

Spilling the Honey

GBA Monthly Newsletter

Editors: Gina Gallucci and Linda Tillman

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This beautiful photo of bees in canola was taken by Rick Moore. We are so lucky to announce that Rick Moore has volunteered to be the official GBA Newsletter photographer at GBA events. Thanks so much, Rick. As always, we love all of our members' photography (as this issue shows) and hope you all keep sending it.

President's Message

Let's Communicate!

We all know that bees communicate 100% by smelling something, somebody or another bee, plus, they do the "waggle dance." But we humans have developed a significant verbal language and a wonderful written form of communication. We do a little dance as well sometime, as we try to communicate with the opposite sex, you know, after a few drinks! But I digress. I mean, **let's communicate** within the Georgia Beekeepers Association. We are doing a wonderful job with our local web sites, meetings and public classes. And the GBA webmaster, *Newsletter* editors, Facebook page and our meetings spill a lot of honey, but I believe that we can do much better.

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Let's start with the *Newsletter*. Linda Tillman and Gina Gallucci have done a tremendous job for the last few years in getting this tabloid off the ground and into your hands. They dig and dig for various articles, topics and facts to keep it interesting, and ask every month for your input with not much success. The column "Ask Aunt Bee" is very clever as a question and answer piece, and it sure would be nice to see more people sending in inquiries there as well. Our membership's knowledge and experience stretches from "I wanna bee" to 73 years of experience. We have a large number of newbees and a big pile of Master beeks. Most of us have questions to which so many of us know the answers.

So take a moment to send in your questions, articles and facts to share with each other. By doing so, you are participating in your organization and also learning. We are never too old to learn! We want to know about your experiences in the apiary, fields and forests. Don't worry if you are afraid that you are not a very good writer: Linda will make the ~~appropriate~~ appropriate corrections (see, there she goes!)

Our web site is a fantastic display of what we do, but could use some work. At least five times a week someone calls me with a problem with "bees" in the yard. I usually direct them to the web site and on to the tab for local clubs. Then I tell them to click on the yellow dot closest to them. All is well until they call me back and tell me that the website to the local club is out of date or incomplete for the information they need. So Presidents, please take time to ensure that your website is brought up to date with contact info, when and where you meet, etc. (If not, you may be losing out on some "free bees." It's swarm time!)

As a member of GBA, you have the opportunity for FREE advertising on the GBA web site – bee related, of course. Just contact Bill Owens, our webmaster and communicate your changes (contact info, services, etc) with him. This information appears for free for our members on the Products and Services page.

I want to believe that our state meetings are getting better with the new speakers we are attracting. The attendance is growing, and I hope it continues to do so. Each of you has the opportunity to hobnob with each other at those events and a great chance to meet others who have your same interests in mind. We welcome your comments (**communication**) about how we are doing and speakers you may want or a direction you think we should go.

Your club Presidents were all provided with a list of Master Beekeepers in Georgia as well as other great speakers who are willing to come and speak at your monthly meetings. This is another helpful form of communication. I have had a number of clubs call me way in advance to schedule me to speak to them and that is fantastic. Club Presidents should schedule these speakers far out to ensure their availability. It really makes a difference to your membership to have a specific program for your meeting instead of just asking if anyone has any problems with their bees. Your retention rate will rise with good programs.

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The bottom line is that we can learn from each other. We all have something to contribute, we just have to get off our shy wagon and do it. Those of you who watch *The Big Bang Theory* on TV know that one of the characters needs to have a drink of some kind of booze just to speak to women; well lift your glasses and let's have a toast to **communicating!**

Bear Kelley,

President, Georgia Beekeeping Assn.

Florida
bee

Photo by
Gina
Gallucci



Errata or please forgive our mistakes:

In our March newsletter, we apologize for the following errors:

June Stanley submitted the absolutely delectable ice cream recipe found on page 10 in the March issue. We failed to give her credit and thank her in the Newsletter. We love getting recipes that we don't have to find ourselves on the Internet, so our faces are red - we'll do better the next time.

Regina Robuck's name was misspelled in the President's message on page 2. Also on page 2, ABF is the American Beekeeping Federation.

On page 6, **Bob Binnie's** name was misspelled.

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Procedures for Advertising in our GBA "Spilling the Honey" Newsletter

Beginning in May, GBA will be selling advertising space in our *Spilling the Honey Newsletter*.

Money from ad sales will help fund our meetings.

There is not a limit to the amount of ad space, but the editors of the newsletter retain the right to place the ad where it fits best in that month's publication. There are 3 sizes that sell for \$25; \$50; \$100. Your ad will run for one month for the stated price. Multiple months may be purchased if desired.

To place an ad [click here to fill out the GBA Wufoo form](#) which includes instructions for how to send your ready-to-use artwork/content.

Bear Kelley, GBA President

For club speaker ideas, GBA maintains a speaker list. If you would like to speak to clubs, [click here](#) to be added to the list. As a speaker, plan to know what your honorarium request will be if you are asked to speak. If you have invited speakers for your club, [click here to read an article](#) first published in Bee Culture about how to treat your speakers well.

Club Name	Speaker/Topic	When	Where	City
Altamaha	Al Alford & Reggie Parks: Park Rangers in Reidsville, GA: Upcoming honeybees at park	Mon 4/6 6PM	Chatters Restaurant	Lyons, GA
Amicalola	Andy Marcus: Intro to top bar hives	Tues 4/21 6:30 pm	Dawson County Extension Office	
Chattahoochee Valley	Round Table Discussion: Swarms and What we should be Doing Now	Mon 4/13 6 PM	Chattahoochee Valley Main Library	Columbus, GA
Chattooga	Mary Lou Blohm: The Development of the AZ Hive	Tues 4/14 7 PM	32 Middle School Rd.	Summerville, GA
Coweta	Linda Tillman: Simple Beekeeping - Ways to Make your Beekeeping Life Easier	Mon 4/13 7 PM	255 Pine Rd	Newnan, GA
Gwinnett	Mr. Silviu Gavriiuc: Natural Beekeeping (he is the beekeeper at the Gwinnett Environ. and Heritage Center	Tues 4/14 7 PM	Hebron Baptist Church	Dacula, GA
Lake Hartwell	Tom Aiken, Facilitator: Coffee House Meeting, Q&A Discussion	Thurs 4/2 7 PM	First Baptist Church	Lavonia, GA
MABA	Cindy Hodges and Jay Parsons: Small Hive Beetles and Varroa Mites	Wed 4/8 7 PM	Atlanta Botanical Garden	Atlanta, GA
NE Ga Mountain Beekeepers	General discussion on Spring	Thurs 4/9 7PM	Ruby Fulbright Aquatic Center	Clarkesville, GA
Ogeechee Beekeepers	Virginia Webb: Children's activities and promoting Apimondia	Thurs 4/23 5:30	Fordham's Farmhouse Restaurant	Statesboro, GA
Tara	Margo Wimbish: Children's Education	Mon 4/20 7PM	752 Main St	Forest Park, GA
Tri County	Bobby Chaisson: Beekeeper Bookkeeping	Mon 4/13 7 PM	2595 Highway 323	Gillsville, GA
West Ga. Beeks	Debbie King, RN: Venomous Bites and Stings	Mon 4/27	American Legion	Bankhead Hwy, Douglasville, GA

Club News and Notes:

Chattahoochee Valley Beekeepers' Wounded Warrior Project

by Paul Berry

About eight months ago, a retired military member of the Chattahoochee Valley Beekeepers Association made a suggestion that we consider doing something with one of our many wounded heroes at near-by Fort Benning. That suggestion started a firestorm of discussion on what we should do and how best to do it. Out of that discussion came what we now call our version of a "Wounded Warrior Project."

We solicited donations, first from our members, then from a vendor or two. We set up a collection jar at each meeting to collect cash to buy what we couldn't get donated. Our members donated tools and protective clothing, all before we had even solicited a hero who might have interest. As the time approached for us to begin our six week long beekeeping course, we submitted an article to the Bayonette Newspaper, asking for a volunteer. Almost immediately, we had a young, enthusiastic wounded Lt. Col. call. He was emphatic that if an enlisted hero or lower ranking hero should apply, he would step aside. That didn't happen, which was fine with us, because Lt. Col. Gannaway has the excitement and enthusiasm we hoped to find.

Since that time, a millwork company donated some wooden ware, frames and foundation and Fred and Ann Rossman donated a complete beginners beehive.

Lt. Col. Gannaway has been attending our Saturday afternoon classes and is enjoying putting some of his equipment together, anticipating the arrival of his bees, as are all the other participants in our course. He will keep his hive in our public apiary at Oxbow Meadows Environmental Learning Center since he is still on active duty and lives on Post. At Oxbow, he can care for his hive and participate in the caring for the other hives as well. Thanks to our hero, our experience has been wonderful and we hope to offer it every year.

Heart of Georgia Beekeeping 101 Report

by Rick Moore

Heart of Georgia Beekeepers offered their annual **Beekeeping 101** class and field exercise on Saturday, March 21, 2015. The class was held at the Camp John Hope located near Fort Valley, Georgia. In attendance were over 100 soon to be beekeepers and persons interested in beekeeping.

The morning session was started by GBA President and local Club member Bear Kelley who spoke on bees, followed by Broadus Williams about equipment, Ricky Moore on activities in and out of the hive, and Marybeth Kelley on Safety.

Following lunch the interested persons moved to the nearby beeyard where Ed Deemings, Tim Smith, and Jesse McCurdy opened hives to explain what was happening inside. Participants were encouraged to look and feel the frames and bees. Club members were available to answer the many probing questions. *(continued on page 6)*

Club News and Notes continued:

A special treat was watching Jesse McCurdy gather a swarm from a nearby bush and place it in a ready hive.



Many in attendance have placed orders for nucs which should arrive by the middle of April. This perfectly timed event was a great source of information and training for all.

Bees Celebrated in Agriculture

National Ag Week was celebrated in the Chattooga County Schools with live bees! The Farm Bureau sponsored the program for the Chattooga Beekeepers Association to take an observation hive into four of the county schools.

The 4th and 5th grade students at the Trion, Menlo, Lyerly and LeRoy Massey schools were given the opportunity to touch a smoker, hive tool, bee brush, and try on a real bee jacket with the hood to see what it felt like to be a beekeeper.



The Chattooga Beekeepers feel that educating our youth is important because they are the providers for our tomorrow. These students learned that honeybees are an important part of agriculture thanks to Alan Hix, Max Cordle, Randy Rolen and Sophia Price.

Club News and Notes continued:

Altamaha Beekeepers Association

ABA announces its planned partnership with the Gordonia Alatomaha State Park to support the establishment and maintenance of honeybee colonies to support public awareness of the honeybee and community activities within the park. Mr. Al Alford, Park Manager, and his assistant Reggie Ricks, invited ABA members to the park Friday, March 13, where the planning took place. Park rangers were invited to membership in the Altamaha Beekeepers Association to train and learn beekeeping skills.

The Altamaha Beekeepers Association meets at 6:00 pm on the first Monday of each month at Chatters Restaurant in Lyons, Georgia. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, April 6, 2015. The public is welcome. For more information, contact Holly Nielsen, President, Altamaha Beekeepers Association.

Northeast Georgia Mountain Beekeepers Association

Saturday, March 7th

The NE GA Mtn. Beekeepers held a Short Course on Saturday, March 7th at Elachee Nature Center in Gainesville, GA. The club had a stunning turn out with 106 in attendance for the day long program. The day was filled with well known speakers and topics: Dr. Paul Arnold - Honey Bee Biology, Mr. Nicholas Weaver - Pest & Disease Mgmt, and Mr. Bill Owens -- Queens, and Honey Mgmt.

State Parks that now have bee hives on their property

Georgia Veterans State Park
The Parks at Chehaw
President Carter's Farm
Reed Bingham State Park
Fort Yargo State Park
Panola Mountain State Park
Stone Mountain Park
Gordonia Altamaha State Park



On March 14th the participants attended a half day in the bee yard.

The main objective was to introduce the participants to the interaction with bees. They were taught how to identify workers, drones, brood, pollen, etc. along with basic hive manipulation.

The 2015 Short Course was the largest held by the NE GA Mtn. Beekeepers and is the main source that builds up the yearly membership. For information on joining the NE GA

Mtn. Beekeepers call Slade Jarrett - 706-677-2854, email jarrett@jarrettbees.com, or visit the website at negabeekeeping.com.



Brooks Bentley, Age 5
Landry Bentley, Age 7
Let's hope these budding beekeepers, children of GBA member Kevin Bentley, keep their enthusiasm for beekeeping.

Dear Aunt Bee,

Over the winter some of my honey started to granulate. I warmed two jars in a pan of water, never over 115 degrees, and it has developed a froth, or foam on top. I did not stir the honey, simply let it heat slowly. The froth is thick and tasty, but what caused it?

Signed,
Puzzled and bewildered in the kitchen



Dear Bee-wildered,

I presented your question and your photos to Keith Fielder, who in my mind is the expert on all things honey. This is what he told me:

“When honey granulates it separates and the remaining liquid often is above 18.6% in moisture, usually significantly so. This condition will allow fermentation to begin. This fermentation creates even more moisture. The act of warming and liquefying the honey "fed the fire" as were. When honey ferments, it will bubble. When honey ferments heavily, it quite often foams!

Such honey is typically edible, depending on one's particular taste buds, but I would recommend discarding it.”

Bee-wildered, I'm wondering if you used a refractometer? Honey must be below 18% moisture to be honey by definition and is less likely to ferment if it is 17% or less and not likely to ferment if under 18.6% moisture. But above that level of moisture, then you can expect fermentation which would be more evident after crystallizing.

I bought my refractometer on EBay and have found it invaluable.

Your Aunt Bee

Thanks to Rick Moore for this question and thanks to Keith Fielder for his answer



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Beekeepers Unite!

As most of you know, residential beekeeping was outlawed in Gwinnett County in February, 2014. Only residents in RA-200 properties are allowed to keep bees. We need to get this changed.

The Gwinnett County Commissioners are having a town hall meeting on **Thursday, March 26, 2015** at the **Dacula Park Activity Building, 2735 Old Auburn Avenue, Dacula, GA**. Thanks to Jane Lu's information, we now know that there are going to be two more town hall meetings after this one. They all start with a meet-and-greet at **6:15** and officially begin at **7:00pm**. The meetings are as follows:

March 26	Dacula Park Activity Building, 2735 Old Auburn Avenue, Dacula
April 23	Pinckneyville Park Community, 4650 Peachtree Industrial Blvd., Recreation Center Berkeley Lake
May 12	Hudgens Center for the Arts, 6400 Sugarloaf Parkway, Duluth

Even if you don't live in Gwinnett, we would love to have beekeepers present at all three of these meetings, so please check the dates and locations, and choose accordingly. Wearing a bee shirt of some kind would be helpful. Let's show this county that beekeepers need to be heard and that we're not going away.

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### ***I'm the loneliest beekeeper in Gwinnett County***

***Janet Poe***

I didn't used to be lonely. When I started beekeeping three years ago, I had lots of beekeeping friends. I joined a local organization, "The Beekeepers Club of Gwinnett County," where I met many beekeepers who made me feel welcome. They encouraged me to learn everything I could about beekeeping. They helped me decide on the right equipment to purchase. Every month, I learned more and more about beekeeping. The Beekeepers Club of Gwinnett County gave me confidence. I was becoming an official beekeeper. I bought a pink bee suit! Then I bought my beekeeping equipment. I had my priorities right.

I got my bees. I enjoyed every aspect of beekeeping—even the occasional love-peck from my girls. I extracted honey from one of my beehives last year! I made some candles from my own beeswax! I protected my bees during last year's Snowmageddon in Atlanta. I wasn't stuck on I-285. I was at home tending to my beehives.

I joined the **Georgia Beekeepers Association** when they had their fall meeting at the Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center. I made lots of new friends and learned even more. Beekeepers are everywhere in Georgia! Next I joined the American Beekeeping Federation! I was a "national" beekeeper. Even though I couldn't attend their meeting in California this year, I regularly visited their website and learned everything I could from their more experienced beekeepers.

Can you tell? I LOVED beekeeping!

Now all that's changed. **In 2014, Gwinnett County made it illegal for 90% of beekeepers in the county to keep bees.** In one vote, I lost almost all of my beekeeping friends. At last count, there are only four members left in the club because no one else is zoned RA-200. I'm the Club Secretary. The other three members wanted to be President. Two of them are probably going to leave because they didn't get voted into office.

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We're having a honey show next month. I'm pretty sure I'll win a ribbon, but even that's not very fun because no one else will be there to clap for me. If I stand, does that mean I got a standing ovation? Guest speakers won't come to speak to our club any more because last month, no one showed up. I was out of town.

Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners, won't you PLEASE reverse your decision and allow beekeeping in residential areas?

Otherwise, I will forever be the loneliest beekeeper in Gwinnett County.



**So this article doesn't become a true story, please support the Beekeepers of Gwinnett in their efforts to change the county laws.**

Need bees?  
Supplier list  
for the state of  
Georgia -  
submitted by  
Bear Kelley

[Click here to see supplier list.](#)

### Street Cred

Protecting Georgia's Pollinators: This is a draft of a proposition to protect Georgia's Pollinators. It is very long so you can [find it here](#), on a page on the Spilling the Honey blog.

[Oxalic acid has been approved](#) for use in beehives (thanks to all of you who sent us this article)

Beekeeper Sam Alston sent the following links for information about flowers that attract bees:

<http://www.beesource.com/resources/usda/nectar-and-pollen-plants/>

<http://www.bee-outside.com/beegardenseedsnew.aspx>

<https://www.greatsunflower.org/homepage>

Rick Moore sent us this: There is a really neat website by Bayer with lots of good beekeeping information. It's called **Feed A Bee**. If you register they will send you a packet of 200 seeds to attract honey bees. Supply is limited, register for free today. Their stated goal is to give away 50 million flowers for bees in 2015. Go here <http://feedabee.com/>

Would you like to serve on the National Honey Board? They are seeking to fill seven positions beginning January 2016. If you are interested, [here's where](#) you can find more information.

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## The bee mobile: Customizing your car for beekeeping on the go

by Jennifer Leavey

Life can get tricky for urban beekeepers, especially those who have hives all over town and no truck to haul equipment around. I got my first-ever new car about three years ago and it didn't take long for it to get singed and smoky and sticky with propolis and wax. So how can you keep your ride nice and keep your beekeeping gear handy at the same time?

The trick to keeping your car clean is protection and organization. First, you need to have some kind of carpet cover for your trunk or storage area. This can be a nice, dealer provided mat, or something simpler like cardboard (which you could also tear up and use as smoker fuel in a pinch). Linda Tillman spreads a sheet in the back of her car to protect the carpet and then can use it for catching swarms. You also need to keep your tools and equipment organized so they don't fall under the seat or shift around while driving. An inexpensive plastic toolbox works well for hive tools, smoker fuel, pens, lighters and other miscellaneous stuff. I also recently discovered that the big blue shopping bags they make you buy at IKEA fit two medium hive bodies perfectly. As a bonus, having them in the bag makes them easy to haul over your shoulder as well, leaving your hands free for other gear.

But what about efficiency when you are on the go? When you are driving all over town to tend your hives, you can't spend a lot of time at each stop. One way you can save time is by keeping your nice dry smoker fuel in your smoker and just temporarily put it out between stops by corking the top or smothering the fire with a piece of paper between the smoker body and lid. To prevent singeing your carpet or smoking up the car (awkward if you get pulled over), put the smoker in a metal ash can with a lid. Getting the smoker relit in a hurry is important, too. Jerry Wallace keeps a blowtorch in his car for just that reason. Seems like overkill to me but I'll bet it does the job! Jerry also carries an IR gun in his car for finding swarms in walls.

Finally, sometimes the car itself can wind up being an important piece of gear. Cindy Hodges shared a story with me about how she went on a swarm call one day but didn't have a box to put the bees in. She opened the door to her van that smelled like honey, bees and wax and eventually the bees flew right in and settled in the back seat! She drove them home and hived them up. No word on whether they wore a seatbelt.

Do you have tips for beekeeping on the go? Email them to [Jennifer.leavey@biology.gatech.edu](mailto:Jennifer.leavey@biology.gatech.edu) and we will put them together for next month!

### Honey Love Craft Beer

Pour a bottle of Bluemoon beer into chilled glass

stir in 1 tsp each of mandarin juice, lemon juice, and honey.

Garnish with a wedge of orange & serve immediately



from the Cafe M Rouge in Atlanta

## Bee Hives in my kitchen

by Christine Farhnbauer

Sooooo..... At Lake Blackshear I ran into a friend who was working his bees down there in Tifton, and he was telling me how it was a balmy 86 degrees and how well his bees were doing (loving that warm climate). I casually mentioned that I had a couple weak hives and maybe he could bring me some of those happy bees if he had any extra?

Well..... true to his word, I received a call the next week on Monday evening (it was 28 degrees outside and winter storm watch beginning the next day) telling me he had brought me two 4# queenless packages, not realizing Atlanta weather, oops!



Well, looking at the weekly forecast I knew I was in for a challenge! It was going to be SEVERAL days before we would even touch 55 and I'm no expert, but I do know enough not to break a cluster. And how exactly do I protect (cage) the queen of the weak hive as I bolster her workforce??. While I pondered this dilemma, the packages in my kitchen were working themselves into a frenzy, needing space, food and water!

After sleeping on it, I decided to get 2 brood boxes with a some frames of honey and allow those packaged bees room to spread out, eat (the sugar syrup can was already empty) and explore their new digs, right there on the counter! You can see the snow outside, but the bees didn't know it, and boy were they anxious to get out of that crowded package!

They moved up quickly from the opened packages into the deep brood boxes (through feeder lid with a hole cut out to fit a wide mouth jar, perfectly sized for the package with the syrup can opening ). I believe they were far better off than staying in the package, and after 5 days, I was able to carry the hives outside, where I stacked them underneath the weak hives.

Because I was adding probably 10 times the amount of bees to the existing weak hive, I was worried that newspaper would not be sufficient and they might overwhelm their new queen too quickly. I had been told that if you ever add more bees than are already in the existing hive, you MUST cage the queen to protect her. It was definitely too cold to cage her majesty, so I just used an old window screen to separate the newcomer hive body from the weak hive body. (I heard that the bees would spread the queens pheromones by touch through a screen). They probably clustered separately during the cold nights.

I removed the screen after 7 days and am happy to report that both hives are strong and the queens are laying wonderfully! Whew!!! And boy was my family happy to see those bees go out where they belong. 😊

## ***Nobody warned me!***

by Kathleen Bourne

Nobody warned me about the probability of a severe addiction. Although I live in Atlanta during the week (because of that pesky job thing) I have some land in Hart County. Over the years I've built it up with a cabin, a house and a large garden. It has been great fun working on building projects, growing food and having poultry. I thought that would be enough. Then "the girls" came.

Last spring I thought I'd give the beekeeping thing a try. It'll be easy. You just get a box,



buy some bees and take some honey. What's the problem?

Well the problem is no one told me I would become a honey bee junkie.

The next thing I know, I'm in a parking lot at midnight with a bunch of shady looking characters to pick up the goods from the Lake Hartwell Beekeepers Association. A couple of guys from the club drove to south Georgia for the order and all they said as they pulled up was "they're not happy." So with a borrowed veil (my gear hadn't arrived yet), I took the little darlings home and then the trouble began.

I started with 2 nucs and 2 purchased Langstroths. The next thing I knew, I caught a swarm; I did some splits; and I started building equipment. Now the greenhouse is being converted to a honey house, the garden is only getting plants "that the girls like," and my favorites folder is filled with strange names like Mann Lake and Dadant.

They really should put a warning label on the nucs that they're a gateway drug.

As I start my second year, not only have I ordered 4 more nucs, I've ventured into different kinds of hives. First I tried the Tanzanian top bar. I built it out of material I had and made it so it could fit Langstroth mediums if need be. It came out of the winter in great shape.

Then I started looking around for other hives to get my fix. I found a downed tree that is hollow all the way through and thought the bees might like it. I hauled it to a sunny spot, cleaned it out and put some starter bars in it. The top portion I cut into "supers" and stacked it like a conventional hive. Nobody has moved in yet but I've had some *lookie loos* come by. Now any scrap material laying around has the potential to become a honey bee home. I just spent the last few weekends building 2 Warre hives. Now the swarm traps are going up.

Will the madness never end?



**Bee stinging a hive tool. Photo by Janet Poe, Beekeepers Club of Gwinnett**



Monte McDonald's friend captured this swarm in Turner County on March 2. Thanks for sharing this.

We hope all of you have a great swarm season. Most bee clubs maintain swarm lists. If you want to catch a swarm, put your name on your club's list.

### **Submission Guidelines**

Please help us by keeping your articles to 500 words or less and send them along with your PHOTOS (we really need these) as attachments to emails. Include who took the photo, where and when.

Send all of this to [gbanewsletters@gmail.com](mailto:gbanewsletters@gmail.com)

### ***The Final Buzz***

We have a great big newsletter this month thanks to all those who participated by sending us stories, photos and helpful links. Please keep them coming.

Thanks,  
Gina and Linda



### **HELP WANTED at Spilling the Honey**

Gina and Linda are entering their fourth and last year as GBA Newsletter Editors. New editors are needed to continue gathering items and compiling them to be published here. Work from home.....in your spare time. On the job training provided. Helps to know a publishing program.

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