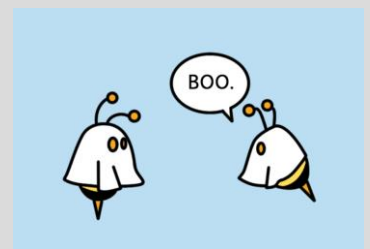


# What's the Buzz?

## October 2022



### Community Outreach

#### Edenton Farmers Market

October 15, 2022 8-12noon

Set-up @ 7am

This community outreach event will let people know that our club is active and exciting. Our topic for this event is the Health Benefits of Honey. We will also be promoting Bee School – February 2023. Volunteers are needed, so please contact Elizabeth @ (252) 333-6965 to sign up to participate.

#### Belvidere Day

October 22, 2022 9-4pm

Kenny Hobbs has graciously let us join him at this fair. Our goal is to promote BoCC, our February Bee School and collect contact info of anyone interested. If you can volunteer for this event, please contact Kenny @ (252) 562-4223. A great event to earn GAP points for our club! Please help.

#### BoCC X-mas Tree Ornaments

November 13, 2022 2-5pm

Join us for a fun Sunday afternoon at the NC Cooperative Extension – Chowan County. Let's get into the Christmas Spirit. We will be making X-mas bee-ornaments for our annual tree at the Cupola House. Please contact Elizabeth @ (252) 333-6965 if you can attend.



### Beekeepers of Chowan County Honey House Progress

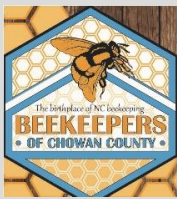


In December of 2021, we moved the BoCC Apiary to 221 Brayhall Road in Edenton, on the property of member Marvin Hare. We are overwintering five healthy hives, and have many winter activities planned to be ready for the Spring rush. Great strides have been accomplished on the Honey House. To complete Phase 1 of building, we need to finish the soffits, caulk & seal up the house, and lay the laminate floor. A huge thank you is extended all the people donating materials as well as the many Saturday hours dedicated members have spent on this labor of love. Soon, we will be scheduling a move in day and would love members assist as well as check out our new digs! Stay tuned.

### What should I be doing to my hives this month?

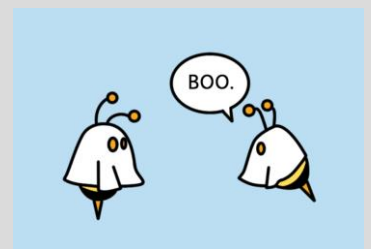
Now is the time to start your winter prep, it is much easier and rewarding to get a strong healthy hive through the winter! Here are a few of the most important tasks to do this Fall. Make checks for hive beetles, test & treat for varroa mites, combine/ equalize hives and confirm you have a queen.

Also, check your honey reserves to make sure your bees have enough to make it through the winter. Since we live in a "warmer" climate, our bees should have 30-40 pounds of honey. Make sure you give plenty of thought to your specific hive size before you calculate your honey reserves needed. If honey reserves are lacking, provide bees with an extra food source. The most common ones include dry sugar, sugar bricks, and pollen patties.



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### Upcoming BoCC Meetings

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the Month

All meetings are held at:

NC Cooperative Extension – Chowan County Center

Doors open at 6:30pm, Meeting starts 7:00pm

November 3<sup>rd</sup>

Patrick N. Farquhar NCD&CS Pesticide Section

Pesticide & Aerial Spraying

**\*\*This meeting will be held at the Rocky Hook Ruritan Building**

126 Evans Bass Road, Rocky Hook

December 1<sup>st</sup>

No meeting

December 3<sup>rd</sup>

Christmas Party & White Elephant Gift Exchange

Hostess: Susan Webber

127 Pelican Court

Edenton, NC

January 5<sup>th</sup>

Member Jamie Williams – Agritourism: The Beekeeping Edition

Eco-Living Aruba Desert Bee Experience



### CERTIFIED BEEKEEPER EXAM

November 3, 2022

Elizabeth will be proctoring this exam prior to our November meeting at 6pm. To date, two members are signed up, let Elizabeth know if you would like to sit for this test.

### GAP Information

We are currently working on our 2022 GAP book. This year, any club that submits a GAP book meeting the minimum point thresholds in all categories will receive **\$300** from the NCSBA. We are working towards this goal and need **YOUR** assistance. Please volunteer for Community Outreach opportunities to earn the club points. If you participated in a community outreach or gave presentations this year, please submit the details to Tiffany. We are also starting an Educational Library (GAP points) and need books donated all things bee related. So, if you have duplicates or a bee book you no longer need, please consider it for our library.

Tiffany @ (252) 325-4367

### Do You Know?

Q. What is the scientific name of the honey bee?

A. Apis Mellifera