

# Member Information - Buncombe County Beekeepers Chapter (BCBC) - 2011

**Mission:** The mission of the Buncombe County Beekeepers Chapter is: *“to pursue together all matters relating to*

*honeybees and the beekeeping industry for the benefit of the members and the general public.”*

Chapter objectives are to:

- Promote improved beekeeping management methods among beekeepers;
- Maintain friendly and helpful relations among members;
- Provide educational resources related to beekeeping for the general public, and
- Develop and sustain markets for beekeeping products.

**Monthly Meetings** – the first Monday of the month at the community room of Grace United Methodist Church 954 Tunnel Rd, Asheville, NC with several exceptions: June and December

One the first Saturday of June each year the BCBC sponsors a Field Days, generally held at the Swannanoa 4-H camp or the home of a member and in December the Executive Board meets to plan, review and conduct business. Chapter members are welcome to attend the Executive Board meetings

**Bee School** – The BCBC presents an annual school for beekeepers on either the beginner, intermediate or advanced level. Stayed tuned to the website for further information.

**North Carolina Mountain State Fair** –BCBC participates with the NC Department of Agriculture on the educational beekeeping exhibit at the September Mountain State Fair (which is traditionally held for 10 days beginning the Friday after Labor Day.)

**Mentoring** – This begins with a new members’ active participation in the web site forums (where questions can be posed and answered), coming a half hour early to monthly meetings for one-on-one with more experienced beekeepers, and the opportunity to be partnered with an experienced beekeeper. Offer to help in their bee yard and you’ll learn a whole lot!

**Member Resources** – The BCBC owns an extensive library of educational materials (magazines, books, videos, DVDs, located at the Agricultural Extension Office on 94 Coxe Ave. Asheville, see Amanda Stone, agent) as well as two extractors, an observation/demonstration hive, a bee cage, a child’s bee suit, and a refractometer, which are available for members to use (Some of which require a deposit and/or rental fee.)

**Publications** – With the advent of the computer we invite you to view our bog (link through the website) Other electronic mailings and email blasts will come to your mailbox.

## **Other Resources**

- Browse the Buncombe County Beekeepers Chapter web site at <http://www.wncbees.org/>
- Browse the NC State Beekeepers Association web site at [www.ncbeekeepers.org](http://www.ncbeekeepers.org).
- Check the latest research notes or other news from NC State Apiculture Program at <http://www.cals.ncsu.edu:8050/entomology/apiculture/>

**Dues and Membership** - Membership in the BCBC Runs from January 1 through December 31, Individual dues of \$10, Family \$15 and \$5 for full time students are payable by December 1 for the coming year. The BCBC encourages its members to join the NC State Beekeepers Association. State members get reduced fees at the two annual conventions and also receive a calendar, quarterly newsletter and the “Yellow Book”. The State Association represents our interests at the legislature and keeps us current on beekeeping problems and resolutions. They also donate money for beekeeping research projects. State membership is \$15 (member and spouse.)

Make checks payable to BCBC, and mail to: Buncombe County Beekeepers, PO Box 785. Asheville, NC 28802

## **2011 BCBC Board Members**

**President** - Lee Banks, 230-6986

**Vice President** - Brenda Lewis, 681-9840

**Secretary** –Amanda Stone, Extension , 255-5522

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