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NEWSLETTER OF THE ALAMANCE COUNTY BEEKEEPERS

What's Blooming in the Piedmont of NC?

Sumac	<i>Rhus spp.</i>	3-Apr	151	1-Sep
Alsike Clover	<i>Trifolium hybridum</i>	4-Apr	102	15-Jul
Ladino Clover	<i>Trifolium repens</i>	14-Apr	102	25-Jul
Sweet Clover	<i>Meililotus spp.</i>	28-May	37	4-Jul
Sourwood	<i>Oxydendrum arboreum</i>	10-June	20	30-June
Smartwood	<i>Polygonum</i>	4-Jul	126	7-Nov
Goldenrod	<i>Solidago</i>	8-Aug	67	14-Oct

This month's meeting...

Our next meeting will be June 19th at Paul Jollay's house...2435 Glencoe Street, Burlington, NC. (Enter Glencoe Village from NC 62 North...after you go around a curve.... look for signs...driveway is on the right. Festivities will begin at 6:00 P.M. with hot dogs and hamburgers. If you can bring potato salad, onions, chili, tomatoes, etc. to go along with the hot dogs...please send Ira a note so we won't have too many duplicates. Oh yeah...don't forget about the dessert !!!!

We will cover how to remove your honey supers, and then move to the extraction process (hopefully, this part will be inside).

Last year, this was one of the best-attended meetings. Hope you can make it this year too. It gives everyone a chance to talk about problems/issues they are having with their hives, learn a little about extracting honey and walk away with a full stomach.

Don't forget to bring a chair !!!

NCSBA Summer Meeting Events

The summer conference in Wilkes County is July 10-12th and this email is a reminder of some of the activities going on this year.

The Cooking with Honey Contest will be held again this year. Elaine Styers has taken over as the chair of this committee and may be reached at estyres@gmail.com.

You will find the guidelines for this contest in the members only section of the website or by going to this link (you may need the password "foragers" to view it): <http://www.ncbeekeepers.org/?p=1234>

In addition to the Cooking with Honey Contest, there will also be the Honey Contest that will include four categories: Honey, Beeswax, Mead, and Photography. Joe Smith and Bill Smith will be judging again this year.

More information may be found at: <http://www.ncbeekeepers.org/?p=132>

Please bring items for the silent auction. Items do not have to be beekeeping related as long as they are new and useful items. Proceeds go to the Apiculture Science Fund at NCSU Entomology/Beekeeping Department.

Also this year, Bill Clothier and Rick Coor will be collecting honey for sale with the proceeds being donated to the NC Disabled American Veterans program. A special account has been created for this program and Bill and Rick will be discussing it at the conference, but anyone wishing to donate honey for this program should bring a jar of honey to the conference. Make sure that you have a label on the jar with your information. If you or your chapter would prefer to sell your own honey and donate part of the proceeds to the Honey for Disabled Vets program, a check may be sent to Bill or Rick for deposit in the special account. An update of how well the program is doing and the chapters that are participating will be added to the ncbeekeepers.org website. If you have questions, please contact Bill directly at photonavy@hotmail.com.

More information is being added to the website daily regarding activities at the Summer Conference. We're currently adding bio information for the presenters of the workshops and also some information about what the workshops will cover. There are already bios for the guest speakers and there's a pretty impressive agenda for the conference.

The Beekeepers of Wilkes County are hosting the conference this year and they are looking for volunteers, sponsorships, and door prizes. If you can help out, please email Jeremy Bowlin at president@beekeepersofwilkes.org.

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