

Gaston County Beekeeper's Association

Next Meeting Jan. 26th

Freddy Proni – Spring Prep.

**7 pm Citizens Resource
Center Dallas, NC**



Happy New Year from the apiary,

As we ring in the New Year we are ringing in a new committee for the Gaston County Beekeepers Association. Yes I am talking about the Mentoring Committee for GCBA. Now take a minute and think back to that first year you experienced the bee fever. Do you remember that happy little feeling inside you at the thought of cracking open a hive for a peek? Help renew that feeling in yourself and share some of your experiences with others. The whole idea is to help build that little bit of confidence with the newbees and have a little more one on one conversation of our favorite subject, bees. I have had a good response of interested Beekeepers from the association to help, but if you have not volunteered and would like to help let me know, for it is never too late.

Let me introduce you to the Mentoring Committee: Chairman Michael Reese, Tamela Bell, Eddie Rudisill, Chris Boyd, Jada Runkle, Jill Tipton, Dan Turner, and Allen Thompson.

The concept for this year is to have committee members from around the county available to help the newbees. Some times that contact may be no more than a sounding board for all of the new bee world questions. At times it may be the "Oh No, HELP!" call. But there is the added benefit for the beekeeper to have a second set of hands that are buzzing for that extra experience, to help in their own apiary.

Best wishes,
Michael

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Time to pay your annual dues to our association.

NOTE: Our dues are now **\$15** for membership for GCBA and the NCBA is also **\$15**.

Also GCBA membership cards will be sent to you for participation in activities. OR

You can send a check to the Treasurer with your return address and a membership card will be sent back to you.

Please address to Jill Tipton, Treasurer
320 Huffstetler Lake Rd.
Dallas, NC 28034

NCSBA 2016 Spring Conference - February 25th, 26th & 27th

[New Bern Convention Center, New Bern, NC](#)

Hosted by the [Craven-Pamlico Beekeepers!](#)

Advance Registration - Register in advance and save \$10!

Schedule

Registration Opens: 10:00 AM Thursday

Vendor Area Opens: 12:00 (Noon) Thursday

Meeting Begins: 12:45 PM Thursday

Meeting Adjourn: 4:30 PM Saturday

Certified, Journeyman, and Master Certification testing will be available on Thursday from 9-12, Friday from 12-3, and Saturday from 10-12.

<http://www.ncbeekeepers.org/education/statewide-conferences/2016-spring-conference>

<http://www.ncbeekeepers.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/Spring-2016-Pre-Conference-Booklet.pdf>

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