

Spilling the Honey

GBA Monthly Newsletter

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Bear Kelley, President, GBA

September President's Message

As we draw closer to the fall swarm and the end of my term as president of the GBA, I want to thank a number of people who have made my tenure as your President rewarding and successful. When I first took over, Linda Tillman and Gina Gallucci were the newsletter editors. Every month for the past three years, they have worked so hard in gathering material, stories, photos and technical info and have compiled it into what we see today: a wonderfully informative and interesting newsletter. They have made our *Spilling the Honey* fun. Without a doubt, their efforts and professional product have caused our membership numbers to rise.

Linda Tillman has also worked very hard in getting us into the 21st century with her efforts to get the new Wild Apricot program going to manage our growing membership. In addition, she and Julia Mahood have joined together to become the Meeting Committee. They are the folks who have gathered our speakers, organized the meetings, and caused our attendance at these meetings to rise out of control! (A good problem). Julia Mahood and Gina Gallucci also jumped in and volunteered to be the Marketing Committee. Bill Owens, who not only works selflessly as a fireman, one of our American heroes, also offers his selfless dedication to keep our web site up, running and up to date. He's also really quite funny when you get to know him!

Others who have contributed so much are our regional Directors. Slade Jarrett, who looked after our Northeast clubs, has done a remarkable job representing GBA. He started new clubs and spoke about us to the Georgia State Assembly. Unfortunately, Slade will not be running again this year. He will be missed. Another Director who will not be running is Rhett Kelley. Rhett stepped in when we really needed him and went to work hard, creating new clubs in the Southeast part of Georgia. He traveled throughout his territory talking up GBA and is mostly responsible for getting the Prison program off the ground and getting it statewide recognition. Rhett continues to serve GBA as the President of the Ogeechee area Beekeepers club. Broadus Williams came in last year and serves the Central and South part of our state. He has been working behind the scenes organizing the Perry Fair Honey Show and attended the original Pollinators meeting with Georgia officials to help get that program off the ground. Our fourth Director Brutz English started his tenure as the fixer of the GBA Facebook page and has kept it up and running for the past two years. Brutz too has started new clubs as well as organized and judged the first two Perry Honey Shows. For the past two years, as the person in charge of the nominations committee, he has found good people to fill the shoes of those officers who moved on. All of these directors' efforts have certainly been responsible for increasing our membership and club count.

Dr. Margo Wimbish needs to be recognized as well. Last year, I asked her to be the committee chair for the Junior Beekeeping program, and she stepped up without hesitation. She has spoken to numerous clubs and to our state meetings about how to train young folks to be involved with beekeeping.

I must also mention the club presidents who hosted our two annual meetings and made them so successful. The Chattahoochee Beekeepers in the Columbus area hosted a meeting. Under the leadership of Paul Berry, their members worked very hard to insure we had standing room only at our GBA meeting there. Bruce Morgan and the Lake Country Beekeepers club also went out of their way to ensure a great fall meeting last year and have stepped up again for a repeat performance this year. Keith and RoseAnne Fielder were a big part of the 2014 fall meeting as well. Keith brought in his bees for the bee yard, cooked steak and judged the honey show. RoseAnne worked very hard to help organize everything and kept it all going all weekend. Keith was also instrumental in helping me get the 4-H program back on track with the state and GBA.

If you think that I am not going to mention our vice-president Mary Cahill-Roberts, our secretary Andy Bailey and our treasurer RoseAnne Fielder, you're wrong. Mary has represented us at EAS by being on their board and has been the best council, advisor and friend I could have possibly had during this time. She has kept me stable and on track all along. She also oversees so much of our operation and helps keep it on the right path. Andy has served us well as Secretary and he came up with the "Charter recognition" for new clubs. RoseAnne has managed our dollars and made good sense of it all. She also spent an enormous amount of her time in getting us reconnected with the IRS and keeping us legal with the state.

I finally want to thank Marybeth, my wife, for all her support, patience, and understanding and for being there with me all the way. She too has met a lot of good folks as she has visited all the clubs and special events with me.

Ladies and gentleman, all the people I have mentioned are volunteers. They care about our organization and have been willing to step up and do their part. I believe that each of them has a "day job" to keep them busy without participating in GBA activities. When you see them at the meeting this month,

shake their hand and say thank you. They certainly deserve it.

Our state membership numbers have grown from less than 200 two years ago to around 450 today. Our Club numbers have grown from less than 20 to 35 with another new one coming online this month. It is all because of the hard work and tireless efforts of all of these people. Thank you all for making our organization grow in such a positive way.

Bear Kelley,

President, Georgia Beekeepers Association



And now a word about our outgoing president

by Mary Cahill-Roberts

As Bear's term as our president comes to an end, I wanted to say a few words about Bear Kelley. Bear and Marybeth Kelley have been excellent ambassadors for Georgia beekeepers. Marybeth has sustained Bear's endeavors with the GBA over the past three years and been stalwart in her support.

Bear Kelley was elected Vice President of GBA three years ago. He came in to the position with an idea of what he needed and wanted to do. Then when he took over as President he ran with the job.

Bear has done wonderful things for GBA and moved our organization forward, helping to push us into the 21st century. Bear has helped with the State Parks program putting beehives in many state parks and teaching the rangers how to care for the bees. He has worked with the Georgia prison system helping get the first beekeeping program into that arena. He has worked at the state level representing GBA with the mandated pollinator policy required by the federal government. He has been the state representative for GBA for the American Beekeeping Federation.

Bear truly has a passion for the honey bee and it shows in the work he is doing. He believes that we can work together as a group to make things happen in Georgia. He believes that beekeepers deserve a voice in our state. Bear has worked tirelessly for the best interest of all beekeepers in Georgia, both members of GBA and non-members alike.

I have had the honor of meeting and coming to know Bear Kelley over the past three years. He is a remarkable man. I am proud to call him my friend. I know he will continue his activities in the GBA and be a participant in the organization's growth. I hope we have many years together to continue working for the remarkable insect that we all care about and to continue to work for beekeepers all over the state.

Thank you, Bear Kelley, for the outstanding job you have done as president of GBA.



Please be sure to [register early](#) for the **GBA Fall Conference** which will take place on September 18 and 19 in Milledgeville, Georgia, at Central Georgia Technical College. If you'd like to see the program for the meeting, [click here](#).

Great reasons to register today:

- The early registration fee is \$60 per person. After September 12, the registration fee will be \$75
- Registering online allows you to choose what kind of lunch you'd like: regular, vegetarian or gluten-free
- Registering online assures that you will have a name tag and a program waiting for you when you check in at the registration desk
- Registering online helps us know how many chairs and lunches are needed.

GBA meetings are growing. Each year we have well-known speakers and interesting topics. You are a part of this great growth. Allow us to plan well for you by registering online today. [Just click here](#).

Do you have a bee-related item for the auction?

Your donations—large and small— are needed to make our auction a success! Anything from a beekeeping book or gadget to original art will be welcomed.

Please drop off auction donations Friday morning at Registration.

Are you a baker?

Share your culinary talents with your fellow beekeepers— bring a tray of desserts to contribute to our potluck style dessert social. Desserts can be dropped off Friday morning at registration, or that evening at the Social.

Enter the GBA Annual Honey Show

Categories include extracted honey, chunk honey, creamed honey, cut comb honey, section comb honey and black jar. You can also enter wax block, candles, ornamental candles, mead, beer, honey beverages, photographs, art work, crafts, or honey cake.

Maybe you'll come home with a ribbon or two or even win best in show. Judges' comments always help you learn about what you need to do to improve. So it's a win even if you don't get a ribbon.



Breakout Programs for Fall Conference in Milledgeville

The GBA Fall Conference is on September 18 and 19 at Central Georgia Technical College in Milledgeville, Georgia. In addition to our well-known national speakers: Dewey Caron, Michael Bush, Dean Stiglitz and Laurie Herboldsheimer, we will have breakout talks to meet many different needs.



Ray Civitts will be speaking on the challenges of being a commercial beekeeper. He describes his talk this way:

“I have decided to discuss some of my personal commercial beekeeping challenges as well as real life experiences in consulting large scale commercial beekeepers. I am talking about how to figure the costs in producing honey. I have found 95% of the beekeepers do not know their costs in producing any product and thus every sale can produce a money losing transaction. I will also deal with the importance of accounting, legal, and banking and the value each brings to the table. And finally I will address honey purchasing and the bee supply business.”

Stephanie Darnell from Bayer, a scientist working in pollinator safety and Bayer CropScience, will speak to us on honey bees and crop protection products. This breakout session will give an overview of the risk assessment process for honey bees during the development of crop protection products. There will also be information on the current bee health initiatives at Bayer CropScience. Stephanie received a bachelor’s degree in Horticulture with a minor in Chemistry from Northwest Missouri State University and M.S. degree in Entomology from University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She is responsible for science communications and forage habitat initiatives for the North American Bee Team at Bayer.



Rachael Bonoan is a Ph.D. student at Tufts University and board member for the Boston Area Beekeeper’s Association who studies honey bee health and nutrition. She is particularly interested in how honey bees get the right nutrients—in the right amounts—from their ever-changing environment. For her research, Rachael keeps eight observation hives at the Tufts University Medford/Somerville campus. In addition to a talk on why honey bees like dirty water, Rachael will give a breakout presentation on physiological and behavioral immunity in the honey bee. Here’s what she says about her talk:

“Honey bees defend themselves from a variety of pests; they do so both physiologically (individual immunity), and collectively (social, or behavioral immunity). In this talk, I will discuss some of the ways honey bees protect themselves from common pests, and focus on my favorite aspect of honey bee immunity: social immunity.”

To hear these interesting speakers as well as others, [join us in Milledgeville](#) on September 18 and 19.

Instead of a quote from **Dean Stiglitz**, one of our speakers for the GBA Fall Conference, we provide this link to [a funny explanation he did in under five minutes](#) of honeybee genetics.

Conference hotel information: The Hampton Inn is sold out. Bear has negotiated a block of rooms at the Fairfield Inn nearby. To contact them: 478-452-5202 dial 0 for the front desk and tell them that you are with the bee group to get the group rate.

Here is the list of currently registered vendors for the GBA Fall Conference. You can place orders with those who sell beekeeping products and most will bring your order to the conference, saving you a delivery charge. We've provided their numbers for your convenience, but you'll probably do better to visit their web pages to make orders.

American Bee Federation	404-760-2887
Dadant	877-832-3268
Mann Lake	800-880-7694
Rossmann Apiaries	800-333-7677
Walter Kelley	800-233-2899
THOM CAREY	229-522-3099
Lena Asay-Quilter	
Blue Haven Bee Co	706-245-6586
Georgia Grown	229-391-6882

"The Africanized bee has not been tamed. Several breeding programs have resulted in selections that are more manageable. After colonization of an area, the AHB is generally somewhat easier to work with, for example you can manage without wearing gloves. Also at higher elevations (more temperate conditions) the bees are not nearly as defensive and fewer adults leave the hive itself to defend within the apiary. It remains a unpredictable and difficult bee to manage and requeen and without selection not a very good honey producer nor bee to transport to pollination sites."

Dewey Caron, speaker for the GBA Fall Conference who manages Africanized hives in South America

"I love my observation hives. I have learned much more from them in a year than many years of keeping bees in a hive. Having one, in addition to your hives, gives you an idea what is happening outside in the other hives. You can see if pollen is coming in, if nectar is coming in, if robbing is happening etc. You can watch them raise a queen; watch how the hive acts while she is mating; watch them swarm. You can count days or hours on capping times, post capping times etc. You will get to see waggle dances, "get it off me" dances etc. You get to hear what the bees sound like when they are queenless, when they are being robbed, when the queen is emerging etc. I don't know how I did so long without one. I started building one a couple of times, but never got it done. Now I don't know how I did without it."

Michael Bush, speaker for the GBA Fall Conference

September 2015 Club Activities

(if your club is not listed here, consider volunteering to be the person who sends your meeting information in each month)

Club Name	Speaker/Topic	When	Where	City
CEBA	David Arnal	Mon 9/14 6 PM	Oatland Island	Savannah
Chattahoochee Valley	Annual Picnic	Sun 9/13 4 PM	Beegle Farm see website for directions	Columbus, GA
Chattooga	Julia Mahood	Tues 9/8 7 PM	32 Middle School Rd.	Summerville, GA
Gwinnett Beekeepers	Tommy Bailey: Winter Preparations	Tues 9/8 7 PM	202 Hebron Church Road	Dacula, GA
Henry	Jim Quick: Getting Ready for Winter	Tues 9/8 7 PM	100 Babbs Mill Rd	Hampton, Ga
Lake Hartwell	Jennifer Berry: Getting Our Bees Ready to Survive the Winter	Thurs 9/3 7 PM	Lavonia Baptist Family Life Center	Lavonia, GA
MABA	Annual Picnic, Honey Contest, and Auction	Sun 9/13	contact C. Hodges	Atlanta, GA
Ogeechee Beekeepers	TBA	Thurs 9/24 5:30	TBA	Statesboro, GA
Potato Creek	Tommy Moon: Getting Ready for Winter	Thurs 9/17 7 PM	835 Memorial Dr	Griffin, GA
Tara Beekeepers	Linda Tillman: The Wonders of Beeswax	Mon 9/21 7 PM	GA Power 752 Main St	Forest Park, GA
Tri County	Robert Brewer: Preparing Honey for the Honey Show	Mon 9/21 7PM	2595 Highway 323	Gillsville, GA

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.

Harmful Effects of Neonicotinoids Found in Large Scale Study

Keith Delaplane was part of a large scale study of neonicotinoids while on sabbatical in England. *The Guardian* wrote an article about [his study here](#). In his study, findings were that there are long term damaging effects on pollinators like the honey bee while the farmer may find it economically profitable to use neonicotinoids because they can eliminate other insecticides. The farmer loses in the long run, however, because long term benefits were negligible.



Heart of Georgia Beekeepers

Heart of Georgia Beekeepers held their monthly meeting on August 18th at Camp John Hope. The guest speaker for the evening was GBA President Bear Kelley whose powerpoint presentation was "Honey, Who Knew?" You will not want to miss this informative and entertaining presentation on Saturday afternoon at the GBA Fall Meeting. Our club is putting together a Beekeeping 201 class to meet in the Fall to introduce new beekeepers to techniques and instructions of successfully overwintering our hives.

Our next meeting will be on September 15th, and will feature a tasting contest of member's honey. Bring your jar and join us at Camp John Hope! Bring a friend, all are welcome. See you there.

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**Chattahoochee Valley**



Instead of a September meeting, the Chattahoochee Valley Beekeepers Association in Columbus, GA. will have our end of the season picnic on Sunday afternoon, September 13th. at 4PM. Check our website for directions to the Beegle Farm. We will have a "black jar" honey tasting contest, candle making demonstration, smoker contest, open hive inspection and a beekeepers yard sale, along with our usual potluck dinner.

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MABA

Metro Atlanta Beekeepers Association is having their annual Picnic, Honey Contest, and Auction on Sunday September 13th. Honey contest judges will be Keith Fielder and Evelyn Williams. Our auctioneer will be P.N. Williams. For more information contact Cindy Hodges DunwoodyHoney@bellsouth.net

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The **Oglethorpe** county bee club is offering a short course for beekeepers on October 24th, 2015. Preregistration is required. Register at [ocbeeclub.org/workshops](http://ocbeeclub.org/workshops). The fee of \$25 includes seven presentations by experienced beekeepers, information packet and lunch.



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The **Tri-County Beekeepers** will hold our September meeting on the third Monday night instead of our normal second Monday night.

Our September speaker will be Robert Brewer, Retired County Extension Agent from Towns County. He is also one of the founders of the Young Harris Beekeeping Program. He will be explaining how to prepare your honey to be entered in a honey show. Everyone attending is invited and encouraged to bring samples of their honey to the meeting where Mr Brewer and those in attendance will also taste and "judge" honey that night.



Dear Aunt Bee,

I have been a beekeeper for over three years and have been very blessed to have nine very healthy hives. I am truly in it for the bees. Honey is just a happy by-product. For the first time ever, I have had black widows take up residence underneath my hives.

Snakes, I can handle! Bees, no problem! Spiders, however, take on a whole new meaning and fear. (If I didn't know better I would wonder if my parents locked me up in a basement with one of my three brothers as punishment.)

Anyway, I truly want to get rid of them and wondered if you had any suggestions. I have killed several with a very long knife, but they seem to keep multiplying. I am now quite afraid to pull out a West beetle trap without gloves on, and I really hate gloves.

Tied Up in a Web of Fear

Dear Tied Up,

It's amazing how many non-bee critters show up in the hive. I've seen roaches, large and small, earwigs, roly polys, several kinds of spiders, and of course, small hive beetles.

I often see black widow spiders in my hives just under the top cover. Once my son-in-law and I opened a nuc hive full of crowded bees who needed to move into a full-sized hive. He pulled off the top cover, saw a black widow spider, screamed, dropped the cover and ran while I got stung seven times by the angry bees, jarred by the cover hitting the ground.

Now every time I see spider webbing under the top cover, I destroy it with my hive tool. The eggs are in the mass of webbing and this keeps multiplying from happening.

Other than that, maybe Xanax or yoga would help!

Yours,

Aunt Bee



Thanks to Jane Quattlebaum of the Coastal Empire Beekeepers Association for the interesting question about black widow spiders.

Dear Aunt Bee,
I can't find very many drones now - has their time come to an end already?

Sincerely,
In Mourning



Dear In Mourning,

We often check with our Master Beekeepers when we get questions. This time we asked Julia Mahood, Master Beekeeper from Atlanta. Here's what Julia said:

"If there are any amorous queens out there then they are likely out of luck. The workers start cleaning house and battening down the hatches for winter—even when it's still pretty hot here in Georgia. Part of the worker's Back To School routine is to bite the wings off the drones and kick them out the front door. So yes, the answer is that their time has come to an end."

After the winter solstice, the queen will begin to build up the hive again and when the time is right, she'll lay unfertilized eggs to replenish the drone population for next spring. So don't worry, In Mourning. When spring has sprung, there will be plenty of drones again.

Your truly,
Aunt Bee

Many thanks to Master Beekeeper Julia Mahood for answering this question

Hyper-Aggressive Bees

by Bob Grant

During this sourwood season, I have encountered more hyper-aggressive hives than usual -- around 30%. I manage and own over 48 hives in northeast Georgia and generally encounter one or two hyper-aggressive hives when robbing or inspecting. Keeping in mind that we are in a hot summer dearth until the fall flow, this season is the worst I've seen for aggression. My definition for hyper-aggressive bees goes something like this: as soon as my helper and I remove the hive cover, buzzing volume rises and the bees begin attacking (bumping and stinging) our face shields which causes us to move more than 100 feet from the hives. The bees continued to attack even at that distance and it often takes them 20 to 30 minutes to calm down.

I purchased my gentle south Georgia Italian bees in late March from a respected bee producer that I have used in the past. I replaced 25% of the queens in 60 days from a reputable northern California supplier I have used before. The newly queened hives were not a problem during the sourwood flow.

The initial queens were not a problem during the wildflower flow inspections and robbing. Granted the hives were still building due to the cool spring temperatures that persisted thru early May. However, during the Sourwood flow, I noticed a higher level of aggression even with smoke during my normal inspections. I think it could be caused by any combination of the following:

- Heavy rain periods which slowed the sourwood collection by the bees,
- Being in a dearth at the end of the flow which always adds to the fun,
- Robbing or disturbing hives, even with smoke (I don't normally use smoke while robbing), and
- The possibility of hybridization of my European stock queens by Africanized drones.

Are you experiencing this unusual behavior? I would welcome input on this unusual situation.

Not wanting to start a panic about Africanized bees in north Georgia, we decided to check with Jennifer Berry to see what she might say. Her response is below. Thank you, Jennifer, for responding to this.

The possibility that these bees are Africanized is slim. Over the years we have encountered very aggressive bees, had them tested and they came up negative for any Africanization. European bees can be nasty as well, especially this time of year when all the older foragers are home with nothing to do. If your colony is extremely hostile, we recommend re-queening as soon as possible.

Here are some suggestions: If you are new to bees, ask an experienced beekeeper to come help. Re-queening, even in the best of situations can prove to be difficult. Smoke the colony heavily and then wait several minutes before opening the hive. This gives the bees time to ingest honey. Put queen excluders between each super to isolate her to a specific area, then come back five days later and look for eggs. Hopefully, you have corralled her to a specific super which will help to locate her. Look on frames with young brood first before moving to the outer honey frames. After you have examined a frame, don't put it back in the hive; lean it on the outside of the box so she doesn't jump back onto a frame you've already check out. Once you find her, pinch her, and place the new caged queen in that same day. Wait a few days before pulling the cork, to insure acceptance. But don't wait to insert a new queen! You don't want these bees to make their own queen, since aggression is genetically linked.

Remember, the nicest of bees can have a bad day or days. — **Jennifer Berry**, UGA Bee Lab

Beekeeper's Grandson Doing Research

by Jerry Edwards

The concern about possible colony collapse disorder continues to assault beekeeping, and a grandson of one of our own beekeepers has spent his summer at the University of Miami trying to unlock some of the mystery. A junior at UM where he is a Foote Scholar, Jake Beck, grandson of Jerry Edwards, former president of GBA, is interning with Professor Gary Hitchcock as they study CCD in Florida with a grant funded by the university. Their first presentation was at the Florida Bee Research Symposium at the University of Florida in July.



Survey data collected will be used to research trends relating to colony loss in beehives throughout Florida and also will attempt to quantify the economic losses. Working with Florida's Department of Agriculture, University of Florida's Honey bee Research Lab, and Florida State Beekeepers Association, Professor Hitchcock's and Jake's goal is to provide insight into the dilemma as it relates to Florida beekeeping, both commercial and hobbyists, and to offer facts that will bring about a solution in the future.

Jake has varied experiences in the art of beekeeping from helping his grandfather in the bee yards as a young boy to experiencing the total bee reality by extracting, bottling, and selling honey. May his dual majors of ecosystem science, policy and economics coupled with his innate interest of the honeybee guide him into the honey world. Jake's experience this summer is an example of how beekeeping spans generations.

“We Have Bees!”

by Barbara Phillips, MD

Through the kind donation of two established beehives and a generous grant from Skidaway Audubon, Skidaway Island State Park installed two hives on the park grounds in June this year. The hives were donated by a local beekeeping chef, Daryl Gassmann, who moved to Florida to pursue a new job.

The park rangers are thrilled and have begun to learn beekeeping from their mentor, Dr. Barbara Phillips. They are just about to extract their very first *few* frames of capped honey.

This project was inspired by Bear Kelley's story of installing hives in the state parks in south Georgia during a discussion at the last GBA Meeting. When Skidaway Audubon heard about the project, they were willing to provide the initial funding as part of their Sustainable Skidaway initiative. Their generosity made it possible for the state park to purchase the necessary supplies and equipment to get started.

The rangers, Holly Holdsworth, Park Manager, and Kate Charron, Assistant Park Manager, have been the driving force in establishing the apiary and caring for the bees with the other rangers participating as well. The apiary is located in a part of the park that is next to a freshwater pond and adjacent to a

field. The field is available to the park visitors, but not often visited. It gets morning sun, afternoon shade, and is well signed to alert the public.

The rangers plan to incorporate beekeeping into their educational programs and summer camps at the park beginning in the spring of 2016. The bee hives are a wonderful project and the park community is excited to educate the public about the importance of honey bees and other native pollinators in our world.

Thank you Daryl Gassmann and Skidaway Audubon!



National Honey Bee Day was celebrated at the Jimmy Carter Boyhood Farm in Archery, Georgia, near the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site in Plains, Georgia.

The National Park Service hosted the event at the farm which was conducted by members of the Heart of Georgia Beekeepers Association. Visitors had the opportunity to taste several local honeys as well as one from Puerto Rico. Manuka honey from New Zealand was also available for tasting. The differences in color and taste were explained as well as how an interested person can start beekeeping. WXGA-TV Fox24 in Macon was on hand to interview DeWayne Pitts and others for the evening news.

This was the second annual National Honey Bee Day at the Carter Boyhood Farm.

Rick Moore
Heart of GA



EASY BAKED HONEY MUSTARD CHICKEN

1/4 c. grainy coarse mustard
 1/4 c. Dijon mustard
 1/2 c. honey
 3 tsp. coconut oil
 1/2 sm. onion, diced
 2 cloves garlic, minced
 2 1/2# boneless chicken tenderloins
 3-4 sprigs fresh rosemary
 salt and pepper



Combine mustards, honey & 2 tsp oil.

In a cast iron skillet, add 1 tsp oil. Saute onion over medium heat until golden, 5 min. Add garlic and sauté 1-2 min.

Place chicken on top. Salt & pepper tops. Pour honey mixture over chicken. Arrange rosemary around chicken in pan.

Bake covered at 400 for 20 min. Uncover, baste w/sauce in pan and cook 20-30 min until browned and cooked through.

Dinner is served!

Thanks to Gail Albrecht for this recipe

Beekeeping Tips and Tricks

by Rick Moore

Small Hive Beetles are the probable cause of my losing a hive recently. One hive check it was fine, two weeks later and it was empty. So I "know a guy." You probably "know a guy" also, who has a homemade contraption he guarantees will get rid of the SHB. And if you don't "know a guy," there are plenty of Youtube videos showing different traps and bait. Caveat emptor, let the buyer beware; many of these simply will not work.

So I went to "my guy" and he told me to get a plastic sign like you see along the roadside



announcing political candidates and cut it into strips, open the back, shove some bait in it, tape it shut, and move on to life's next opportunity. Sounds easy, right? But let me tell you, if there is

a wrong way to do it, I can find it.

I found a sign, dutifully cut the strips to the right sizes, sliced the middle so I could cram bait in it, and what did I find? The corrugated material in the sign has a grain! The sign when correctly cut will have dozens of small openings along the long side of the strip you just cut.

And if you do it wrong, (I DID!) it will have one long, unusable cell. See the pictures for yourself. The first picture is what I was making. The second picture shows the right and the wrong way to cut the sign.



So today's lesson is, check twice, cut once. But had I listened closely, I'm sure "my guy" probably told me that.

Letter to the Editors

Dear Linda and Gina,

I was glad to see the article about the box stores and the neonics! I almost purchased a couple of plants a few weeks ago and saw the tags. I showed them to the cashier who was in shock. A young guy was there who wanted to know more. Took this today to share with all my friends on Facebook. **Every flowering plant that I saw had them.** I keep sharing and making people aware!!

Thanks,
Sue Kilgore



The Final Buzz

There's so much going on in August. Bee season is ending. We are busily preparing for the conference in Milledgeville in September (have you registered? [click here!](#)) Gina and I just couldn't seem to be in town at the same time to work on the September newsletter so we are very, very thankful to Gail Albrecht who stepped in to help edit this edition. It always takes a village - this time Gina edited and organized articles early on, Gail and I copy-edited the articles and I put the newsletter together and sent it to Gail and Gina for a last edit before sending it out. Thank you so much, Gail, for the extra help.

Many, many thanks to all of you who contribute - the club people who send in meeting information and write-ups of your club's activities, people who write articles, people who ask questions of Aunt Bee, people who send in photos. You are the BEST! Keep the articles, recipes, photos and thoughts coming.

If your club has a newsletter, bring it to the fall conference. We want to display all the GBA local club newsletters so we can both cheer and learn from each other.

See you in Milledgeville,

Linda and Gina



Deadline for the October edition of the Newsletter is **Sunday, September 27 at midnight.** Please submit your articles (500 words or less) with photos to us by that time in order to be used in the Newsletter.

Club meeting information about upcoming programs and speakers must be in no later than **Tuesday, September 29 (and please don't depend on us to remind you).**

The American Beekeeping Federation Bee Conference and Trade Show is January 5 - 9 in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida. For more information, [click here.](#)