

ORANGE CO

Beekeepers



Highlights



November 12 Meeting

NCSBA and Master Beekeeper

Our next meeting will be a report on our state organization and the master beekeeper program presented by Judy Pick and Jim Williams.

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 Volunteers

Thanks! Thank you to all of the good OCBA folks who helped man the booth at the fair

New leaders in 2010

Elections at October Meeting

Dick Merritt will step in as our new treasurer and Lizbeth Collins as our new secretary. Our President and Vice-President will stay on one more year.

Bee School

In January, OCBA will sponsor a bee school to help new beekeepers learn the ropes. It will last 8 weeks and have one class per week. Stay tuned for more info.

Fabian and Sandra from The Farm Fairy



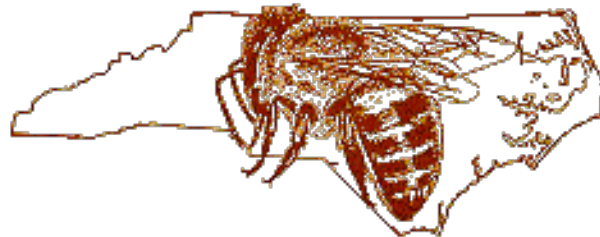
We learned about the differences in beekeeping here and in Argentina. They have milder winters and a longer time for more honey harvest. Lots of farmers raise sunflowers to sell as seeds to seed producers so they collect honey from that. As some crops have been limited, beekeepers are seeking new ways to produce more honey. one

method is to work along side cattle farmers who plant succession crops that the bees can use and then the cattle can graze. Then Fabian and Sandra shared about their new farm here in the states. They are facing new and different issues with beekeeping but this has not stopped their love for these bugs.

Beauty in the Booth

OCBA

with the fine leadership of our fair czar, Connie Harrel, has done a beautiful job on our state fair display. Our booth has gorgeous wax creations made by our members, from wax made by our bees. It has glowing honey shining in a bamboo stand. It has fine examples of the wonderful treats we can make with honey. It has the plants that produce honey in our area. It has encaustic paintings made with beeswax. It has lovely baskets filled with bee related products. Thank you all for contributing to create something very special.



State Fair Information

The North Carolina State Fair has a website full of info for you. Visit to see both the OCBA Booth and our state association's educational booth and honey sales.

Thanks to all who helped!!!



Congratulations!
Best in Show

WINNERS!

OCBA: Blue ribbon for our display and best in show.

Connie Harrel: A blue ribbon for her gift basket.

Rhonda Jones: A blue ribbon for her quick fruit bread and a 3rd for her muffins.

Eva Hoke: The gift basket that Eva spearheaded won a 3rd place ribbon.

Lewis Cauble: A blue ribbon for amber extracted honey, a 2nd place for an observation hive, a 3rd place for a frame of honey, and a 4th place for light extracted honey.

Geneva Green: A blue ribbon for her display of 12 nectar producing plants and a 3rd place for her black and white photograph.