

# Bee Line

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## The Presidents' Corner by Mike Elliott

Hello and welcome to 2011!

& to our January – February edition of the Bee Line. So far this winter has been one of the colder ones I can remember with record setting low temperatures and the first white Christmas Atlanta has had since 1882. As I sit here writing this, I am looking out my window at the snow covered hives in my back yard hoping the bees are still alive and can make it through yet another round of below freezing temperatures. I can't wait for spring to get here!

I am extremely excited about the Club's planned activities and programs for 2011. We have a number of outstanding guest speakers in addition to our local experts lined up to speak at our monthly meetings on a broad range of topics. We also will continue with our successful annual programs.

Our meeting calendar kicks off on January 20<sup>th</sup> with BJ Weeks presenting on Apitherapy. We are also going to reintroduce a mentorship program to the club at our January meeting and ask that our experienced beekeepers offer to volunteer to serve as a mentor to a beginning beekeeper. You will hear more about this program at our meeting. February is going to be a very busy and exciting month and you will want to mark these dates on your calendar. The Georgia Beekeepers Association will hold their spring meeting on Friday, February 11<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at Jekyll Island.



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We are privileged to have Dr. Keith Deleplane speak at our monthly meeting on Thursday February 17<sup>th</sup> followed by our club's one day bee school on Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup>.

Our Club's success is dependent on volunteers and will be measured in terms of everyone's involvement. Whether you are a beginning beekeeper or one with years of experience - everyone can contribute. I would like for each member to choose an area of involvement and offer to help out with Bee School, Hospitality (snacks at our monthly meetings and meals at our outings), Education (beekeeping presentations to the public) or our booth at the County Fair.

Beekeeping is constantly evolving with what seems like a new pest or disease being introduced daily and other challenges that at times leave you shaking your head. It is a constant learning process to keep up with these challenges. Now more than ever before, we need strong associations of knowledgeable beekeepers. So I ask that you get involved by attending the meetings and volunteering wherever you can to help strengthen our club.

I look forward to seeing you at the January meeting.

Mike

**2011 Calendar of CBC Meetings**  
(Tentative)

Jan. 20	Apitherapy BJ Weeks
Feb. 11 & 12*	GA Beekeepers Meeting Jekyll Island
Feb. 17	Guest Speaker – Dr. Keith Deleplane
Feb. 19*	Bee School Old Cherokee Court House
March 19*	Spring Field Trip – Setting Up Packages
April 15	Hive Maintenance & Swarm Prevention Bob Behrman
April 30*	Queen Rearing Coop Mike Elliott
May 11-14*	UGA Bee School Young Harris
May 14 & 15*	Canton Arts Festival
May 19	Swarm Collection Bud Champlin
June 11*	Summer Field Trip – Family Picnic
June 25*	Choosing Green Festival Canton
July 21	Guest Speaker – Robert Brewer Honey Show Handouts – Michael Blackwell
August 18	Honey Judging, Sampling & Collecting/Fair Michal Blackwell
Sept. 11-17*	Cherokee County Fair The McKenzies, Bud C. & Michael B.
Sept. 15	Winter Prep Gerald Phillips
Sept. 16 & 17*	GA Beekeepers Meeting Pine Mountain, GA
October 20	Guest Speaker – Jennifer Berry
November 18*	Holiday Banquet John Tackett
December*	No Meeting - Happy Holidays!

Regular meetings held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Cherokee Arts Council building in Canton, except those noted with \*.

***Quote of the Month***

We ought to do good to others as simply as a horse runs, or a bee makes honey, or a vine bears grapes season after season without thinking of the grapes it has borne.

- Marcus Aurelius

[AskProfessorBee@cherokeebeeclub.com](mailto:AskProfessorBee@cherokeebeeclub.com) is still available to answer your questions.

Send an email when your issues arise. Don't wait until the next meeting to have your questions answered.

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**Recipe Corner**



***Sparkling Honey Fruit Spritzer***

*(6 to 8 servings)*

- 1/3 Cup Honey
- 1 Cup frozen berries
- 1 Lime, thinly sliced
- 1 Orange, halved & thinly sliced
- 3 Cups Orange Juice
- 3 Cups Sparkling Water
- Ice Cubes

Combine Honey, berries, citrus slices, and orange juice in pitcher. Using a wooden spoon, press down on the fruit to juice and to mix fruit with honey. Cover and refrigerate for 2 hours or longer. Add sparkling water and ice when ready to serve; stir to mix. Red or White Wine may be added to Spritzer if desired.

## Cherokee BeeKeepers Club Monthly Meeting Minutes

The CBC Holiday Banquet was held at the American Legion facility in Canton on Friday, November 19, 2010.

Thanks for all the contributions for the Silent Auction.

The Election of Officers took place. Ballots were distributed allowing for write in candidates. When the voting was complete the candidates submitted by the nomination committee were elected by acclamation.

### ***OUR SPECIAL THANKS:***

*To John Tackett for obtaining the Legion Hall and for providing the turkey and ham.*

*To BJ Weeks for organizing and conducting the door prize drawings.*

*To Gerald Phillips for leading the silent auction.*

*And to everyone that brought items for the supper; the silent auction; and that helped set up before and clean up afterwards.*

### ***Notes from the Editor***

Happy New Year everyone! I hope you and your family had a great holiday season.

Mark your calendars for February 17th. Dr. Keith Deleplane will be our guest speaker. If you have not had the pleasure of attending one of Dr. D's talks you should make an effort to be at the meeting. Not only is he a wealth of knowledge, but he's a really good speaker and a nice guy, too.

Speaking of Bee School, February will be here before we know it. If you are available to assist in any way I'm sure BJ could find a job for you. Just let him know.

One new item for the club in 2011 will be the Wax Melter that should be in place soon for use by members. Gerald Phillips will house this piece of equipment. Contact Gerald for more info.

Also, we are going to try to revamp the Mentoring initiative. We will have flyers at the January meeting with more details. Basically, a long standing member can volunteer to be matched up as a Mentor to a new beekeeper. We will put the own-ness on the NewBee and not the Mentor, in that the NewBee will have to initiate contact, go to the Mentor's Bee yard, etc. See Michael Blackwell, Gerald Phillips, or Mike Elliott for more details.

We are looking for new ideas for the Beeline, or maybe a new editor...? I've enjoyed working on the Beeline, however I feel like I'm getting rather repetitive. If anyone out there has a strong desire to become the editor, or even a contributing editor or columnist Please let me know.

If you have any articles you'd like to share, or if you would like to list anything for sale, please send them to me or call. Laney Cagle, [lane714@tds.net](mailto:lane714@tds.net), 770-893-2635

*\*The opinions expressed in articles in the BeeLine are of the writer & not necessarily of the CBC Membership\**

# CBC Library



A Year in the Life of an Apiary	How Do Bees Make Honey
An Introduction to Beekeeping –video	How to Keep Bees and Sell Honey
Beekeeping - A Complete Owner's Manual	Increase Essentials
Beekeeping - A Practical Guide	Just Add Honey
Bees - Lectures By Rudolf Steiner	Observation Hives: How to Set Up, Manage, and Use an Observation Hive
Bees in America - How The Honey Bee Shaped a Nation	Practical Beekeeping
Bees Were Their Business	Queen Management
First Lessons in Beekeeping	Queen Rearing and Bee Breeding
Following The Bloom - Across America w/ Migratory Beekeepers	Setting Up a Package Swarm
Health and The Honey Bee	Small Scale Honey Harvesting
Hive Management: A Seasonal Guide for Beekeepers	The Candle Maker's Companion
Honey - From Hive to Honey Pot	The Class Room
Honey and Your Health	The Healthy Taste of Honey
Honey Bee Biology & Beekeeping	The Joys of Beekeeping
Honey Bee Disease and Pests 2 <sup>nd</sup> Edition	The Life and Times of the Honeybee
Honey Bee Pests, Predators, & Diseases	The Queen Must Die
Honey Bees and Beekeeping- A Year in the Life of An Apiary	75 <sup>th</sup> anniversary Tribute to Walter T. and Ida Babin Kelly

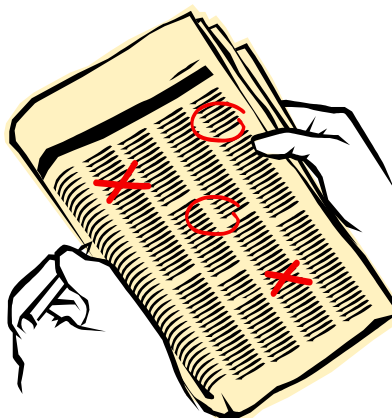
**"If anyone has outstanding library items, please return them to the January meeting"**

## **WANTED: CBC Library Book Reviews**

It has been suggested that we print book reviews in the Beeline. If you have read any of the clubs library books and would like to offer your comments, we would like to hear from you.

Please submit: a rating where 1 B would be not so good and 5 Bs would be really good; and a short paragraph describing the book and any insights it provided to you. If your feedback is negative, that's ok, let's just keep it to constructive criticisms. The reviews may be sent to our Librarian, Pat Sarkis; or the Beeline Editor, Laney Cagle via email (or snail mail).

\*\*\* We would like to try this again in 2011!



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Ball Ground, GA 30107

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770-735-3263

## For Sale

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For prices & times contact  
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recagle@bellsouth.net



# Annual Bee School

## February 19, 2011

### 8:15 am to 4:00 pm

Cherokee County's Historic Court House  
100 North Street, Canton, Georgia

## Application Form

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ **PLEASE PRINT**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Ph: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Ph: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Ph: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Would You Like To Receive the CBC Newsletter, The Bee Line, As An E-Mail Attachment? \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ How Many Colonies Do You Keep? \_\_\_\_\_

Pounds of Honey Made Last Year: (1 gallon = 12 pounds) \_\_\_\_\_

Name/Brand on Your Honey Label: \_\_\_\_\_

Are You A Member of Georgia Beekeepers Association? \_\_\_\_\_

Are You A Member of Any Other Beekeepers Associations? \_\_\_\_\_

If Yes List Others: \_\_\_\_\_

Bee School registration fee is \$40 per person plus \$20.00 per additional family member  
Lunch, school materials, and Club membership through December 2011 are included in fees

Tuition: \$40.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Plus Extra Family Members \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

**PRE-REGISTER AND SAVE \$5.00** -- You can pre-register by completing this application and sending it along with your payment of \$35.00 for receipt prior to Monday, Feb. 14. Make your check payable to the Cherokee Beekeepers' Club and mail to: Steve Altom, Secretary C.B.C.; 3890 Northpoint Drive; Marietta, GA 30062

Your pre-registration will help ensure the Bee School starts on time on; however it is not required. You may also fill the form out and bring it with you the day of Bee School. Registration will begin at 7:45 am on Feb 19.

Would you like to make a donation to the Cherokee Beekeepers Club? \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Would you like to Donate to the UGA Honeybee Research Program? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Method: Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_

**BBQ LUNCH IS INCLUDED. PLEASE INDICATE # OF VEGETARIAN MEALS: \_\_**

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Presents:



# Bee School 2011

**A Beginning Beekeeping Workshop**

**Saturday, February 19th**

**8:15 am – 4 pm**

7:45 am registration and \$40. fee at the door  
Includes one year membership-Preregister by 2/14- Cost \$35.

**At the old Cherokee County Court House**  
**100 North Street, Canton, GA 30114**

Lunch and Handouts Provided

Visit [www.cherokeebeeclub.com](http://www.cherokeebeeclub.com) for preregistration form

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