott Myers and Danny Jaynes.

### State Fair Honey Sales Volunteers

Thanks to all WCBA volunteers. Many of these worked two and three days: Eleanor Silver, Dennis Carter, Rick Bordeaux, Steve Hildebrand, Thomas Morris, David Hargrove, Edward Jordon, Gordon Goeking, Margie Gurganus, Julie Gauthier and Garrett, Charlie, Cindy and Carrie Williford, Liz Edwards, Ken Cobb, Jim Cook, Melanie Savarda, Anne Smith, and Charles Heatherly. Volunteers from other counties were: Morton Matherny (Chatham County), Randy Boone and Frank Kissell (Montgomery County), and Paul & Cheryl Newbold (Neuse River Regional).



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

## November in the Bee Yard



Heft your hives and make sure the bees have enough honey to eat through the winter. If the hives feel light and are in need of food, make sure to feed your bees a thick sugar water mixture. The ratio of sugar to water for the winter should be a two part sugar to one part water mixture.

To make a thick mixture, fill your container to the half way mark with water. Pour the water into a pan to place on stove to warm up or boil. Completely fill your

container with sugar. Add sugar to hot water and stir. Hot or boiling water will help to dissolve the sugar better. Allow mixture to cool before feeding your bees.

The hive activity will begin to slow down as the bees prepare for fall. Check that the queen and colony is in good health as the fall season approaches.

Put an entrance reducer on the colony to prevent to keep unwanted critters out of the hive.

Raise the inner cover 1/8 of an inch to provide upward ventilation. This can be done by inserting small sticks or

shims on the top side of the inner cover to prop up the top cover.

If using a queen excluder, remove the excluder to make sure the queen can move up with the colony to reach the honey stores in the supers above.

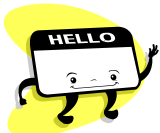
Information derived in part from the Alamance County Beekeepers Association:  
<http://alamancebeekeepers.com/nov06.aspx>.

### 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.



### Honey Tasting in November:

Last year's honey tasting went so well that we're going to do it again!

Save your favorite bottle of honey and bring it to Kate Hanser, program chair for our honey tasting in November.

If you traveled over the summer pick up a bottle from the city you visited and share that with the group too!

Any and all honey entries are encouraged for the tasting.