

Orange County Beekeepers

SPRING 2011



Spring is a busy time for both bees and beekeepers.

Another Year to Learn and Share

April is finally here!

Orange County Beekeepers are gearing up for a busy April and May. The hives are bustling with activity and beekeepers are working to stay ahead of the bees to prevent swarming and maximize honey production. Beekeepers are beginning to rear queens, moving hives to farms for pollination, and making sure they have supers ready for the upcoming tulip poplar bloom. Packages and nucs are being installed as new beekeepers merge onto the long and winding road of beekeeping knowledge and the seasoned veterans nurse the wounds of winter losses. It's a busy and exciting time!

Outside the beeyard we have many opportunities to share our love and knowledge of our state insect. Schools are asking for presentations and local organizations have invited OCBA to share our girls. Check out our list of

upcoming events and please pitch in wherever you can!

April 9th. OCBA will be doing a short workshop on hiving packages to help new beekeepers gain the confidence that they need to get the job done. Come and learn. Come and share your knowledge. Jim and Eva Hoke's house. 102 Stoneridge Drive, Chapel Hill. 10 AM

April 16th and 17th. [Piedmont Farm Tour.](#) OCBA will be at the Breeze Farm on Walnut Grove Church Road from 1 to 5 to answer questions from farm visitors. This is a nice low key event.

May 7th. OCBA Workshop on making splits. OCBA will gather at the Breeze Farm for a workshop on making splits with new queens, with queen cells, or with nothing at all. Stay tuned for times. Certified practical exams will also

be administered at the end of the workshop.

May 14th. [Piedmont Wildlife Center Festival for Wildlife.](#) OCBA fires up the tour bus and takes the show on the road to Leigh Farm in Durham. We will have our death defying bee cage on hand to amaze the masses. This is a big event and we need volunteers!

May 15th. OCBA dedicates the pollinator garden at the Alexander Dickson house in Hillsborough at 2 PM.

May 21st. Magic Wings Festival. Museum Of Life and Science. This is another big day similar to Festival for Wildlife. This event is BIGGER. We really need your help!

Of course, we hope to see you at our next meeting on April 14th! Our guest will be Mike Simone-Finstrom from NCSU.

