

ORANGE CO

Beekeepers



REQUIREMENTS FOR FAIR ENTRIES

Jennifer Keller spoke to our meeting on various entries for our state fair in October.

Honey products include light, amber, and dark extracted honey, cut comb, chunk honey, and 1 frame of capped honey. Honey is judged mostly on how neatly it has been extracted so pay close attention to clarity, cleanliness, and straining.

Wax products are judged on the cleanliness of wax, purity of color, and how slowly it has been cooled which reduces shrinkage.

Bees involve 1 observation hive to be judged and then carried home the day before the fair. It will be judged not for the beauty of the observation hive but the quality of the frame. It should have enough bees on it to care for the larvae. It should have a good queen and brood pattern as well as honey and pollen stores.

Photographs can be displayed as part of the booth but only one per person can be submitted for judging. They are judged on content, quality, mounting and a caption which must be on the front of the photo.

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Highlights

Master Beekeeper!

Randall Austin
Becomes a master beekeeper!

Directory Plan

Get your photo taken
We would like to have a photo directory of OCBA members so we can get to know one another and what we do when we are not beekeeping. We will be taking pics at future meeting and then asking you to update your member info.

State Fair Sign-up

Contribute to our booth



If you didn't sign up at the meeting, please sign up to add something to our state fair booth. See the last page.

Call for Nominations

Become an OCBA leader

At our October meeting, we will be voting for new officers for 2010. Please volunteer or nominate a friend.

Senior Center Event

Share your knowledge

On September 24th, we will be doing a presentation for the folks at [Central Orange Senior Center in Hillsborough](#). We hope to hold our beekeeping classes at their facilities in January so now we have the chance to show them what we are about. Two shows. 10:30 + 6:30

Master Beekeepers Welcome New Member

Randall Austin receives his certificate as a master beekeeper. Randall has been keeping bees since 2005 when he applied to get free Russians through the Goldenleaf Program which gave 500 hives, 2 hive per applicant, away. Over 3000 people applied and Randall was among many who did not get bees. But his heart was already set so he ended up with bees anyway. He now has 9 hives which he says are too many.

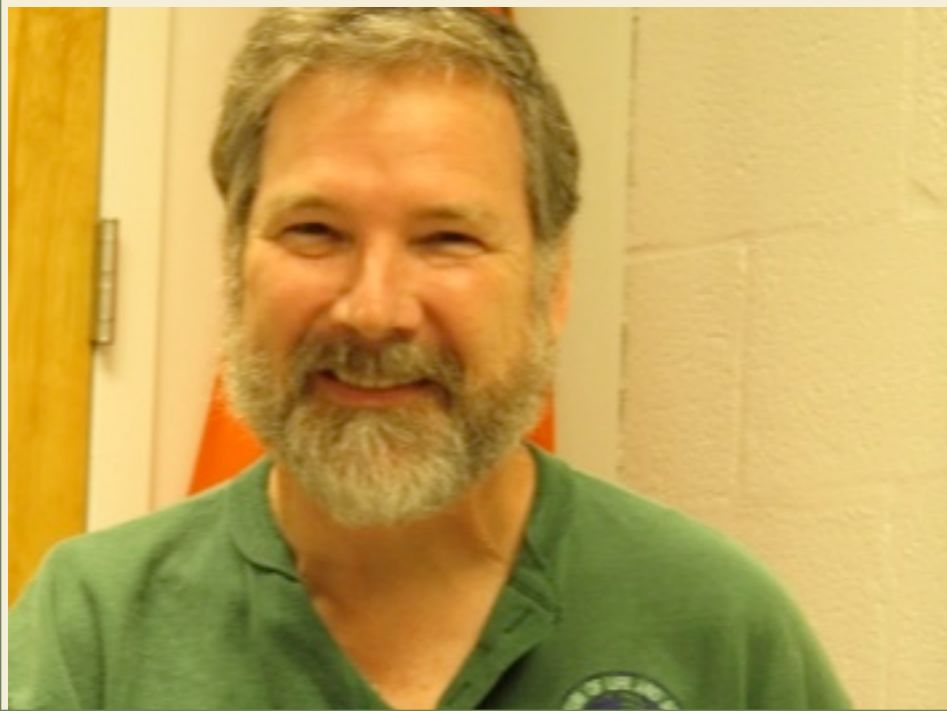


The Master Beekeeper Program

was founded to help educate beekeepers. By encouraging beekeepers to extend their personal knowledge and share their knowledge with the wider community, the master beekeeper program helps spread the word of quality beekeeping.

It is the oldest continuous beekeeper program in the US. and is sponsored by the NC Department of Agriculture and the NCXU Etymology program/ apiculture program.

There are four levels beginning with Certified Beekeeper, then Journeymen Beekeeper, followed by MASTER



Beekeeper. The highest level is Master craftsman Beekeeper. Learn all about the [Master Beekeeper Program Here](#)



State Fair Info

The North Carolina State Fair has a website full of info for you. Visit [2009 State Fair](#).

[Bees and Honey Entry Rules](#)

[Register Online](#)

Sign up list for OCBA State Fair Booth

Entries

honey

extracted amber, light, dark

comb

cut comb

frame

wax products: Gayle, John

Wallace, Connie,

candles

ornaments

gift baskets: Eva Hoke & Skep Hat



Displays

honey

wax products: David Langham
field day!

candlesticks: Connie

encaustic paintings: Geneva,
Connie

hive body: Lewis



Educational

12 honey plants: Geneva

Removing bees from
structures: Connie

Queen Breeding: Connie



Mark your calendar for September 26th! David Langham will be bringing his candle skills to us during a workshop to prepare for the State Fair. We will meet at the Cedar Grove Bee Works shop (8411 Hwy 86 N, Cedar Grove) at 9 AM.

