

Speakers for 2018

Feb 19 – **Jon Christie** will present “Coming Out of Winter,” followed by **Greg Rogers** talking about queen rearing.

March 19 – **Leigh Knott**, from Yancey County, will talk to us about different kinds of splits and their advantages at different times.

April 16 – **Burton Beasley**, from Gastonia, will talk about swarm management, swarm trapping, and how queen castles or nucs can be used with swarm management.

May 21 – **Ed Speer** will present “Plants for Pollinators”—the best plants for our bees to get nectar.

June 18 – **David Massengill** and **Allen Blanton**, from Haywood Co., will speak about preparing hive boxes and the state beekeeping program and the state meeting at Hendersonville this summer.

July 16 – **Edd Buchanan**, a master beekeeper with years of experience, will present, “A Day in the Bee Yard.”

Aug 20 – **Lewis Cauble**, our state bee inspector, will speak about the three *M*'s: mites, miticides, and monitoring.

Sept 17 – After a full potluck and recipe contest, **Sarah McKinney** from Wild Mtn. Bees will talk about preparing for winter. Then we'll enjoy a honey **tasting** contest.

Oct 15 – **Beth Sain**, from Haywood County, will present “Beeswax: From the Hive to the Product,” with a focus on value-added selling.

Nov 19 – Review of year, election of officers, and what we want to accomplish next year.



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.

We maintain bee hives at the extension office for demonstrations and educational purposes.

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

- honey extractor
- honey bucket with sieves
- hot knife
- refractometer
- library books and DVDs

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 selection of books include:

- *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 any NC resident who is a member of NCSBA. Testing, certification, and record keeping is all done through NCSBA. For more information, visit:

www.ncbeekeepers.org/

2018 Madison County Officers:

President: Frank Frisby

Vice President: Mark Goodin

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 December and 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/

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/](https://www.facebook.com/MadCoBeekeepersAssoc/)

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6:00 Dessert & Discuss
6:30 Program & Meeting

at the
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