



# WAKE COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

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

**November Meeting:**  
Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>,  
2012 at 7:30 pm


**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 13<sup>th</sup>,  
Tuesday, 7:30 pm

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Wake County Cooperative Building - 4011**

Carya Drive  
Raleigh, NC 27610

- December Meeting:  
Holiday Dinner  
December 11<sup>th</sup>,  
Tuesday, 6:30 pm.  
Ham and Turkey will be provided.

Members should bring **LOCATION FOR MEETING:  
Wake County Cooperative Building - 4011**  
Carya Drive  
Raleigh, NC 27610

- In the October meeting the treasurer's report was that we had \$8,846.34 in the bank and uncounted proceeds from raffle sales tonight. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as published.

The raffle winners were announced as follows:

**Nine Frame Extractor**

Scott Levy – Ticket # 0769

**Uncapping tank and electric knife**

Jill Currin – Ticket # 0510

**Bottling kit with filters**

Thomas Morris – Ticket # 0404

- **Our October program:** We had an excellent talk by the founders of Hive Tracks. They presented an overview of how to use this free software package
- If you have not picked up your WCBA or NCSBA memberships please see Treasurer, Neil Woodcock 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)

**2012 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](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; Ron Nickels: Apex

919-961-8032; 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 NCSBA website for detailed information on these events:  
<http://www.ncbeekeepers.org/news.htm>

**WCBA is Selling NUCs for April 2013 Delivery!**

Please find attached the Nuc order form for 2013. We have ordered some Nucs for the club membership to purchase for Spring 2013 delivery. The attached form describes the ordering process. If you have questions about the process, please contact Neil Woodcock or Gordon Goeking. It is estimated that the Nucs will be delivered during the first half of April 2013.



2013 Order Form for  
Nucs.pdf

**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: James Knox at our monthly meeting.



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**News from the past month on bees:**

- **TOWN OF CARY BEE ORDINANCE:** Town of Cary has passed the ordinance for keeping bees within the town limits. Thanks to everyone for their assistance. The accessory use permit form can be found at the link below: [http://www.townofcary.org/Departments/Planning\\_Department/Forms.htm](http://www.townofcary.org/Departments/Planning_Department/Forms.htm)
- **NEWS AND OBSERVER ARTICLE October 21:** NCSU Study shows rising rates for rent-a-bees. Link is below; <http://www.newsobserver.com/2012/10/21/2419640/rising-rates-for-rent-a-bees.html>
- **M&M-loving bees make blue and green honey**

<http://www.foxnews.com/science/2012/10/05/mm-loving-bees-make-colorful-honey/?test=latestnews>



- **How bees decide what to be:** <http://scienceblog.com/56618/how-bees-decide-what-to-be/>

**2012 NC State Fair: follow the link to see winners of the bee competitions:** [Winners of 2012 State Fair Bee Competitions](#)



## 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>.



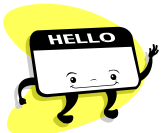
Check the **WCBA WEBSITE** for up to date information:  
[www.wakecountybeekeepers.org](http://www.wakecountybeekeepers.org)

### 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.



### 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 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.