



Spilling *The* Honey

NOVEMBER 2016

GBA FALL MEETING OCTOBER 7 & 8, 2016



Thanks to these folks for contributing photos: Gina Gallucci, Rick Moore, Bill Owens, and Linda Tillman



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you for the very great honor of electing me to serve as your president. The Georgia Beekeepers Association is a vibrant, growing organization with 760 members. In this year's election for officers, I was excited to see that so many people wanted to serve GBA by running for office.

Our election slates included Andy Bailey, me, Gina Gallucci, RoseAnne Dorn, Bear Kelley, Jane Quattlebaum, Brutz English, Tim Hoffman, Terry Moore, Robert Quarterman, Dale Richter and Broadus Williams. What a fantastic selection of people from all over the state! Thank you all for running. Randy Rolen and Derrick Fowler did a great job managing the election. For those of you who did not get elected this time, your willingness to run shows your support for GBA. I hope each of you will find a place in GBA to contribute this year, and I hope each of you will consider running again.

For our fall meeting, Jennifer Berry invited dynamic speakers, Julia Mahood organized the meeting to perfection, and many people helped. The board meeting on Thursday night was well-attended and most of the committees appointed by Mary Cahill-Roberts, our past president, had completed their assignments. At the business meeting, after years of working tirelessly for GBA, Bill Owens was named Beekeeper of the Year.

Jamie Ellis' talk on honey bee biology ended our fall meeting. When he finished, I wanted to jump up and cheer. The passion he communicated was felt throughout the room as people stayed past the ending time of the conference to hear what he had to say. He shared what unites us all - our love for the honey bee.

My wish for GBA going forward is for the clubs in our organization to become more connected. When you've had a good speaker, please communicate that to other clubs so they can invite that speaker. If your club discovered something that helped with your short course, please share it so another club can try it too. If you've come up with a fund-raiser that worked for your club, please tell us about it.

The key to feeling like a part of GBA is to get involved. Although a member of GBA for years, I didn't really commit to the organization until four years ago when Gina and I began to edit the newsletter. Now I have taken on several different jobs in GBA, and each one increases my investment in GBA. I have made many new friends in GBA, and I love seeing you at your clubs when I come to speak, or at our two annual meetings.

If you would like to get involved with GBA, watch for ways to help. Maybe it will be something on the local level, like sending items to the newsletter for your own club. Maybe it will be on a larger level, like serving lunches at the annual meetings or helping at the registration desk. Maybe you'd like to work on GBA's 100th birthday celebration in 2020.

We will invite you to help every chance we get, so please, say YES!

Linda Tillman
GBA President



DID YOU NOTICE THIS GROUP OF YOUNG PEOPLE AT THE GBA FALL CONFERENCE?

These AP Biology students from the Georgia Military College and their teacher, Ms. Emily Boylan, are interested in learning more about bees and making plans to start a bee club on their Milledgeville campus. The Lake Country Beekeepers Association is assisting in the planning and wants GBA to know that their support makes a difference.

They are so grateful to Mary Cahill-Roberts and the GBA for allowing them to attend the Friday morning session.

Did you know that all students can attend GBA meetings for the cost of lunch? GBA supports the education of young beekeepers!

★ ELECTION REPORT 2016 ★

The GBA election for officers was held by secret ballot at the fall conference. Thanks go to Randy Rollen and Derrick Fowler, GBA directors who worked diligently to run a proper election in accordance with the by-laws.



President: Linda Tillman

Linda Tillman is a beekeeper, a grandmother, a bread baker and a recently retired clinical psychologist. She has served as the co-editor of the GBA newsletter for the last four years and as secretary of GBA. She co-founded the Atlanta Beekeeping Meetup and is a member of MABA, where she served on the board for many years. Linda began keeping bees eleven years ago and earned her Master Beekeeper in 2010. She keeps bees in her backyard, at community gardens, at an Atlanta inn, and in the mountains. Linda runs a blog that she started at the beginning of her beekeeping. Her blog (www.beekeeperlinda.com) is widely read by followers from all over the world. She's made videos about skills like harvesting honey and melting wax, and has written extensively of beekeeping adventures. Linda loves sharing her beekeeping fun with friends, children, grandchildren, new beekeepers, bee clubs and anyone who will listen.



Vice-President: Gina Gallucci

Gina Gallucci continues to learn and love beekeeping after 11 years. She joined the TARA and Metro Atlanta clubs. She served on the MABA board and then was president of MABA. Working on the MABA short course, chairing the swarm calls and answering the MABA phone gives her the opportunity to interact with beekeepers and the public, sharing knowledge about the fascinating honey bee. Gina keeps bees at her home and a nature preserve. She moved to Georgia from Washington State, and began a career in recruiting. Married 28 years, Gina has stepchildren, and a large, close extended family. Reading for pleasure introduced her to beekeeping, for which she is forever grateful, not only for learning the art and science of beekeeping, but especially for the many friendships which have developed along the journey. Gina currently served for four years as co-editor of our GBA newsletter.



Treasurer: Bear Kelley

Bear Kelley is retired from the US Army after 30 years as a logistics management officer. He is a certified beekeeper as well as a certified Welsh honey judge. He earned a Master's degree from Michigan State Univ. and is the past president of the Georgia Beekeepers Assn. His other offices include GBA vice-president, president of the Heart of Georgia Beekeepers Assn, education board of the American Bee Federation. He serves on the board of directors of several national organizations. He has been beekeeping for about 10 years and operates a small apiary in south Georgia. Bear was selected as the 2014 GBA Beekeeper of the Year and 2015 Heart of Georgia Beekeeper of the Year.



Secretary: Jane Quattlebaum

Jane Quattlebaum started beekeeping four years ago after hearing a 45 minute presentation on beekeeping and, subsequently attending the



“Fundamentals of Beekeeping” hosted by Coastal Empire Beekeepers Association (CEBA). She was swarmed, one might say, and hasn't looked back. She currently is on the board of directors of CEBA, mentors about 10 beekeepers, and is the go to person for Savannah Bee Company when a bee removal needs to be done. Although she lives in Georgia, she is a certified beekeeper in South Carolina where she attended college at Furman University. She is also an active member of Beaufort/Jasper Beekeepers Association and the South Carolina Beekeepers Association. Her love for honeybees has infected those she mentors and her goal is to make people great bee“keepers” not just bee“havers.” When not tending bees, she works full-time for Teva Pharmaceuticals as a senior executive sales specialist.



Director: Brutz English

Brutz English has served on the GBA board of directors since 2013, and would very much like to continue to serve in this capacity. He currently serves as president of both the Henry County Beekeepers Association and the Potato Creek Beekeepers Club. Brutz earned a master beekeeper certification as well as a certified Welsh honey judge through the Young Harris/UGA Beekeeping Institute. He holds a commercial beekeepers license and a honey house license from the Georgia Department of Agriculture. In 2009, Brutz began keeping bees and over the following years his apiary has grown to over fifty colonies. The primary focus of his beekeeping operation is honey production. However, he also does agricultural pollination. He is active in several local bee clubs in the middle Georgia area. Brutz enjoys volunteering and public speaking almost as much as he does beekeeping.



Director: Broadus Williams

Broadus Williams has served on the GBA Board of Directors for the past two years. He has played an active part in the success of the GBA prison beekeeping program. Broadus is a leader in beekeeping 101 courses. Most recently he helped the Heart of Georgia club in its April beekeeping course. He is frequently found helping those new beekeepers getting started with their nucs or speaking in schools to our future beekeepers. Broadus is Vice-President of the Heart of Georgia Beekeepers Association.

GBA HONEY SHOW AWARDS



Gail Dean with her blue ribbon

LIGHT EXTRACTED HONEY
Commendable: James Ritchie
Highly Commendable: Randy Rolen
Very Highly Commendable: Marilynn Parker
3rd place: Virginia Webb
2nd place: Kelley Campbell
1st place: Gail Dean

MEDIUM EXTRACTED HONEY
Commendable: Brutz English
Highly Commendable: Gail Dean
Very Highly commendable: Marilynn Parker
3rd place: Heather King
2nd place: Cindy Hodges
1st place: Randy Rolen

DARK EXTRACTED HONEY
Commendable: Heather King
Very Highly Commendable: Julia Mahood
2nd place: Timothy Hoffman

BLACK JAR: Heather King

CREAMED HONEY
Commendable: Heather King
Highly Commendable: Annette Jackson
Very Highly Commendable: Ann Shelton
3rd place: Bobby Chassion
2nd place: Julia Mahood
1st place: Randy Rolen

CUT COMB
1st place: James Ritchie

CHUNK HONEY
3rd place: James Ritchie

ARTWORK RELATED TO BEEKEEPING
Commendable: Randy Rolen
Highly Commendable: Bear Kelley
Very Highly Commendable: Lisa Hogue
3rd place: Janet Phillips
2nd place: Julia Mahood
1st place: Denise Elliott

PHOTOGRAPHY RELATED TO BEEKEEPING
3rd place: Denise Elliott
2nd place: Daphney Glass
1st place: Jennifer Berry

MOLDED ORNAMENTAL CANDLES
3rd place: Heather King
2nd place: Cindy Hodges
1st place: Brutz English

CANDLES
2nd place: Michael Hogue
1st place: Virginia Webb

WAX BLOCK
Commendable: Michael Hogue
Highly Commendable: Jonathan Hayes
Very Highly Commendable: Heather King
3rd place: RoseAnn Fielder
2nd place: Virginia Webb

CRAFTS RELATED TO BEEKEEPING
Commendable: Lisa Hogue
Very Highly Commendable: Daphney Glass
3rd place: Virginia Webb
2nd place: Bobby Chassion
1st place: Annette Jackson

PRISON HONEY
3rd place: Dooly State Prison
2nd place: Lee Arrendale State Prison
1st place: Ware State Prison



*Far Left-Warden Tom Gramiak
 Center Holding the Award-Education Officer Billy Carter
 Right-Deputy Warden for Care and Treatment Edwina Johnson
 And the Beekeeper Inmates of Ware State Prison*

BEST IN SHOW
Randy Rolen for creamed honey



Head judge Keith Fielder presents the Best in Show award to Randy Rolen



Beekeeper of the Year

Bill Owens is this year's recipient of the Beekeeper of the Year award. Bill has been a tireless volunteer for GBA and many other organizations in our state.

Congratulations, Bill!



NOVEMBER CLUB CALENDAR

Club Name	Speaker/Topic	When	Where	City
Appalachian Beekeepers Association	Linda Tillman, Beekeeping the Simple Way: Tips and Tricks	Thurs, Nov 10, 7pm	Senior Center, 400 Stegall Dr	Jasper, GA
Eastern Piedmont Beekeepers Assn	Slade Jarrett of Jarrett Apiaries	Mon Nov 7 7pm	965 Austin Rd.,	Winder, Ga
Gwinnett Beekeepers	Ray Civitts, Winter/Spring Management	Tues Nov 8 7 PM	Hebron Baptist Church	Dacula, GA
Heart of Georgia	2017 officers election, and Darlyn Davis will speak	Tues 7pm Nov 15	Camp John Hope	Fort Valley, GA
Lake Country	Dr. Jamie Ellis The Humorous Honey Bee: Design and Function	Mon Nov 21 7 PM	Hancock County Library 8984 East Broad Street	Sparta, GA
N Macon Bee Club	New club formation	Thurs Nov 3	Wellness Center	3797 Northside Dr Macon, GA
TARA	Short Course	Sat Nov 5 8a-4p	Georgia Power Building	752 Main Street Forest Park, Ga. 30297
TARA	Honey Show and Elections	Mon 7pm Nov 21	GA Power Bldg	752 Main Street Forest Park, Ga. 30297
West Georgia	Barry Bolling: Beekeepers Calendar	Mon 6:30 Nov 28	Douglasville American Legion,	Douglasville, GA

Please email your upcoming club events to us for future newsletters!

gbaneletters@gmail.com





Dear Aunt Bee,

A bunch of beekeepers and myself have experienced unusually aggressive bees. The hives have a laying queen with lots of brood, plenty of honey stores and frames of available drawn comb. Why in early October are they so aggressive?

Signed,

Repeatedly Stung

Dear Repeatedly,

It is frustrating when the very creatures we care for seem to turn on us and “bite the hand that feeds them” so to speak. From your description, they seem to be healthy hives so I would rule out internal causes such as queenlessness or starvation. It could be that a nectar flow has suddenly stopped. This can make hives temperamental when they find the grocery store shelves are suddenly empty with winter approaching. Another likely cause is external predators trying to stock their own pantry. Repeated attempts to rob the hives can put them in a constant defensive posture going after anything that comes near – including beekeepers. Likely culprits are skunks, yellow jackets, or even honeybees from other hives. You might try severely reducing the entrance size down to an inch or so making it much easier to defend. Hope this helps.

Signed,

Aunt Bee

Aunt Bee reaches out to experienced beekeepers for answers many times. This answer was provided by Master Beekeeper Steve Nofs in Macon, GA.



Dear Aunt Bee,

Do you think that God made Goldenrod honey smell bad so beekeepers would leave it for the bees to eat over winter?

Signed,

Goldenrank

Dear Goldenrank,

Who says goldenrod smells bad? And it is a great honey for bees to eat when overwintering.

Signed,

Aunt Bee

Wanted: Physical therapist or physician who is also a beekeeper and hopefully a GBA member.

We want to talk to you about a breakout idea for the spring meeting.

Please get in touch with Linda at gabepresident@gmail.com



STREET CRED

A team of students in Slovenia are working on a project based on bees and beekeeping.

They are asking beekeepers worldwide to complete a brief survey to help them.

If you are willing to share some anonymous information, click this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/e7y33yCbDAGZdQAn2>

“An overwintered nuc is a queen with support staff”

—Michael Palmer

PERRY NATIONAL FAIR HONEY SHOW



Show judges and stewards

The Heart of Georgia Beekeepers sponsored the Perry National Fair Honey Show on October 14, 2016. There were 14 exhibitors with 33 entries to the show. This show featured light, medium, dark extracted honey, and black jar.

The winners were:

Light Extracted: 1st Heather King, 2nd Jonathan Hayes, 3rd Gail Dean, Very Highly Commendable Annette Jackson, Highly Commendable, Virginia Webb, Commendable Barbara Phillips.

Medium Extracted: 1st Jonathan Hayes, 2nd Heather King, 3rd Brutz English.

Dark Extracted: 1st Virginia Webb, 2nd Gail Dean, 3rd Heather King, Very Highly commendable David Tolar.

Black Jar Heather King.

Best in Show: Heather King.

Each first place winner received \$100, and the Best in Show also received \$100.

Judges were Brutz English, Sean Massey, Bear Kelley, and the Senior Judge was Virginia Webb. Steward assisting the judges; Gail Dean, Barbara Phillips, Marybeth Kelley. Secretaries were Marybeth Kelley and Barbara Phillips. Broadus Williams was the chief organizer of the event.

Respectfully submitted,

Marybeth Kelley

Show Secretary



Darlyn Davis and American Honey Princess Tabitha Mansker at the GA National Fair

Is your raffle Legal?

Many of you may remember the article in the May 2016 Newsletter about raffles. We reported concerns about the possible legal problems a club or the state meeting might run into if a raffle were held. The organization holding the raffle could be in big legal trouble if a license had not been obtained before holding the raffle.

We were worried about the issues of whether or not we could legally hold the raffle at the fall GBA meeting. Brutz English took on the task of finding out what was needed to hold a raffle at Milledgeville.

Brutz's first step was to contact the Baldwin County sheriff's office to find out what we should do in order to hold a raffle within legal bounds at the college. He played phone and email tag for several days but finally got the forms to submit for a license.

Rose Anne, our GBA treasurer, needed to fill out the forms, so all of the officers sent information to her. Before the forms were delivered to the sheriff's office, Brutz got a last-minute call (on October 4) giving us permission to have a raffle without obtaining a license.

We had a great raffle with wonderful prizes, including a nuc from Mountain Sweet Honey, a whole hive box from Rossman, and a ticket for admission to Young Harris (which came with a Broodminder and an OxVap treatment). GBA took in almost \$1000 toward the cost of the meeting from selling raffle tickets. We appreciate everyone who participated and bought a \$1 ticket. And many thanks to Gina Gallucci and Tim Doherty who promoted and sold the tickets.

We encourage your club to contact your local sheriff's department, secure the license if needed, and offer great prizes in your fund-raising raffle. It really works!

HONEY CONTEST

The best tasting honey in the world will be awarded at the 6th annual, 2016 Black Jar Honey Tasting Contest located at the Center for Honeybee Research in Asheville, NC. Judging will be held in late January, 2017. Registration must be postmarked by November 15, 2016.

Grand Prize is \$2000 U.S, blue ribbon, name added to trophy and Center website, and bragging rights for the whole world. We will also award \$150 each to winners in ten categories - which will be determined based upon the qualities and quantity of entries received.

To read more about it, go here:
<http://www.chbr.org/2016HoneyContest.aspx>

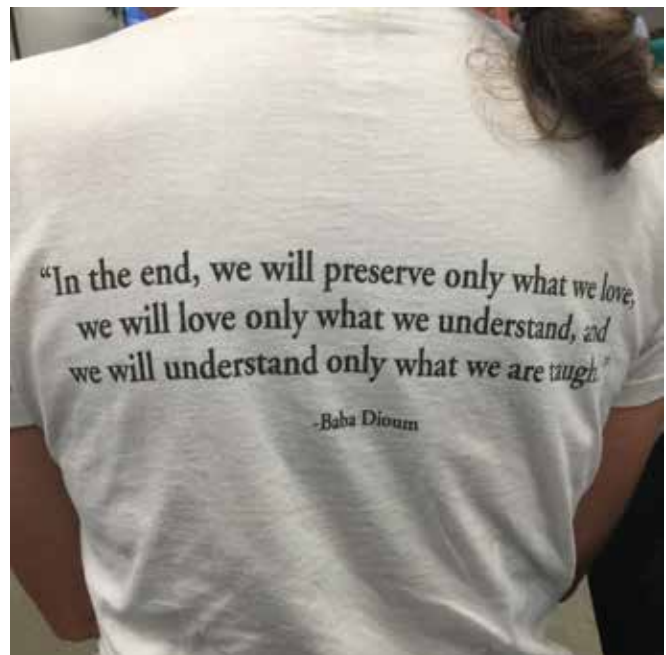
“When buying a queen, ask the queen breeder how long they left the queen in the nuc after she started laying. Many take her out and sell her within a day or so and she is not a viable queen because of it.”

–Jennifer Berry

GBA Board of Directors meeting at the Fall Conference minutes are available.

Go here to read the minutes:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qzf-KgYqF3-TJ_TKDNfxcUphvyLDY YCq5vr9yGw71nI/edit?usp=sharing



**Please email your submissions for the December newsletter!
We need your tips, your recipes, your questions, and your news.
Send them to gbanewsletters@gmail.com**

Rick Moore and Julia Mahood, *GBA newsletter editors*