

Speakers for 2017

Feb 20 - Jon Christie, who has run a large apiary, presents “Coming Out of Winter” about managing your hives as the bees transition from winter to spring.

March 20 – Sarah Eshan McKinney, beekeeper, educator, & owner of Wild Mountain Bee Supply, discusses swarm control, plus how to install nucs and packages of bees.

April 17 – Lewis Cauble, the State Bee Inspector for WNC, talks about a springtime issue with bees.

May 15 – Jeff Lowe, our esteemed Club president, demonstrates “The Beehive 101”-- knowing the equipment and tools of beekeeping.

June 19 – Carl Chesnick, a no-treatment beekeeper with the Center for Honeybee Research, shares a program for uploading beekeeper information and collecting data.

July 17 – Movie night, title to be announced later, and a short program about preparing your honey for competition.

Aug 21 – Picnic potluck and hands-on Club hive demonstration.

Sept 18 – Honey **tasting** contest.

Oct 16 – TBA



Why become a member?

Our meetings are always free and open to anyone who is interested in learning about beekeeping and connecting with other beekeepers in the area.

Members get an added benefit of using some of Madison County Bee club tools on hand, such as:

- club honey extractor
- honey bucket with sieves
- hot knife
- refractometer
- library resources

Your \$10 yearly dues are used to help offset the traveling costs of our speakers, some of whom travel far distances to come to our meetings. We are also able to purchase more expensive tools that our members can use and we support new beekeepers through 4H and international programs.

To borrow honey equipment:

The Madison County Cooperative Extension office has kindly agreed to manage the process for borrowing equipment. It should all be thoroughly cleaned before returning it to the extension office.

For more information:
Please contact the Madison County Extension Office at 828-649-2411.

Club Library

Our current selection of books are:

- *Beekeeper's Bible*, Jones & Sweeney
- *Increase Essentials*, Connors
- *Wisdom of the Hive*, Seely
- *Top Bar Beekeeping*, Harrell & Crowder
- *Honey Handbook*
- *ABC and XYZ of Beekeeping*, Root & Root, encyclopedia of bees
- *Natural Beekeeping: Organic Approaches to Modern Apiculture*, Conrad
- *Beekeeper's Handbook*
- *Backyard Beekeeper*, Flotten.
- *From Where I Sit*, essays on bees

The library is here to serve our members. To check out a book, please contact the Extension office, where our library is located. Books may be checked out for one month.

NC Master Beekeepers Program

The North Carolina State Beekeepers Association (NCSBA) runs a master beekeepers program for North Carolina. This is an opportunity to improve beekeeper skills and knowledge leading to being a certified beekeeper: The 4 levels:

- Certified beginner
- Journeyman
- Master
- Master Craftsman

The program is offered to all NC residents who are member of NCSBA. Testing, certification, and record keeping is all done through NCSBA. For more information, visit:

www.ncbeekeepers.org/

2017 Madison County Officers:

President: Jeff Lowe

Vice President: Barry Cooper

Treasurer: Ralph Rognstad

Secretary: Pat Momich



Madison County Beekeepers Association is a chapter of the North Carolina State Beekeepers Association serving apiarists in Madison County.

We meet the 3rd Monday of each month, excluding November through January. The meeting begins at 6:00 pm—bring a snack or dessert to share and enjoy a time to ask questions and discuss bee issues. A formal presentation follows at 6:30 pm.

Meetings are held at the Madison County Cooperative Extension building in Marshall, N.C.

Website:

Biology.mhu.edu/madbeekeepers/

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**Every 3rd Monday
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**6:00 Dessert & discuss
6:30 Program & Meeting**

**at the
Madison County Cooperative
Extension Building**

**258 Carolina Lane
Marshall, NC 28753**

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