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## Words from the President

Greetings Fellow Beekeepers

Happy Birthday, BGSV. We have done some awesome things the past nine years. We started this group with 28 members and now we have over 200 members. We have participated in countless public education events, been featured in numerous newspaper and magazine articles, on radio and television programs and online videos. We are known for our mentoring program, and we were the first group in the area to successfully implement a local nucleus colony production program. We created the Virginia Honey Bee Festival TM, which we partnered with Norfolk Botanical Garden. Our achievements go on and on, but none of it would have been possible without one key ingredient, YOU. As this is my last article as President, I want to take a minute to thank each and every one of you for all that you have done to make OUR guild the best. Whether volunteering at events, both large and small, to working behind the scenes, this Guild could not do what we do without you. It is time to pass the gavel to your new President, Bill Gregory and the new officers for the next year; rest assured, you are in good hands! I look forward to the years to come, and watch our group continue to educate the public and each other. As I write this, I am finalizing the plans for our 9th annual EXTRACTAGANZA event. I hope to see you there. Extracting honey can be messy at times, and with all of the prep work prior to extracting, it can be time consuming. The Guild has access to the Deep Creek Ruritan Club where we will do all of the prep work, and have every Guild-owned extractor available. All you have to do is bring your honey supers, a 5-gallon paint strainer, and a food grade bucket with a lid. And, since the Guild will be providing chicken and drinks, bring a side dish, or dessert to share. Come on out for some great fellowship and share bee stories with fellow members. We will be installing the new officers, and giving away \$50.00 Gift Certificates from Brushy Mountain bee supplier. Hope you have been logging in your public service hours.

Happy Beekeeping

Nick



Nick Delphia, President  
Beekeepers Guild of Southeast Virginia

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**ALL** Guild memberships expired June 30th.

Check the sign-in sheet at EXTRACTAGANZA! for the year of your membership expiration.

## EXTRACTAGANZA! in lieu of July Meeting

**EXTRACTAGANZA!:** Saturday, July 7, 2017 at 10:00 AM

**Location:** Deep Creek Ruritan Club, 200 Luray Street, Chesapeake, VA 23323

**Program:** Honey Extracting Party and Summer Potluck Picnic

**BRING YOUR FULL HONEY SUPERS TO EXTRACT AND A SIDE DISH OR DESSERT TO SHARE. More information inside this issue.**

## July Apiary Notes for Coastal Virginia

- Due to some extended periods of rain this spring, some colonies may need supplemental feeding now. Use a 1:1 ratio or 5 lbs. sugar to 10 cups water to make a sugar syrup for feeding **inside** the hive. Do not use entrance feeders which encourage robbing behavior.
  - When harvesting honey to extract, remember that colonies need approximately 60 lbs. of honey to make it through the winter.
  - Do not harvest honey from new colonies their first year especially if you fed sugar syrup with honey supers on the hive.
  - Place wet extracted supers back on the bees in the evening to reduce the chances of inciting robbing.
  - Allow the bees to clean wet supers for storage by placing them above the inner cover for one week. Don't forget to use a wax moth preventative on any drawn comb stored off of the hive.
  - Drone production is slowing down, so watch closely for increased mite production in the worker bee cells. Check for mites and treat with an approved mite treatment if numbers are high after removing any honey for human consumption. Remember to **treat for Varroa mites in AUGUST** to ensure a healthy winter bee population.
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- As the nighttime temperatures rise, it's not unusual to see large numbers of bees covering the front of the hive or "bearding" on the landing board. Telescoping tops should be propped open slightly to increase airflow, screened inner covers and screened bottom boards are also recommended.
  - Water is especially important to the hive during the heat of the summer. Provide a water source nearby to keep bees out of neighbor's pools, birdbaths and air conditioners.
  - Encourage new colonies to continue drawing comb by feeding 1:1 sugar syrup. Feed until they no longer take syrup.
  - Add an additional box of foundation when new colonies have built comb in seven of the ten frames in the box below.
  - Continue to monitor hives for swarm cells. If a hive swarms, check it after three to four weeks to ensure that the new queen is mated and laying. If not, you will need to introduce a queen or combine the hive with a queenright colony.



## New Guild Officers

Welcome new officers! And thank you so much for your commitment to our guild. The officers elected last month for 2017-2018 are:

- President: Bill Gregory
- Vice President: Dave Robinson
- Treasurer: Kathy Robinson
- Secretary: Tracy Shonts

Officers will be inducted at the Extractaganza this month and serve in that capacity for the next twelve months.

Although most of them are continuing in some capacity, a round of applause is due to our past officers for their service - well done!

Other members of the guild's Board of Directors include:

- Immediate Past President: Nick Delphia
- Public Relations Coordinator: Nick Delphia
- Mentor Coordinator: Dennis Heidenthal
- **\*NEW\*** Nuc Coordinator: Cheryl Brown
- Refreshment Coordinator: Debbie Caldwell
- Scholarship Committee Chair: Vacant
- Newsletter Editor: Dave Robinson
- Webmaster: Vacant
- Property Manager (Virginia Beach): Dave Kvello
- Property Manager (Western Branch): Jean Carideo

**"The quality of your life will be determined by the quality of your contribution."**

**- Kurek Ashley**

## Memberships expired last month!

**ALL** guild memberships run from July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year. If you are unsure what **year** your membership expires, contact guild treasurer, Kathy Robinson, at [bgs.v.kathy.robinson@gmail.com](mailto:bgs.v.kathy.robinson@gmail.com) or 757-641-1778.

Dues are \$20.00 per voting membership, family or individual; \$20.00 entitles you to one vote. For \$10.00 more, just \$30.00 total, you get Guild membership plus membership in the Virginia State Beekeepers Association (VSBA).

Your membership entitles you to participa-

tion in our nucleus colony and mentor programs, use of guild property, such as our refractometer and extractors, and discounts on group purchases.

You may pay by using the PayPal button on the right-hand side of our web site (includes a small service fee) or send your check made payable to BGSV to Beekeepers Guild of Southeast Virginia, P.O. Box 16516, Chesapeake Virginia 23328

**The Guild's nuc list and swarm list will be updated following Extactaganza to reflect current members.**



## The Beekeeper's Garden in July

Hazy, hot and humid describes Coastal Virginia in July. Evenings are no longer cool, signaling the end of the nectar flow. Plants blooming this month are: Anise Hyssop, (*Agastache foeniculum*), Aster, Bee Balm (*Monarda*), Bee Bee Tree (*Tetradium danielli*), Begonia, Blanket Flower (*Gaillardia*), Borage, Butterfly Bush (*Buddleia*), Butterfly Weed (*Asclepias tube-rose*), Calendula, Camellia, Catnip, (*Nepeta cataria*), Chaste



*Japanese Pagoda Tree (Styphnolobium japonicum), also known as the Chinese Scholar Tree, blooms in July & August with creamy white pea-like blossoms beloved by bees when there is little other honey bee forage.*

Tree (*Vitex*), White Flowered Clover, Coneflower (*Echinacea*), Coreopsis, Cotton, Crepe Myrtle, Cucumber, Dandelion, (*Taraxacum*), Dusty Miller (*Senecio cineraria*), Eggplant, English Ivy (*Hedera helix*), Escallonia, Fan Flower (*Scaevola*), Garlic, Garden Phlox, Honeysuckle (*Lonicera*), Horse-mint (*Monarda punc-*

*tata*), Hibiscus, Japanese Pagoda Tree (*Styphnolobium japonicum*), Lamb's Ears (*Stachys byzantina*), Lavender, Lemon Balm (*Melissa officinalis*), Marigold (*Tagetes*), Marjoram, Melons, Mimosa, Mints, Onion, Oregano, Petunia, Pomegranate (*Prunica granatum*), Queen Anne's Lace (*Daucus carota*), Rose, Rose Campion (*Lychnis coronaria*), Rosemary, Rose of Sharon (*Althea*), Russian Sage (*Perovskia atriplicifolia*), Salvia, Speedwell (*Veronica*), Squash, Sunflower, Thistle, Thyme, Tomato, Trumpet Vine (*Campsis*), Verbena, Yarrow.

*Tilia, commonly known as Basswood, Linden, or Lime Tree, produces copious amounts of nectar in addition to being a beautiful street tree for difficult sites. 800 to 1100 pounds per acre of very pale but richly flavored honey are produced on a cycle of every five to eight years, with a lower volume of nectar other years. The dried flowers are also used in herbal teas and tinctures.*



**Horsemint (*Monarda punctata*) is a Virginia native reported by the University of Wisconsin to produce a ton or more of honey per acre.**

## EAS 2018 by Pam Fisher, EAS President

Mark your calendars for August 13-17, 2018 and enjoy a full week of honey bee education during EAS 2018 at the Hampton Roads Convention Center. For those of you who have never attended EAS, it is five full days and nights of all things honey bee, affectionately referred to as Bee Camp.

EAS starts out with two days of the Short Course which includes six concurrent tracks: Beginner, Intermediate, Bees as Business, Queen Rearing, and Excellence in Honey and Hive Products. There is also instruction in the apiary so don't forget your veil. You are welcome to attend any class in any track no matter what your experience level. The Wednesday through Friday conference is filled with keynote speakers and award-winning researchers in the morning general sessions and a number of concurrent workshops in the afternoon. Evening social events such as a movie screening and auction are planned along with a Beekeeper Beach Bash and Awards Banquet. Field trips to Jamestown and St. George's Brewery, with its onsite apiary, are in the works.

And don't forget the Honey Show – you've got to be in it to win it! Classes include: honey, beeswax, mead, gadgets, photography, cookery, gift baskets and crafts. There is also a tradeshow with dozens of vendors, and a honey exchange where you can exchange up to three jars of your own honey for honey from another part of the globe.



**The EAS Mission:**  
Education and Conferences,  
Master Beekeeper Certification,  
Honey Bee Research Grants

Information regarding the conference is posted on the Eastern Apicultural Society's website at [www.easternapiculture.org](http://www.easternapiculture.org) as it becomes available. Should you wish to volunteer with the conference, we welcome your assistance. To volunteer, contact Pam Fisher at [EAS2018Virginia@gmail.com](mailto:EAS2018Virginia@gmail.com). Please join us and be a part of *Where it All Began*.



wax candles and other hive products such as handcrafted soaps, lip balm and propolis.

To be successful, the festival requires many guild volunteers. Volunteers explain the 8-frame observation hive, assist with beeswax candle-rolling, explain Heifer International, sell bee-friendly plants, referee the Busy Bee Beanbag toss, help kids blow giant bubbles and possibly demonstrate how to extract honey from the comb.

Please help if you can; shifts are short - only four hours. If you can give a few hours of your time, please sign up in the members section of our website. Any assistance is most appreciated!

**2018 Honey Bee Day Theme:**  
**"For a Natural High, Smoke Some Bees!"**

It's time to celebrate honey bees once again at the guild's signature event - the Virginia Honey Bee Festival™, held in conjunction with the Norfolk Botanical Garden.

We'll start the festivities Saturday morning, August 18, 2018, in Baker Visitors Center with an assortment of educational displays, vendors, food purveyors and live music. More activities for children will take place in the WOW garden.

A honey bee festival would not be complete without local honey for sale and guild members will provide it along with bees-



**North Carolina State Beekeepers Association's  
Summer Meeting  
Blue Ridge Community College – Flat Rock, NC  
180 W Campus Dr, Flat Rock, NC 28731  
July 19,20,21  
hosted by  
Buncombe County Beekeepers Club  
Henderson County Beekeepers Club  
Haywood County Beekeepers Club**

Experience the scenic mountains of North Carolina!

Make plans now to join your fellow beekeepers for the summer meeting to be held at a spacious and beautiful, green space venue in the Blue Ridge Mountains near Flat Rock, Hendersonville and Asheville. Experience three days of excellent beekeeping presenters, participate in informative workshops, meet and shop with the major purveyors of beekeeping equipment and supplies, and enjoy the company of old friends and make new ones.

The summer meeting promises to be an excellent event with programs and presentations from:

- Tom Seeley- Cornell University- Author of Honeybee Ecology (1985), The Wisdom of the Hive (1996), and Honeybee Democracy (2010). Dr. Seeley's research focus is the social behavior of

the honey bee.

- Frederique Keller- President of the American Apitherapy Society- leading acupuncturist, medical herbalist will present programs on apitherapy which utilize bee venom therapy, honey, pollen, propolis, and royal jelly.
- David Tarry- NCSU- Outstanding professor and researcher, NCSU Cooperative Extension State Apiculturist. Dr. Tarry will present on his current research at NCSU and beekeeping issues in NC.
- Phil Craft- Bee Culture magazine, author of "Ask Phil"
- Experienced beekeepers will present expanded beekeeper workshops featuring practical beekeeping information and Born and Bred queen rearing programs.
- North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Apiary inspectors will present beekeeping programs in apiaries located in the open green spaces of Blue Ridge Community College
- BeeB owl 2018
- Cooking with Honey Contest
- Hands on grafting workshop (additional registration required)

More details on programs and presentations can be found at <https://www.ncbeekeepers.org/education/statewide-conferences/2018-ncsba-summer-conference>

Registration is open online at:  
<https://www.ncbeekeepers.org/education/statewide-conferences/advance-registration>

Cost is \$50 for individuals, \$85 for families, and \$15 extra for non-members. Registration at the door will cost \$10 extra.

## *Guild Bylaws Revisions Approved*

The guild's Board of Directors has been working on updating the guild's bylaws as time allows over the past two years.

The proposed bylaws revisions were posted in the members section of our web site and a link to them will be sent via email to every member. During the June guild meeting, the proposals were voted on and approved. Thank you all for the support

and feedback throughout this process. The final product can be read in the member's section of the BGSV web site.

<https://beekeepersguildofsoutheastvirginia.wildapricot.org/resources/Documents/Bylaws.pdf>



# July 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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## Dates to Remember

- July 4 - Happy Independence Day!
- July 5- Board meeting, members welcome
- July 7 - Extractaganza! at Deep Creek Ruritan Club
- July 9 - **No Monthly Guild Meeting**
- July 19-21 - NCSBA Meeting
- July 17- VB 4-H Beekeeping Club Meeting
- August 2 - Board meeting, members welcome
- August 13 - Guild Monthly Meeting
- August 13-17- EAS 2018 Hampton Roads Convention Center
- August 18 - Virginia Honey Bee Festival

## EXTRACTAGANZA! ~ July 7, 2018

### Honey - It's Time!

Extractaganza time that is! What exactly is Extractaganza? Besides being an opportunity to avoid a sticky mess in your home and save your marriage, it's our guild's anniversary celebration and summer picnic. It's also a nice way to get together with fellow beekeepers and spin your honey using the guild's uncapping equipment and extractors. So pull a few supers of honey and come on along to the Deep Creek Ruritan Club at 200 Luray Street in Chesapeake, VA on Saturday July 7<sup>th</sup>.

You don't have to have honey to participate; all guild members, their families and guests are invited. The guild will provide chicken, drinks and paper goods, so bring a potluck dish or dessert to share.

Haven't seen honey extracted before? This is your chance to learn how it's done and get your fingers sticky. Set up will begin around 8:30 am and uncapping will start at 10 am. We will

break for lunch at 11:30 and resume extracting at 1:00 pm when we open the doors to the public. We'll continue until every golden drop is spun!

Please **RSVP by July 5th** in the members section of our website. We need a head count to ensure adequate supplies. Please indicate how many supers you will be bringing too so that we can provide enough time for everybody to extract their honey.

