



G O T T A B E E

Mecklenburg Beekeepers Association
Meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7 pm
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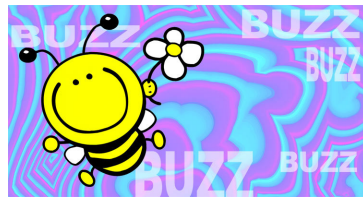
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This Month's Meeting/Program Sept 20



This months speaker is Don McSween, the city of Charlotte Arborist. He will come and talk about various ways to take care of our trees and perhaps help us with ideas to plant Bee friendly trees in our local yards and fields. Come and learn about our city's wonderful trees and their effect on our city landscape.

**This months refreshments are provided by
Terry Glen**

**September is
National Honey Month!
Go to www.nhb.org the website for the National Honey Board to receive a new press kit to help you promote the benefits of honey and beekeeping.**

It is with sadness news that we tell of the passing of one of our own. Kathryn Miller passed away this last weekend at Presbyterian Hospital Matthews. She was an active member of our club and will be missed greatly. Kathryn helped our club in many ways. Her expert knowledge with the Coop Ext office thru 4-H and Mecklenburg County Extension Homemakers Assoc. made a valuable asset to our club. She helped us in getting our meeting place for monthly club meetings and was instrumental in arranging wonderful speakers for our club. She kept us on task on things that would help promote the clubs outreach to the community. She will be missed.

Updates and Information

Beekeepers Yearly Management Calendar for **September**

Medicate with terramycin to treat Foul Brood.

Remember to remove honey supers first.

Speakers for 2007

Sept- Don McSween
Charlotte City
Arborist

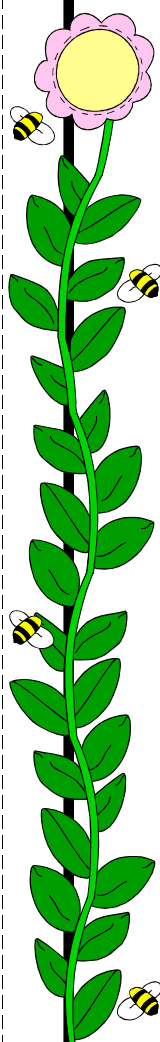
Oct-Prof Stan Schneider
Research on Bees

Nov-Field trip to Candle
making at Bee man
Candle Co

Dec- Potluck dinner

Jan 2008 -
Prof Buddy Marterre
Bee Stings

Feb Could Be You !



If you have local honey for sale want to sell some send name and phone # to Gary Cathey garyc3@aol.com to post on the our local bee club web page. Local honey is very trendy.



Field Trip for November Meeting

We are planning to move our normal meeting in November to have a field trip to

**Bee Man Candle Company
located at**

4324 Barrington Dr

Charlotte NC 28217



Mark your calendars

We will forgo our regular meeting at the Marion Diehl Center and all meet at the Candle Company location in NOVEMBER.

Maps and contact numbers will be in next months newsletter. Plan to have a great time learning about what goes into making candles out of beeswax.



We are having a contest !!

We are inviting all those in the clubs plus all family members, too.

We want to have a logo/design that will best suit our local bee club. We asking you to help out by coming up with a logo/design to be used on our website, newsletter, hats, shirts, you name it.

The contest is open for the next three months. all entries must include your name, address and phone number. Submit entries to Libby Mack, Greg Clements or Richard Flanagan

Lets come up with some great ideas;

Don't worry if your not professional artists just jot down on a piece of paper your best bee design.

NAME

ADDRESS

PHONE

My bee logo entry:



Get Ready for 2007 National Honey Month;

Consider Trying Something New!

The honey industry will once again celebrate National Honey Month in September 2007. In recent years, NHB has provided materials for beekeepers and other honey industry members to send to their local media to publicize honey month.

During previous Honey Months, some beekeepers have hosted Honey Month or Honey Day events at local botanical gardens, nature museums or other venues. This year, NHB will provide information to help host such events.

Also available for Honey Month promotions are a new honey poster and bookmarks. To order Honey Month information, call 1-800-553-7162 or email at order@nhb.org



National Ice Cream Month; Make It with Honey!

Many people seek out ice cream for a sweet and icy treat during the long, hot “dog days” of summer, making the month of July a natural for National Ice Cream Month. As a tie to Honey Month, NHB distributed a monthly trend alert with recipes using honey in making homemade ice cream. The alert is sent to various media editors throughout the U.S. In addition, an internet search reveals many recipes for ice cream using honey in celebration of National Ice Cream Month. (Fun Trivia: Some sources credit Roman Emperor Claudius Caesar with first creating ice cream by mixing snow with fruit and honey.)



Natural Bee Sting Remedies

by Aubrey Vaughn

Bzzzz! That simple *hum* can send a quiver of anxiety through the heart of an adventuring child or even a seasoned nature lover. Actually, honeybees aren't prone to sting unless they or their hive has been bothered. So, the first lesson in avoiding a bee sting is leave them alone, and they'll leave you alone. However, accidents happen, so next time you unwittingly perturb the wrong bee, here are a few natural remedies to ease the pain as quickly as possible.

Once you've been stung, the first step is to remove the stinger. The stinger includes a venom sac, and that's the part you're worried about, so it's important *not to pull* the stinger. This presses the venom sac and more of the venom is then released into your arm, compounding the problem. Instead, use your fingernail or a credit card to *scrape* out the stinger, pushing it rather than pulling.

With the stinger removed, there are a variety of options to soothe the pain and swelling (all of these should be applied directly to the wound):

- Mix baking soda (sodium bicarbonate) and water, adjusting until it makes a paste. Apply and leave it on the skin for 15 to 20 minutes.
- Apply a fresh slice of garlic or onion. These alliums also work internally, so they can be eaten as well.
- Calendula flower and plantain leaf are two effective plant remedies for bee stings. Again, rub the flower or leaf directly on the skin.

Different folks have different reactions to bee stings, but stings from various bee species can produce unique responses in the same person. If you know you're allergic to bee stings, or think you're having an allergic reaction, it's critical that you receive medical attention immediately. In this case, the above remedies can still be helpful in slowing your reaction as you get to the nearest doctor or medical office.

While honey bees aren't out to get you, the best advice is to give them space, and don't accidentally attract them. Don't harass a bee or try to approach a hive, unless you're a beekeeper, in which case you hopefully have a bee suit! Avoid wearing bright clothing; forgo perfume or after-shave. With a little caution and some respect for these honey-making wonders, we can all enjoy the vibrant outdoors!

For more information on bee sting allergies and remedies, read [Curing the Ails of Summer](#) from [Mother Earth News](#).

