

## 2019 Spring Honey Winners!



# McDowell Bee Buzz

July 2019

MCDOWELL BEEKEEPERS---A CHAPTER OF THE NC STATE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

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## The McDowell Beekeepers

The McDowell Beekeepers is a chapter of the North Carolina State Beekeeping Association and meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month except December (no meeting). McDowell County has a rich history of beekeeping and the club serves the community by promoting beekeeping with educational monthly meetings, school presentations, a free Bee School every winter, agricultural presentations, involvement in community festivals, and hosting two annual "Best Tasting Honey in McDowell County" competitions.

In addition, our club serves established beekeepers with novice, intermediate, and advanced level classroom and field education, seasonal beekeeping programs, discussion sessions, and providing support and training to advance our beekeepers in the North Carolina Master Beekeeper Program:

Certified Beekeeper  
Journeyman Beekeeper  
Master Beekeeper  
Master Craftsman Beekeeper

Our monthly meetings are open to the public and everyone is welcome to attend!

### 2019 CLUB OFFICERS

President: Ed Speer  
Vice President: Merrill Davis  
Secretary: Karen Speer  
Treasurer: Jim Austin  
Directors:  
Ray Revis  
Adam Wright  
Sharon Fairchild  
Jason McCurry  
Kaylyn Fairchild (Youth Director)  
Extension Services Agent—Adam Lawning

### WEBSITE

[McDowell Honey Bees Website](#)

All past eNewsletters can be found here

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## Everyone Welcome!

# Join us at our next monthly meeting!

**JULY 11, 2019**  
**MONTHLY MEETING**

**Thursday July 11 6:30 pm**

McDowell Senior Center  
100 Spaulding Road  
Marion, NC 28752

Guest Speaker  
Willie Pascal, Burke County Beekeepers  
How to Make Creamed Honey



### NEW—THERMAL MITE TREATMENT PROGRAM

*The McDowell Beekeepers are proud to announce our newest program—Thermal Mite Treatment. Schedule renting a Mighty Mite Killer to heat treat your hives. Contact Ed Speer*

### 2019 MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE

**Jan 10** Karin Stegall  
**Feb 14** Charlene Covert-Foster  
**Mar 14** Lynn Williams—Mighty Mite Killer  
**Apr 11** Doug Elliott—Master Story Teller  
**May 9** Gear Day—Honey House  
**Jun 13** Spring Honey Tasting Contest  
**Jul 11** Willie Pascal—Make Creamed Honey  
**Aug 8** Danny Ray  
**Sep 12** Native Bee Plants  
**Sep 21** Sourwood Honey Tasting Contest  
**Oct 10** Ray Revis  
**Nov 14** Potluck & Elections  
**Dec** No meeting

## Are your bees making Sourwood honey?



Honeybee queen laying eggs  
Sweet Betsy Farm Observation Hive 2015

## July 11, 2019 Meeting Agenda

6:30 pm Call to order  
Old Business  
New Business  
7:00 pm Program—Wille Pascal (Burke Co Beekeepers)—How to Make Creamed Honey  
7:55 pm Door Prizes/Announcements  
8:00 pm Adjourn

Contact Ed Speer to Add AGENDA items

[Ed@SweetBetsyFarm.com](mailto:Ed@SweetBetsyFarm.com)

### Visit us on Facebook

**221 Area Beekeepers Online!**

The McDowell Honey Bees has a Facebook page! It's a great place to post your latest activities, keep in touch with fellow beekeepers, learn what's happening right now and communicate with your new friends.

[The McDowell Honey Bees](#)

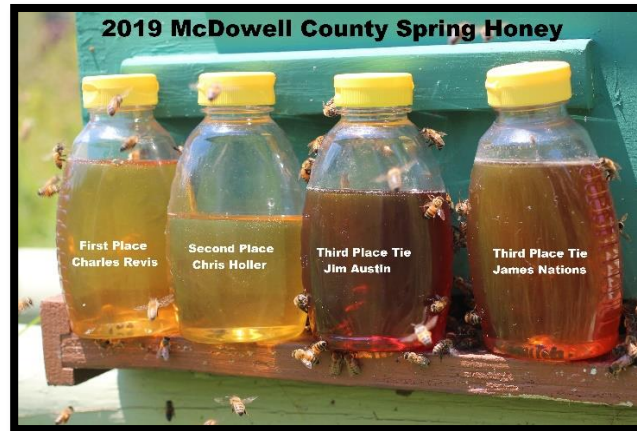
# 2019 Best Tasting Spring Honey in McDowell County Contest Winners

## And The Winners Are

First Place: Charles Revis

Second Place: Chris Holler

Third Place Tie: Jim Austin & James Nations



Congratulations to the winners!

Seventy people came to Keeper's Cut Meadery on Thursday June 13 and helped select the best tasting spring honey in McDowell County. Honey from 20 area beekeepers were entered in the black jar contest (blind judging on taste only). This was McDowell County's 12<sup>th</sup> honey tasting contest (begun by the beekeeper's club in 2011, two contests/year since 2016).



**Happy Beekeeper**



Don't miss our next honey tasting contest September 21, 2019 at Keeper's Cut Meadery when we will choose the **2019 Best Tasting Sourwood Honey in McDowell County!**

Unfortunately, Dr. Vaughn Bryant, Texas A&M Univ. is no longer providing honey pollen analyses services. We have learned much about our local honeys from his analyses in the past and wish him all the best

## 2019 McDowell Beekeeper Association Officers

Elected at the 2018 November monthly meeting

Ed Speer – President  
 Merrill Davis – Vice President  
 Karen Speer – Secretary  
 Jim Austin – Treasurer  
 Ray Revis – Director  
 Adam Wright – Director  
 Sharon Fairchild – Director  
 Jason McCurry - Director

### MCDOWELL COUNTY NCSBA MASTER BEEKEEPERS

Ray Revis  
 Wayne Holland  
 Karen Speer

### MCDOWELL HONEYBEE MENTORS

Charles Myers---Nebo  
 cjmyers1952@gmail.com  
 Wayne Holland---Glenwood  
 828-659-4161  
 Ed Speer---Glenwood  
 828-724-4444  
 Karen Speer---Glenwood  
 828-925-4444  
 Don Miller---Old Fort  
 828-668-0154  
 Merrill Davis---Old Fort  
 828-668-3153  
 James Lunsford---Old Fort  
 828-668-9112  
 Charles Revis---Marion  
 828-925-1430  
 Ray Revis---Marion  
 828-460-3247  
 Lonnie/Barb Bewernitz--Old Fort  
 828-280-3784

Are you a beginning beekeeper who needs help?  
 Contact a mentor near you.  
 or contact Mentoring Chairman Jason McCurry:  
[jmccu8777@aol.com](mailto:jmccu8777@aol.com) 828-342-4003

### Our Regional Bee Inspector

[Lewis Cauble, Apiary Inspector NC Dept Agriculture & Consumer Services](mailto:Lewis.Cauble@ncagr.gov)  
 (828) 230-4544; [Lewis.Cauble@ncagr.gov](mailto:Lewis.Cauble@ncagr.gov)

### SWARM LIST

Have you seen a swarm of honeybees?  
 Don't panic—they aren't aggressive. Call the McDowell Extension office (828-652-8104) or call a beekeeper in your area; they may be able to help!

#### Marion

Adam Wright 828-442-7817  
 Harold Arrowood 828-659-2921

#### Glenwood

Ed Speer 828-724-4444  
 Wayne Holland 828-659-4161

#### Pleasant Gardens

Bill Hendley 828-460-0292

#### Greenlee

Doug Mikell 828-896-5755

#### Nebo

Ricky Styles 828-652-0184 or 803-3387

#### Old Fort

Lonnie Bewernitz 828-280-3784  
 James McGinnis 828-668-4232  
 Darren Orr 828-581-4494  
 Don Miller 828-668-0154

#### Little Switzerland

Mitch Hughes 828-756-7294

#### McDowell County

Cameron Johnson 828-652-1263

# Club Committees

The McDowell Honeybee club volunteers support local beekeepers as well as help educate the public about the importance of honeybees as critical pollinators and producers of products like honey and bees wax.

## Committees/Chairs

### Executive Committee

Ed Speer [ed@sweetbetsyfarm.com](mailto:ed@sweetbetsyfarm.com)

### McDowell Honey House

Adam Wright [blueold96@yahoo.com](mailto:blueold96@yahoo.com)

### Community Outreach

Karen Speer

[Karen@SweetBetsyFarm.com](mailto:Karen@SweetBetsyFarm.com)

### Hospitality

Lynn Bradley [lsbradley@msn.com](mailto:lsbradley@msn.com)

### Golden Achievement Program (GAP)

### Mentoring Program

Jason McCurry [jmccu8777@aol.com](mailto:jmccu8777@aol.com)

### Webmaster---Karen Speer

### Newsletter---Ed Speer

### Bee School 2019---Karen Speer

### Journeyman Study Group---Bill Hendley

### Beekeeper Education---Ed Speer

### Thermal Mite Treatment---Ed Speer

### Nominating Committee--TBD

## Treasury Report for June 30, 2019

### Treasurer---Jim Austin

2019	<u>May 31</u>	<u>Jun 30</u>
Checking	\$3,295.09	\$2,952.05
Cash on hand	111.47	141.47
Total	\$3,406.56	\$3,093.52

- 1 Wellness Program payment in 2019
- No debt or unpaid bills
- 4 Lifetime members

## TREASURY REPORTS

The treasury reports will be included in each monthly newsletter but will not be presented in detail at the regular monthly meetings. The Executive Committee has oversight of the club's treasury and reviews the details at each bi-monthly EC meeting. If you have any questions or concerns about the club's treasury, you will be given an opportunity to speak at the regular monthly meetings or you may speak to an officer or director, who will then present your comments at the next EC meeting. Club members are welcome to address the directors at any Executive Committee meeting.

## MCDOWELL HONEY HOUSE

The Honey House is open for the summer. Contact Adam Wright to schedule an appointment or to borrow equipment.

Adam Wright [blueold96@yahoo.com](mailto:blueold96@yahoo.com)

Many thanks to Adam Wright, Ray Revis, & Charles Revis for recently installing a new water pump in the large uncapping machine.

## THERMAL MITE TREATMENT

Club members can rent one of the Mighty Mite Killer units recently purchased by the club. This is a non-chemical method of controlling Varroa mites. To schedule your 2-day rental period, contact Ed Speer [Ed@SweetBetsyFarm.com](mailto:Ed@SweetBetsyFarm.com)

## BEGINNER MENTORING

Need an experienced beekeeper's help? Contact our club's mentoring program Chairman **Jason McCurry** to be assigned a mentor. [jmccu8777@aol.com](mailto:jmccu8777@aol.com)

## BEE SCHOOL 2019

Thanks to the many club volunteers who helped make another successful Bee School. We raised more than \$1,300 for the club!

## Bee School

The club's annual Bee School offers beginner beekeepers classes and hands-on training leading to **Certified Beekeeper** status by the NC State Beekeepers Association.



## McDowell Honey House

The McDowell Honey House is a fully equipped self-service honey processing facility built and maintained by the McDowell Honeybees. It is open to all club members—reservations required.



## Community Outreach

Mountain Glory Festival  
Presentations to schools & Community  
Agriculture Awareness Field Days



# Upcoming Events



## NC STATE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION SUMMER MEETING

**August 8-10, 2019**  
Thursday, Friday & Saturday

**Hickory, NC**  
Registration now open online:  
[ncbeekeepers.org](http://ncbeekeepers.org)

## MCDOWELL BEEKEEPERS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

**Thursday Jul 9, 2019 6:30 PM**

McDowell Honeybee Chapter EC meetings  
are held every other month

2019 EC Meetings:

Jan 8	Jul 9
Mar 12	Sep 10
May 7	Nov 12

All officers and directors are expected to attend. Club members are also welcome---please contact the president ahead of time if you wish to address the board or place topics on the agenda.

## MCDOWELL BEEKEEPERS MONTHLY CLUB MEETING

**THURSDAY JULY 11, 2019**

6:30 pm

McDowell SeniorCenter  
Marion, NC

2019 Monthly Club Meetings:

Jan 10	Jul 11
Feb 14	Aug 8
Mar 14	Sep 12
Apr 11	Oct 10
May 9	Nov 14
Jun 13	Dec--no meeting

Door prizes at beekeeper gatherings are a strong long-standing tradition. Donations for our monthly meetings are encouraged and welcomed. Please bring your donated items to the next meeting. Here's your chance to highlight your products or handicrafts, clean out your storage locker, or simply share your bounty with fellow beekeepers!

## BEST TASTING HONEY COMPETITIONS

The McDowell Honeybees hosts two **Best Tasting Honey in McDowell County** competitions every year!

**Spring Honey** (June 13)  
**Sourwood Honey** (September 21)

Plan to enter your honey in 2019!  
The top 3 winning honeys are sent to Texas A&M University  
for pollen analyses, paid for by the club!

## 4-H BEEKEEPING GROUP STARTING!

McDowell County's own 4-H Beekeeping group is getting started! Sponsored by the McDowell Cooperative Extension and the McDowell Beekeepers Association. 8 kids signed up at the initial meeting October 25<sup>th</sup>. Call Chad (828-652-8104) or Sharon (828-652-9478 or 460-4044) for more information or to sign up.

## EASTERN APICULTURAL SOCIETY (EAS)

**Annual Summer Conference 2019**

**July 15-19 Greenville SC (Greenville Convention Center)**

[www.easternapiculture.org](http://www.easternapiculture.org)

## BEST TASTING MCDOWELL SOURWOOD HONEY CONTEST

**Saturday September 21, 2019**

Don't miss our next **Best Tasting Sourwood Honey In McDowell County** contest to be held at Keeper's Cut Meadery (175 West Henderson St, Marion, NC). This annual contest will be open to the public as well as club members. All beekeepers in the county are encouraged to enter their 2019 sourwood honey and see who has the best tasting!

## SMALL TOWN SATURDAY NIGHTS

**July 27, 2019 6-9 pm**

**Refinery 13 Marion, NC**

Sweet Betsy Farm will be tending the bar and all things honeybee will be the order of the night! Come out and support honeybees, beekeepers, Marion, and the McDowell County Backpack Program (donated school supplies for less-advantaged kids).

# Beekeepers

A world of easily accessible beekeeping information awaits you! Check out the following online, magazine, book, catalog, and workshop sources for the answers to all your beekeeping questions.

Never stop learning!

## MONTHLY BEEKEEPING MAGAZINES

[American Bee Journal](#)

[Bee Culture](#)

## GENERAL BEEKEEPING INFO

[Randy Oliver's Scientific Beekeeping](#)

[Free Beginner's DVD](#)

[YouTube Beekeeping Videos](#)

[Choose from 100's---Search any topic](#)

[Michael Bush's Practical Beekeeper](#)

[The Different Types of Honey Bees](#)

[Removing Feral Bees](#)

[Free Classic Historical eBooks](#)

including Langstroth 1853!!

## PLANTING FOR BEES

[Garden Plants for Honey Bees](#)

[Sensible Gardening](#)

[Xerces Society](#)

[Native NC Pollinator Friendly Plants](#)

[Honey Plants of NC](#)

[Flowering Season WNC Plants](#)

[Painters Greenhouse](#)

## HONEY BEES WORK HARD

How much honey does a single worker bee produce during her lifetime?

**1/12 teaspoon!**

How many honeybees does it take to make 1 lb. of honey?

**800 honeybees working for 2 weeks! Or 11,000 honeybees working for 1 day!**

How long would a single worker bee have to live forging every day to produce 1 lb. of honey?

**29.5 years!**

How far do honey bees fly to produce 1 lb. of honey?

**55,000 miles! That's 2.2 times the distance around the earth!**

How many flower visits does it take to produce 1 lb. of honey?

**2 million!**

## NORTH CAROLINA BEEKEEPING NEWS

[NC State Beekeepers Association](#)

[North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Apiary Inspection](#)

[North Carolina State University Apiculture Program](#)

[North Carolina Honey Standard](#)

[Africanized Honey Bees in NC](#)

## COMMERCIAL HONEYBEE SUPPLIERS

[Beech Mountain Beekeeping](#)

[BetterBee](#)

[Dadant](#)

[Hwy 226 Bee Supply](#)

[Kelley Beekeeping](#)

[Mann Lake](#)

[Miller Bee Supply](#)

[Orr Bee Supply](#)

[Reel's Bee Supply](#) (828) 738-3939

[Revis Russian Apiaries](#)

[Honey & The Hive](#)

## WORKSHOPS/CLASSES

[Spikenard Farm Honeybee Sanctuary Workshops](#)

[NC Cooperative Extension Online Courses for Beginner & Advanced Beekeepers](#)

[Honey & The Hive](#)

# Friends of Honeybees

The world of beekeeping can be both fascinating and confusing. Your local beekeeping club is here to help.

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## WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH CRYSTALLIZED HONEY?

1) Eat it like spreadable paste. It has probably not spoiled. Many cultures around the world prefer crystallized rather than liquid honey---Yes, they wait for honey to crystallize before eating it! Creaming crystallized honey by periodically stirring makes a smooth, delicious spread. Use like butter on toast, biscuits or muffins.

2) Return it to liquid with low heat applied over a long time. Set bottle of crystallized honey on dashboard of car parked in the sun---works in a few hours (summer) to a few days (winter). OK, doesn't work in really cold weather, but you should avoid heating honey in a microwave or in a boiling-water bath on a stovetop because that much high heat kills beneficial bacteria and enzymes.

Storing honey in the refrigerator can hasten crystallization! Storing in dry, room-temperature dark kitchen cabinet can slow the crystallization process.

## Recipe of the Month

### HONEY SPICED CIDER

From [www.SweetBetsyFarm.com](http://www.SweetBetsyFarm.com)

#### Ingredients

2 quarts of apple cider  
Peel from 1 large or 2 medium oranges  
1 tablespoon ground cinnamon or 4 cinnamon sticks  
1 tsp ground cloves or 1 tablespoon whole cloves  
¼ cup raw honey

#### Directions

1. Peel oranges taking only the orange part of the peel---you do not want any of the white as it will make the cider bitter.
2. Mix all ingredients in a saucepan and heat.
3. Simmer 10-15 minutes, stirring occasionally.
4. Adjust sweetness by adding more honey if desired.
5. Serve hot.

Submit your favorite honey recipe for the next newsletter

[Ed@SweetBetsyFarm.com](mailto:Ed@SweetBetsyFarm.com)

## BEE STING EMERGENCY?

CALL 911

### GENERAL QUESTIONS?

call Allergy Partners of WNC  
(828) 255-3749

Allergy Partners of WNC--Marion  
136 Creekview Court  
Marion, NC 28752  
(828) 652-6454

Dr. Leigh Anne Schwietz  
Mondays 9am-5:30pm  
Tuesdays 8am-11:30pm, 1pm-4:30 pm

**NORMAL VS. DANGEROUS REACTIONS TO INSECT STINGS**  
What's the difference? Check these [websites:](#)

[WebMD](#)

[American Academy Allergy Asthma MedicineNet.com](#)

[MedicineNet.com](#)

[NC State University](#)

[B. Marterre, MD](#)

## MCDOWELL COUNTY HONEY TRAIL

Looking for Local Honey or something fun to do in McDowell County?

Visit an active bee farm  
Find local honey for sale

[www.McDowellCountyHoneyTrail.org](http://www.McDowellCountyHoneyTrail.org)

## BEE JOKE OF THE MONTH

Where do bees sit?  
(Find answer on last page)

## DOES HONEY GO BAD?

Normally---no. Some honeys stay fresh for thousands of years. Most honey will eventually crystallize, but crystallization is not spoilage---just a change in physical state. Honey is naturally anti-microbial and kills most bacteria, fungus, and viruses. Honey is antiseptic and is often used to heal infected wounds.

However, the water naturally contained in honey may separate out during crystallization. Mold and/or alcohol can then develop in the expelled water and cause spoilage. Fermented honey will smell and taste like alcohol.

Yeast in the air is the culprit--to prevent crystallization and possible spoilage, store honey in full, air-tight containers at room temperature.



## McDowell Honey Bees

# FREE!

## Classified Ads

Have something to sell, trade, or give away? Here's your chance to advertise FREE in our monthly newsletter! Choose one of the listed categories and submit your listing (40 words or less) to the editor: Ed Speer [Ed@SweetBetsyFarm.com](mailto:Ed@SweetBetsyFarm.com)

You must be a paid member of McDowell Honeybees (or a supporter of the club) to make a listing—but you can make as many listings as you like. Need other categories---just let the editor know. Your listing will continue every month until you inform the editor to remove it. Describe your item and give your phone number, address, and/or email so interested parties can contact you directly. Listings are subject to editor approval; editor not responsible for accuracy or validity of listings.

If your classified ad was successful, please consider making a donation to our monthly meeting refreshment fund.

### LOCAL HONEY FOR SALE

Honey House at Sweet Betsy Farm. (Fri & Sat 10-5, May-Dec, other times by appointment), 3947 Mudcut Rd Glenwood.

Chemical-free Beekeeping. (828) 724-4444. [Karen@SweetBetsyFarm.com](mailto:Karen@SweetBetsyFarm.com)  
[www.SweetBetsyFarm.com](http://www.SweetBetsyFarm.com)

HoneyBird Farms. Sugar Hill. (828) 738-8593 [jessemo4@hotmail.com](mailto:jessemo4@hotmail.com)

Mikell's Farm Honey—uses Organic Beekeeping Practices (828) 668-0103. Old Fort. [www.Mikellsfarmhoney.com](http://www.Mikellsfarmhoney.com)  
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/mikellsfarmhoney](http://www.facebook.com/mikellsfarmhoney)

Ray Revis. (828) 652-3524.  
Marion. [www.RevisRussians.com](http://www.RevisRussians.com)

Charles Revis. Old Fort. (828) 925-1430.  
[revisjs@gmail.com](mailto:revisjs@gmail.com)

Orr Bee Supply. 323 Morris Hollow Rd, Old Fort. (828) 581-4494.  
[OrrBeeSupply@live.com](mailto:OrrBeeSupply@live.com)

Bill Hendley. Pleasant Gardens. (828) 460-0292. [bmhendley@gmail.com](mailto:bmhendley@gmail.com)

Wayne Holland. Glenwood. (828) 659-4161. [Wayneholland57@yahoo.com](mailto:Wayneholland57@yahoo.com)

Magic Creek Farm. Marion. (843) 421-6852. [jimaustin66@gmail.com](mailto:jimaustin66@gmail.com)

### OTHER HIVE PRODUCTS FOR SALE

Beeswax—Honey House at Sweet Betsy Farm. (Fri & Sat 10-5, May-Dec, other times by appointment) 3947 Mudcut Rd Glenwood. (828) 724-4444.

[Karen@SweetBetsyFarm.com](mailto:Karen@SweetBetsyFarm.com)  
[www.SweetBetsyFarm.com](http://www.SweetBetsyFarm.com)

### HONEYBEES FOR SALE

Russian Honeybees—Nucs & queens.

Revis Russian Apiaries. (828) 652-3524.  
PO Box 2520 Marion, NC 28752.

[www.RevisRussians.com](http://www.RevisRussians.com)

Russian Honeybees—Nucs & queens.

Charles Revis. (828) 925-1430. [revisjs@gmail.com](mailto:revisjs@gmail.com)

Superior North Carolina-raised packaged bees and overwintered 5-frame nucs; also queens---Orr Bee

Supply. 323 Morris Hollow Rd, Old Fort. (828) 581-4494. [OrrBeeSupply@live.com](mailto:OrrBeeSupply@live.com)

[www.orrbeesupply.com](http://www.orrbeesupply.com)

Italian Honeybees---Nucs. Hwy 226 Bee Supply. 13133

NC 226 South. Union Mills. (828) 652-1263.

[www.Hwy226BeeSupplies.com](http://www.Hwy226BeeSupplies.com)

### FARM PRODUCTS FOR SALE

Free-Range Eggs—Honey House at Sweet Betsy Farm.

(Fri & Sat 10-5, May-Dec, other times by appointment) 3947 Mudcut Rd Glenwood. (828) 724-4444.

[Karen@SweetBetsyFarm.com](mailto:Karen@SweetBetsyFarm.com)  
[www.SweetBetsyFarm.com](http://www.SweetBetsyFarm.com)

### HANDMADE CRAFTS FOR SALE

Lip Balm, Soap, Earrings, Wax Ornaments—Honey

House at Sweet Betsy Farm. (Fri & Sat 10-5, May-Dec, other times by appointment) 3947 Mudcut Rd Glenwood. (828) 724-4444.

[Karen@SweetBetsyFarm.com](mailto:Karen@SweetBetsyFarm.com)  
[www.SweetBetsyFarm.com](http://www.SweetBetsyFarm.com)

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[www.Mikellsfarmhoney.com](http://www.Mikellsfarmhoney.com)  
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/Bee-Naturally-by-Sharry-of-Mikells-Farm-1595338734026320/](http://www.facebook.com/Bee-Naturally-by-Sharry-of-Mikells-Farm-1595338734026320/)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/mikellsfarmhoney](http://www.facebook.com/mikellsfarmhoney)

Lip Balm, Soap, Body Creams, Beard Balm---

HoneyBird Farms. Sugar Hill.

(828) 738-8593 [jessemo4@hotmail.com](mailto:jessemo4@hotmail.com)

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Forever Found Farm, Glenwood

(828) 738-9989 [ForeverFundFarm@gmail.com](mailto:ForeverFundFarm@gmail.com)

[www.etsy.com/shop/ForeverFoundFarm](http://www.etsy.com/shop/ForeverFoundFarm)

### BEE-FRIENDLY PLANTS

Bee-Friendly Plants, Including Natives---Painters

Greenhouse Nursery 734 Roy Moore Rd, Old Fort, NC

[www.paintersgreenhouse.com](http://www.paintersgreenhouse.com) (828) 668-7225

[Paintersgreenhouse1@gmail.com](mailto:Paintersgreenhouse1@gmail.com)

### ITEMS FOR TRADE/BARTER

Bees for Trees---Will trade six (6) potted Sourwood trees (3'-5') for an established Honeybee colony, preferably Russians or some other hygienic race.

Lonnie & Barb Bewernitz, Hugging Tree Farm.

Old Fort, NC (828) 668-9660

[LonnieB@LonniebCPA.com](mailto:LonnieB@LonniebCPA.com)

### BEEKEEPING SUPPLIES FOR SALE

Custom-made Wooden Ware and Beekeeping

Supplies. Also Extractors (hand crank or

motorized)---Orr Bee Supply. 323 Morris Hollow Rd,

Old Fort. (828) 581-4494. [OrrBeeSupply@live.com](mailto:OrrBeeSupply@live.com)

[www.orrbeesupply.com](http://www.orrbeesupply.com)

Custom-made Wooden Ware---Reel Bee Supply.

Sugar Hill. (828) 738-3939.

Hive Frames, Small, Wood, new, no foundation, 10

total---Jim Austin, Magic Creek Farm, Marion (843)

421-6852.

Complete Beekeeping Supplies---Hwy 226 Bee

Supply. 13133 NC 226 South. Union Mills. (828) 652-

1263. [www.Hwy226BeeSupplies.com](http://www.Hwy226BeeSupplies.com)

### USED BEEKEEPING ITEMS FOR SALE

Complete Hives/Hive Components---Used in our

personal bee yard, cleaned, refurbished, ready to use.

Orr Bee Supply. 323 Morris Hollow Rd, Old Fort. (828)

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### HONEY STICKS FOR SALE

Flavored Honey Sticks---\$16.50/100 honey sticks.

Chocolate, Sour Apple, Caramel, Ginger, Mango, Root

Beer, Pink Lemonade, Sour Strawberry & Sour Cherry.

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### BROWN MOUNTAIN LIGHTS BOOK

The Brown Mountain Lights--History, Science, and Human Nature explain an Appalachian Mystery by Ed Speer 2017

Three years of research  
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## MCDOWELL COUNTY BEST TASTING HONEY WINNERS

### 2011 (Sep 10)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Bill Hendley
- 2<sup>nd</sup> William & Barb Higgins
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ray & Mickey Revis (Southern Buzz-N-Honey)

### 2013 (Sep 7)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Adam & Brooke Wright
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Joel & Charlene Lambert
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Jill Sidebottom

### 2015 (Sep 12)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Stoney Finley
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim & Deb Austin (Magic Creek Honey Farm)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed & Karen Speer (Sweet Betsy Farm)

### 2016 Summer Honey (Sep 8)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Bill Hendley (Hendley Honey)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tonya Kiser
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan & Susan Wilson (Little Swiss Hives)

### 2017 Summer Honey (Sep 14)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Russell Schmidt
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sharon & Keith Fairchild
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Jada Fairchild

### 2018 Summer Honey (Sep 13)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Dan Shea
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ray & Mickey Revis (Southern Buzz-N-Honey)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Mike & Marie Hobbs (Wisteria Farm)

### 2019 Sourwood Honey (Sep 21)

To be announced

### 2012

- 1<sup>st</sup> Wayne Holland
- 2<sup>nd</sup>
- 3<sup>rd</sup>

### 2014 (Sep 6)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Don Miller
- 2<sup>nd</sup>
- 3<sup>rd</sup>

### 2016 Spring Honey (Jun 9)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ryan & Sarah Jacobs (Jacob's Hollow Honey)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed & Karen Speer (Sweet Betsy Farm)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Vanda Brock

### 2017 Spring Honey (Jun 8)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Fairchild family (Keith, Sharon, Jada)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ray & Mickey Revis (Southern Buzz-N-Honey)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Charles Revis

### 2018 Spring Honey (Jun 14)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Charles Revis
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim & Deb Austin (Magic Creek Honey)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Mike & Marie Hobbs (Wisteria Farm)

### 2019 Spring Honey (Jun 13)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Charles Revis
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Holler
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Tie—Jim Austin & James Nations

Please help correct and/or add to this list. Anyone with additional information should contact the editor. Together, we can help preserve our club's history.

Answer to this month's bee joke:

*On their bee-hinds!*

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