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**FBC's NEXT MEETING: July 25th, 2013, 6:30 PM**

**@ the Sawnee Mt. Preserve Visitor Center**

**4075 Spot Road, Cumming, GA 30040 (770-781-2217)**

### **GUEST SPEAKERS**

July 25th: The Forsyth Extension agent, speaking about new Uganda discoveries

August 22: Julia Mahood talking about creamed honey.

Sept 26; Honey Show

### **FORSYTH BEEKEEPERS CLUB BUSINESS**

The new club shirts that were ordered will be available at the July meeting!!!

The Cumming Country Fair and Festival is October 3 - 13, 2013. There are many opportunities to be involved at the FBC booth, and if you like talking to people you might enjoy it. The schedule is very flexible, and is usually broken up into 2 hour "shifts".

If you are on Facebook and you haven't visited or joined The Forsyth Beekeepers Club Facebook Page, it is up, and running. It is a great place to post questions and observations.

The Forsyth Beekeepers Club is sponsoring a break at the GBA fall meeting. This year the meeting is relatively close to us, at the Gwinnett Environmental & Heritage Center. It would be great if FBC is well represented., Save the Date, Sept. 20 - 21.

If you are not receiving the newsletter via email, please send an email to [insueciant@gmail.com](mailto:insueciant@gmail.com), with "THE BUZZ" as the subject.

### **In the Georgia Hive**

**July - Aug** The nectar flow began to decline in June, and I have seen robbing activities in my apiary. It is a good idea to reduce the entrance to your colonies to give them a smaller area to defend against intruders. If you watch you may be able to see that the drones are being kicked out of the colonies now.

- **Check the queen's laying pattern.** If it isn't good, replace her if you can find a queen.

- **Water:** Oh My Goodness, have we ever had water. BUT anyway, If you do not have a water source near your apiary, put out a shallow vessel, like a bird bath, near the apiary; Place pebbles or rocks in it, as they help prevent drowning. Keeping water near your colonies is good because the bees really need it, and having it near the colonies may prevent your bees from bothering your neighbors.
- **Treat for varroa destructor**, now and forever if you want to have your colonies live longer than 3 years.
  1. **Dusting with Powdered sugar combined with a screen bottom board.** The most effective way to use the powdered sugar is to treat them every other month, by doing a shake four times, every three days.. In other words, sugar shake on Aug 1, 4, 7 and 10. Skip Sept, and repeat the sugar shake on Oct. 1, 4,7 and 10, then repeat in Dec. and then Feb. and so on. Keep in mind you should not open your colonies for as long as it would take to do the shake when it is below 55 - 60 degrees F.
  2. **Freezing and replacing drone comb.** The varroa mites prefer drone comb because they get 2 - 4 more days in the cell than they do in a worker bee cell. When it's fully capped, pull it out and freeze it for at least 24 hours.
- **Treat for Small Hive Beetle.** By now in a "normal" year the small hive beetle population would be increasing. I have not seen that in my colonies so far. However, they are in there, whether I see them or not, and there are things you can do to minimize their impact on your colonies. There are two nematodes that are used effectively against small hive beetles, *Steinernema ribrave* and *Heterorhabditis indica* are available from catalogs. As with all things bees, follow the instructions on the label. Hey, they also attack wax moth larva! Hive beetle traps are an option, and can be purchased from most catalogs.
- **Harvesting your honey:** **Now** is a good time to harvest your honey, *if* your bees have any surplus. In order for a colony reduced to a single brood chamber to survive the winter, it needs a minimum of two full honey supers. There is one more nectar flow before the winter dearth, but if they do not have *two* full capped supers per brood chamber at the end of the summer, you must be prepared to feed them a heavy 2 parts sugar to one part water syrup. They will take the sugar water into their honey tummy just as if it were nectar, then store it, and cap it. If you leave a lot of honey for the bees to over winter with, you may be able to take it in the spring.
- **Reserve/order queens** If you are going to requeen in the fall.

## KEEPING IT LOCAL!

Any club members who have a bee related product to sell, may list their items here.

- Hoyt Rogers, wooden ware, 770-479-1731.
- Bill Dunn, Bill's bees, beesnbill@yahoo.com , 770-889-1423, Beekeeping supplies, nucs and queens, honey and more
- Buster's Bees, [www.bustersbees.com](http://www.bustersbees.com), 770-389-0721, [bustersbees@yahoo.com](mailto:bustersbees@yahoo.com), Beekeeping supplies, nucs and queens.
- Andy Bailey, Baileys Bees, baileysbees@gmail.com, 770-530-6397, Beekeeping supplies, nucs and queens, honey and more.
- Bud Champlin, Buds Mountain Honey, 770-324-4690
- Sue and Marc Conlyn, Breeze Bay Honey, 770-317-8300, Honey.
- Kellii and Trip Tarrer, Straight From the Girls, fsuchef45@yahoo.com 678-9783970
- Lois Dewey, Weedy Soil Farm, loisdewey@bellsouth.net, 770-888-6207
- Donald Durocher, Gallitrey Enterprises, dduro@charter.net, 770-993-6410
- Gwen and Michelle hammond, Sugar Tree Farm, gwnhammond@aol.com, 770-449-8626
- Jay Hendrix, 4 star honey, genjhendrix@comcast.net
- Steven Kelzer, Steve's Busy Bees, llc, steveinroswell@aol.com, 770-312-4994
- Matthew Kinzer, Kinzer Farms, kinzerfarms@yahoo.com, 404-401-6051

- Amanda Rose Newton, Bugaloo Ranch Beneficials, amandarosenewton@gmail.com, 804-370-9489
- Vann Pair, Rocky Ridge Bees, rockyridgebees@gmail.com, 404-693-3004

If you have an apiary product you would like to add, call or email me, Sue Conlyn, at either - 770-316-8300, or insueciant@gmail.

## From the Field

### Deceptive Advertising

WOW!! With Popeye's great biscuits they also give "free packets" of honey. **After** enjoying 2 biscuits and lots of "Honey", I read the fine print of the 'HONEY' packet. To my surprise, the actual ingredients of Popeye's honey are - "honey, corn syrup, high fructose corn syrup, sugar, natural flavor, fructose, caramel color". Also, next to the big letters that say '**HONEY**' are small letters in a different color that say 'sauce'. I feel like I've been duped!!!

-(embarrassed, unidentified club member)

## BEEKEEPER EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER

**September 20-21 2013**, The Georgia Beekeepers Association's Fall Meeting at the Gwinnett Enviromental & Heritage Center, 2020 Clean Water Dr. Buford, GA 30519.

**September 28, 2013, Tara Beekeeping Short Course**, Cost: \$45, Location: Georgia Power Building, 752 Main St, Forest Park, GA 30297

**September 26th.** Forsyth Beekeepers Club's annual Honey Show. FBC's honey show rules follow the newsletter.

### OCTOBER

The Cumming Country Fair and Festival is October 3 - 13, 2013.

### 2013 Forsyth Beekeepers Club Officers

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# FORSYTH BEEKEEPERS CLUB 2013 HONEY SHOW

There are 13 show classes.

Contestants may enter in any or all classes but may enter only once per class.

1. Extracted honey - light
2. Extracted honey - amber
3. Extracted honey - dark
4. Black Jar
5. Creamed honey
6. Chunk honey
7. Section comb honey
8. Mead
9. Molded Candles
10. Molded beeswax (a single molded piece of two pounds or more)
11. Original bee-related photography
12. Original bee-related art
13. Beekeeping gadget or improvement

## General Rules:

- Judges, stewards, and show ambassadors are excluded from competition.
- Contestants may enter in any or all classes but may enter only once per class.
- All jars or containers must be clear with a least one smooth area except for the black jar class. With NO tamper proof lids/seals!
- All honey and beeswax should be pure and unadulterated.
- All entries for honey and candles must be submitted in triplicate (excluding black jar), i.e., three matching jars of honey or three matching candles.**
- Do not label products in any way; an identifying code sticker will be assigned to your entry at the show.
- All honey product entries must have been produced, in 2013, by the person's name in which the submission is under.
- All entries must be submitted by 6:40 PM on show day.
- Gadgets, photography, and original art may have been created before 2013.

*Note: All entries will be handled and tasted where applicable. Candles may be burned.*

## EXTRACTED HONEY

3 identical glass or plastic 1 LB jars. All jars must be clear with a least one smooth area. With NO tamper proof lids/seals! Judging is primarily based on cleanliness of honey, jar and lid, off-flavor and aroma, fill level, and moisture content.

## BLACK JAR

Judged only for taste/texture.

Honey should not be visible - (Paint outside of jar black).

## CREAMED HONEY

3 identical glass or plastic 1LB jars.

Judging is primarily based on cleanliness of honey, jar and lid, off-flavor and aroma, fill level, and good consistency.

## CHUNK HONEY

3 identical glass or plastic 1 LB jars.

One piece of comb.

Judging is primarily based on cleanliness of honey, jar and lid, off-flavor and aroma, fill level, and moisture content. Comb should fill the jar, be up-right, and have a thin mid-rib. Cells should be capped and dry, and of uniform depth. Color of comb should match the color of the honey surrounding it.

## SECTION COMB HONEY

Can be in rounds, wood boxes, or plastic cases.

Judging is primarily based on cleanliness of container, moisture content, uniform honey color, smooth surface, dry cappings, thin mid-rib, and uniform cell depth.

## MEAD

Judging is primarily based on cleanliness of container and mead, color, aroma, off-flavor, fill level, legs, and cork condition.

## MOLDED AND DIPPED CANDLES

Judging is primarily based on clean wax, free of imperfections, well-formed impressions, proper wick, aroma, and purity. Dipped candles should still have the drip on the bottom, and wick not cut.

## BEESWAX CAKE

Should be a single piece, 2 lbs or more.

Judging is primarily based on clean and smooth wax, free of imperfections, aroma, and purity.

## PHOTOGRAPHY, ART, AND GADGETS

All pieces must be accompanied by a 3" x 5" index card with the title and brief "story" about the piece. Do not include artist name.

Judging is primarily on creativity and close relation to beekeeping. Gadgets are also judged on their usefulness and practicality.