

2024 NCSBA Speaker List (Last updated 11/27/2023 by Suzy Spencer)

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This is an alphabetical listing by the Speaker's last name except for the institutional entries on the first page.

It lists Speakers who are willing to give presentations to NCSBA Chapters. Information was provided by the Speakers. Speakers should send any updates to Suzy Spencer at presentations@ncbeekeepers.org or notify her if they no longer want to be on the list.

Being on the list is not an NCSBA endorsement of the Speaker. The Chapter may contact the Speaker to ask for a reference if one is not listed. The Chapter should determine if the Speaker charges for gas or other expenses, how far they are willing to drive, length of presentation, and other relevant information.

Chapters: Please remain responsive and committed to the Speakers you schedule. So that there are no misunderstandings, verify well in advance the Speaker's topic, if they will present via Zoom or in-person (and where), the date, and any expected compensation.

"CBA" = County Beekeepers Association. "Ref" in the "Note" column = a Chapter that can be contacted for a reference.

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Dr. David Tarpy and his team (NCSU Apiculture Program)	Nov 2023	Various topics as needed and requested by Chapter.	NCSU Research /Extension	https://www.ncsuapiculture.net/speaking-engagements	--	YES	NO *	* Some Staff may give in-person presenta-tions. Fill out request form on website and submit online.
Dr. David Tarpy and his team (NCSU Apiculture Program)	Nov 2023	Recorded webinars on a variety of subjects.	NCSU Research /Extension	https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCg5Q97sTgjXXj_AmqTheECxQ	--	YES	See Note	These are recorded and can be streamed via Zoom or at an in-person meeting.
NCDA&CS Apiary Inspectors (6 individuals)	Nov 2023	Depends on the individual Inspector and the expressed needs of the Chapter. See Note.	NCDA&CS Plant Protection Section	http://www.ncagr.gov/plantindustry/Plant/apiary/apiarymp.html	See Apiary Section webpage	See Note	See Note	Depends on individual Inspector. See NCDA&CS website to find Inspector for the Chapter's area.
NCSBA Regional Directors	Nov 2023	Benefits of being a member of the NCSBA and overview of programs (10-15 minutes). Also presents MBP Journeyman certificates. See Note.	See Yellow Book	https://www.ncbeekeepers.org/about/leadership	See Yellow Book or NCSBA leadership web page	See Note	YES	Zoom capability depends on individual. See Yellow Book or webpage to determine what RD is assigned to your Chapter.

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Beasley, Burton	Nov 2023	<i>(9): Wonders of Mead-making; Fall/Winter Management & Overwintering Strategies; Spring, Summer & Swarm Management; Sustainable Apiary Techniques; Purdue Leg-Chewing Stock & Genetic Selection in Our Apiary; Going from Certified to Journeyman in the NC MBP; Working With Municipalities and Town Ordinances; Beeswax Rendering and Wax Products; and Honey Bee Probiotics: Are They What They're Cracked Up To Be? (Master Craftsman Field Study).</i>	Gaston CBA	bwbeasley3@gmail.com	(704) 860-1147	YES	YES	Ref: Henderson CBA. Will travel 2 hours from Gaston County for in-person meetings. Honorarium and/or mileage compensation required.
Davis, Scott	Nov 2023	<i>(7+): Making Splits; Beginning Beekeeping; Mite Management; Harvesting Honey; Managing a Bee Yard/Apiary; Preparing for Contests; and Bee Life Cycle . Various other topics upon request.</i>	Buncombe County Beekeepers Chapter	sdavis9517@gmail.com	(828) 712-6074	YES	YES	Ref: Buncombe County Beekeepers Chapter

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Dunnagan, Richard	Nov 2023	(8): <i>The Dos and Don'ts of Cutouts, Trapouts and Forced Absconds; Building Your Own Hive Woodenware; Designing a More Functional and Beautiful Apiary; What To Do With a Sick or Weak Colony; Finding Your Center in Beekeeping; How More Bee Education Can Actually Save You Money; Navigating the Awkward In-Between Stages of Beekeeping; and Why Supporting Other Beekeepers Can Benefit You.</i>	Person CBA	rdunn54@gmail.com	(919) 606-3980	YES	YES	Ref: Person, Granville, Durham, Chatham, Orange, and Allegheny CBAs. Willing to travel for in-person presentations with sufficient advance scheduling. First 4 topics are technical; last 4 are philosophical.
Fisher, Bryan	Nov 2023	(4+): <i>Sustainable Beekeeping via Splits; Beekeeping Hacks; Feeding Through the Seasons; and Small Scale Queen Rearing.</i> Other topics as requested.	Rowan CBA	b.phisher@yahoo.com	(980) 521-8642	YES	YES	Ref: Cabarrus CBA. Will travel 2 hrs from Concord.
Groth, Tara Lynne	Nov 2023	(5): <i>Multitasking Plants for Pollinators and You; What Does "Natural Beekeeping" Mean?; Bee Business Marketing (From a Former PR Director's perspective); Earn Extra Income by Writing About Bees; and Simple Ways to Include Permaculture Design in Apiaries.</i>	Chatham CBA	taralynne@taralynnegroth.com	(919) 740-8528	YES	YES	Ref: Chatham CBA. Prefers locations near travel route between Pittsboro-Chapel Hill and Bryson City but will travel anywhere in state depending on date and with advance notice. Honoraum required. www.fiveacreshoneyfarm.com

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Hill, Marcus	Nov 2023	(5): <i>Bee Nutrition: Helpful Hints; Queen Production and Quality; Pest/Pathogen Mitigation and Management; Pesticides: In-hive and Environmental; and Hive Husbandry from Hobbyist to Commercial Scale.</i>	At-Large	apismhill@gmail.com	(919) 702-6183	YES	YES	Ref: Person CBA. Prefer giving presentations in-person.
Komperda, Joe	Nov 2023	(10): <i>Bee-Engaged: An Average Joe Beekeeper's Guide to: Mite Monitoring & Control; Splits; Swarms & Swarm Rescue; What I Wish I Knew (Myths & Fables plus Hints & Tips); Coming out of Winter; Feeding; Bee Diseases; Basic Honey Bee Anatomy; Inspecting Your Hive; and Queens.</i>	At-Large	beekeeper@happybusybees.com	(303) 304-6459	YES	YES	Ref: presentations to the ABF and in other states. Moved to Statesville NC from Colorado in summer 2023
Lelewski, Rob	Nov 2023	(2): <i>Learning About Beekeeping by Leveraging a Computerized Beehive; and Creating a Community Through Beekeeping: Engage Your Community, Get To Know Your Neighbors, Educate New Friends About Beekeeping, and Enrich Your Neighborhood.</i>	Catawba Valley BA	rlelewski@gmail.com	Contact via email.	YES	YES	Ref: Catawba Valley BA (Jonathan Prevatte). Based in Hickory; will travel depending on distance.

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Little, David	Nov 2023	<i>(12): Bee Management; Beekeeping Preparation For Approaching Spring; Hive Beetles Big Threat; Honey Extraction and Post Honey Flow; Natural Beekeeping Pro or Con; Post Honey Flow Hive Management; Purposes and Methods of Feeding Bees; Splitting Hives in the Spring; Spring Hive Maintenance; Winter Hive Preparation; Top Bar Hives; and Maintaining Healthy Bees by Management and Treatments.</i>	Iredell CBA	djlittle1448@bellsouth.net	(704) 450-1703	YES	YES (see note)	Ref: Iredell CBA. In-person option depends on travel distance and if location has handi-capped assessability. Will do Zoom presentations if distance is too far to travel.
MacFawn, David	Nov 2023	Many and various topics. Contact to get list.	At-Large (SC)	dmacfawn@aol.com	See Yellow Book	YES	YES	Lives in Columbia, SC. Requires compensation for gas.
Mack, Libby	Nov 2023	<i>(9): How to Stop Buying Bees; Splits 101: Why, When & How; Swarms: Preventing, Managing, and Catching; Fall Management: Setting Up For Success; Spring Management: Setting Up for Success; Bad Bee Behavior; Queen Events; All Things Varroa; and Bee Math.</i>	Mecklenburg CBA	mack.bees@gmail.com	See Yellow Book	YES	YES	Ref: Mecklenburg CBA

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McGuirk, Anya	Nov 2023	<i>(1): Hive Monitoring: Observations and Lessons Learned So Far.</i>	Five CBA	anyamcg@gmail.com	(919) 449-7691	YES	YES	Ref: Orange CBA. Project involves weight, temperature/ humidity, listening to bees, and counting.
Miller, Ashby	Nov 2023	<i>(8+): Breeding a Better Bee: VSH Selection Using UBeeO and Harbo Assays; Expanding Your Apiary with Queen Castles; Splitting Colonies Within Your Own Apiary; Using Double Screen Bottom Boards (Snell Boards) Within Your Operation; Spring/Summer Swarm Management; Making Splits for the Begining Beekeeper; Varroa Mite and Other Pest Management; and Small Scale Queen Rearing. Other topics available upon request.</i>	Alamance CBA	ashbyfarmsnc@gmail.com	(336) 693-4392	YES	YES	Ref: Person, Caswell, and Alamance CBAs. Will travel 2 hours from Burlington NC. Nominal honorarium and/or mileage compensation required.
Moyers, Ed	Nov 2023	<i>(1): Melissopalynology: Its Uses and Challenges in Identifying Honey Sources.</i>	Mecklenburg CBA	edkmoyers@gmail.com	(704) 957-9627	YES	YES	Ref: Mecklenburg CBA
Smith, Robert	Nov 2023	<i>(1): How to Compete in a Fair.</i>	Catawba Valley BA	hickorybeeman@gmail.com	(828) 261-5210	NO	YES	Ref: Burke CBA. Will demonstrate use of a refractometer and a polariscope.

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Stahlman, Dana	Nov 2023	I have dozens of powerpoint presentations that can be customized to your needs. Topics include making hive increases, queen rearing, stress on bees, swarming, hive products (wax, honey, bees), growing a beekeeping business, and many others. Contact me to discuss.	Five CBA and Wake CBA	stahlmanapiaries@aol.com	(614) 813-9060	NO	YES	Any honorariums or expense reimbursements offered will be donated to the NCSU Professorship Endowment. EAS Master Beekeeper. Author of Stahlman Beekeeping Notes (posted at www.ccbec.org). Retired 4th generation commercial beekeeper (OH, IN, and GA). Author of several books, CDs, and articles.
Talley, Eric	Nov 2023	(9): <i>Controlling Varroa Mites without using Chemicals; Controlling SHB; Creative Beekeeping Items; Do I need a Queen?; Small/Weak Colonies; Winter Preparation; Installing Packages Using Current Research; Foundation: Wax or Plastic?; and The Influence of Brood Pheromone on Honey Bee Colony Establishment and Queen Replacement: Methods and Results of Master Craftsman Project.</i>	Onslow CBA	erictalley@ec.rr.com	(910) 389-7709	YES	YES	Ref: Onslow CBA. The topic on installing packages was published in the Winter 2022-2023 NCSBA <i>Bee Buzz</i> . The topic on foundation types was published in the March 2023 issue of <i>American Bee Journal</i> .

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Tarpy, Dr. David		See first 2 entries on page 1 of this list.						
Terry, Erin McDermott	Nov 2023	(2+): <i>Hive Pests, Disease, and IPM; and Honey Bee Biology.</i> Other topics by request.	Moore CBA	erinemterry@gmail.com	--	YES	YES	Ref: Dr. David Tarpy
Tyson, Russell	Nov 2023	(1): <i>Principles of Making Queens, Cell Building Methods and Distribution Including Equipment Used.</i>	Forsyth CBA	tigertyson@triad.rr.com	(336) 813-1297	NO	YES	Ref: Forsyth CBA. The Nicot system will also be demonstrated.
Uptmor, Phillip	Nov 2023	(6+): <i>Making Money With Honey Bees -- Honey and Beyond; Seasonal Management of Honey Bees; Integrating IPM Strategies in the Apiary for Varroa; Making Successful Splits; Honey Bottling, Marketing, and Preparing For the Honey Show; and Let's Talk about the NC Zoo!</i> Other topics as requested.	Chatham CBA	puptmor@gmail.com	(919) 548-3437	YES	YES	Ref: Chatham CBA
Vinson, Doug	Nov 2023	(3): <i>Nuc Production; Overwintering in Small Boxes; and Summer Splits.</i>	Catawba Valley BA	drjamvin@gmail.com	(828) 244-4321	YES	YES	Ref: Catawba Valley BA, EAS, ABF. Prefer in-person presentations.
Wolgemuth, Greg	Nov 2023	(2+): <i>Fall Splits for Spring Management; and Increase and the 5-frame resource hive.</i> Other topics upon request.	Five CBA	wolgemuthgl@aol.com	(252) 904-3416 (text first)	NO	YES	Ref: Five CBA