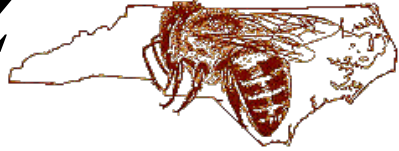


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This issue of the BUZZ contains a wealth of information that may be of use or interest to you as you finish what we hope has been a good honey production year.

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**The North Carolina State Beekeepers Association**

## **A MESSAGE FROM THE NCSBA PRESIDENT**

### **Awards**

We had great support for our awards program at the summer meeting. The reminders put out by Vice-President J.D. Foust and nominations from many parts of the state made for some tough decisions on the part of the selection committees. I would like to thank everyone who participated in any way with our program this year. Reagan Ammons, Cooperative Extension Service Director of Burke County, was chosen for our Extension Worker of the Year award. Ken Pipes of Alamance County was chosen for our Person of the Year award. We congratulate both of these gentlemen and thank them for their support of beekeeping, locally and to the NCSBA. We consider our program this year a tremendous success and would encourage the same high level of participation next year.

### **New Vice-Presidents**

At our summer meeting we approved changes to our Constitution and By-Laws. The most significant change was going from a single vice-president to two vice-presidents. J.D. Foust, our former Vice-President was elected as 1st Vice-President and Jack Tapp, former 2-Year Director was elected 2nd Vice-President. In addition to filling in for the President in his absence, the 1st Vice-President will make arrangements for facilities at our annual spring and summer meetings, and for any special meetings of the Executive Committee. In addition to filling in for the 1st Vice-President or President, the 2nd Vice-President will serve as program chairman of our annual meetings. Dr. Mike Stanghellini, our interim Executive Secretary will be working with these gentlemen, especially our 2nd Vice-President in planning our annual meetings. We believe these changes will enable us to serve our membership more effectively and we appreciate your support in approving these changes.

### **New Officers**

At our summer meeting in Morganton, Dr. Mike Stanghellini was elected as our interim Executive Secretary. Mike will be working with the rest of the Executive Committee to provide leadership and direction to the NCSBA. Janno Daniel of Montgomery/Stanly County was elected as a Three-Year Director and Bill Smith of Stanly County was elected to fill the One-Year Director vacancy created when Jack Tapp was elected 2nd Vice-President. To them we say, **Welcome Aboard.**

### **Apiculturist Position at NCSU**

The position description for the Apiculturist position at NCSU should be finalized within the next month and the plans are to advertise it soon thereafter. We have provided input to the description and some of our suggestions have been accepted. Irvin Rackley, Past President, is a member of the Selection Committee and represents our interest. We will keep you advised.

## Slide Sets

We have finalized a slide set which tells about the NCSBA, its beginning, charter, growth in members and chapters, accomplishments, officers, the Master Beekeeper Program, benefits (Calendar, BUZZ, Yellow Book), etc. We will produce 12 sets and they will be distributed to our regional representatives and officers. The purpose of the sets is to inform our members and perspective members about the NCSBA and the advantages of NCSBA membership. The sets can also be used in talking to other audiences about the NCSBA and beekeeping in N.C. Production of the slide sets should be completed by late October and should be in the hands of the regional representatives and officers by mid November. If your chapter has not seen the slide set, then schedule a presentation through your regional representative or nearest officer. We would like for every chapter to see the presentation within the next 12 months. As new members are added, you may want to reschedule so they too will better understand the NCSBA.

## CheckMite Plus (coumaphos)

In the February 2001 issue of the BUZZ, I made a strong pitch for beekeepers to get their private pesticide applicator license. This license will allow you to purchase and use Restricted Use pesticides, like CheckMite Plus. This beehive pest control strip is approved for the control of Varroa Mites and Small Hive Beetles (SHBs) in honey bee colonies. If you do not have the SHBs, and Apistan is keeping the varroa mites under control, then we do not recommend the use of CheckMite Plus. However, we are seeing increased mite resistance to Apistan (fluvalinate) and the SHB continues its migration. Recently in Alamance County, one of our beekeepers had a very strong hive, Apistan had been on the hive for five (5) weeks and yet a sugar-roll test of about 300 bees produced 30 mites. We must conclude that these mites have a resistance to Apistan and should be treated with CheckMite Plus. At that point, the beekeeper had not obtained his license, but of course, is working to that end as I write this article. Again, we recommend that you obtain your license through you local Cooperative Extension Service (CES) office. It would be better to have the \$6 license and not need it, than to not have it and really need it. Additionally, earning the pesticide license will (1) count as credit for some of the Master Beekeeper Program requirements and (2) provide you with pesticide information you did not have before. I would remind each of you that the license we are speaking about is a private applicator license, which means it is for the named holder only. You **cannot loan** it to your buddy and you **cannot buy** the chemical for your buddy. So, don't put your buddy in a difficult or compromising situation by asking him/her to purchase the restricted use pesticide for you. Remember, always read and follow the label instructions on **all** pesticides.

## **New Chapters**

We recently chartered the Granville County Beekeepers Association. They meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month in the local CES office and the president is Will Hicks. The McDowell County beekeepers have organized and are meeting regularly and are about ready to request their charter. Recently, we have provided organizational information to the beekeepers in Wilkes County who have expressed an interest in forming an NCSBA chapter. We wish these new organizations well as they get organized and continue to grow.

## **Obituaries**

We publish obituaries of NCSBA members under “Telling the Bees” in either the BUZZ or the Yellow Book. The obits are printed in the issue following the member’s death, so some will appear in the Yellow Book, but most will appear in the BUZZ (four issues per year, normally).

Please send the obits to Paul Madren, 104 Woodland Dr., Cary, NC 27513 **and** Dr. Mike Stanghellini, P.O. Box 33803, Raleigh, NC 27636-3803. Paul uses the obit to update our database and Mike will publish the obit in the next publication issue. Don’t be concerned about duplication; Paul and Mike can sort that out.

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Elon College, NC 27244-9514  
Phone: (336) 584-3195  
E-mail: [dlmoore1@bellsouth.net](mailto:dlmoore1@bellsouth.net)

## **RECAP OF THE 2001 NCSBA SUMMER CONVENTION**

The 2001 NCSBA Summer Convention on July 19-21 in Morganton, NC, was a great success. Records indicate that over 280 members attended the meeting and the feedback received from virtually all attendees was highly favorable. A tremendous amount of work was done by the Burke County Beekeepers to provide such a nice and suitable meeting place. The entire NCSBA membership should join together to thank Burke County for the outstanding job they did.

The speaker presentations and workshops were also well-received. The NCSBA would like to thank the following for their talks and workshops: Dr. Keith Delaplaine, Reagan Ammons, Dwight Seals, Kenny Bailey, Paul Madren, Mark Bennett, Dan Kirby, Dan Smith, the NCDA&CS Bee Inspectors, David Martin, Dr. Bruce Harrison, James Hipps, Ron Scoggins, and the Apicultural Program at NC State University.

Last but certainly not least, we wish to acknowledge all the bee equipment dealers that exhibited their wares at the meeting. You certainly add another beneficial element to the conventions and we hope your sales were as great as the rest of the meeting.

## A NOTE FROM THE NCSBA TREASURER

Now as we go from fall into winter, we enter the time for membership emphasis. Many of the chapters are accepting membership for 2002 now; others will start with the November and December meetings. We suggest that the chapters encourage those new beekeepers joining in 2001 to continue with beekeeping and their NCSBA membership. For those who desire to pay direct may send the membership dues, \$15.00, directly to me. I will contact you if additional information is needed. If you desire a form and additional information, visit the web page on the internet at <http://www.ncbeekeepers.org/>.

Paul Madren, 104 Woodland Drive, Cary, NC 275133

## SYLVIA NEWLAND MEMORY FUND UPATE

As many of you know, there was a very sad event at the end of the joint NC/SC beekeepers spring meeting in Myrtle Beach. One of our members, Sylvia Newland, a resident of Richmond, Virginia, was killed in a tragic pedestrian traffic accident. In memory of Sylvia, we are offering our members and chapters an opportunity to contribute to the McIver-Haas Audio-Visual Fund. All funds donated will be used to purchase audio-visual material for our library. Materials purchased will be marked to show that they were purchased with funds donated in memory of Sylvia.

To date, a total of \$265 have been donated to the Sylvia Newland Memory Fund. With these funds, the NCSBA has purchased two copies each of the following videos: "The Monk and the Honeybee" and "Requeening and Colony Division Made Easy". The first video is a very interesting and informative documentary about Brother Adam, the Benedictine monk who spent his lifetime breeding and developing the Buckfast Bee, so named after the abbey in which Brother Adam lived. The second video is a very practical, hands-on instructional video produced by Brushy Mountain Bee Farm and stars Steve Forest with an array of expert southeastern beekeepers with decades of beekeeping knowledge to share.

Both videos were purchased to replace worn-out or recently lost videos from the NCSBA audio-video library that is housed at NCSU. On behalf of the entire NCSBA membership, we thank the following NCSBA chapters who have donated funds: **Alamance, Chatham, Forsyth, and Rockingham** counties. These videos are now available once again for circulation, and more audio-visual materials will be added as appropriate.

If you or your chapter would like to contribute please send your donations, marked for Sylvia Newland Memory Fund to Paul Madren (address listed above).

## 2001-2002 NCSBA OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AND REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

A new slate of officers and directors were elected at the NCSBA Summer Convention. In addition, the NCSBA President, Don Moore, appointed and re-appointed Regional Representatives to ensure that the NCSBA Board fully represents all areas of the state.

Following is a list of the 2001-2002 NCSBA Executive Committee and their phone numbers. Please contact any of these individuals if you have a question or suggestion for the NCSBA.

### Officers

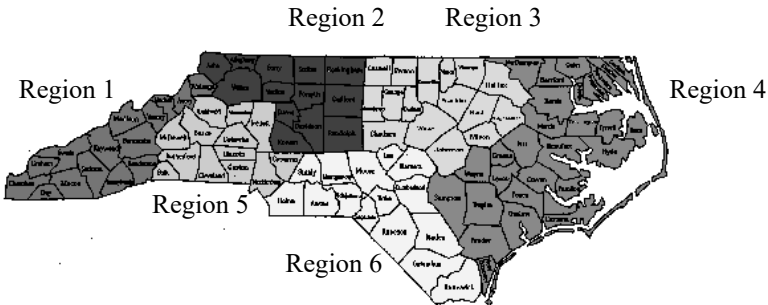
President	Don Moore	(336) 584-3195
1st Vice-President	J. D. Foust	(919) 787-3578
2nd Vice-President	Jack Tapp	(919) 942-2006
Past President	Irvin Rackley	(252) 446-5487
Corresponding Secretary	Audrey Moore	(336) 584-3195
Recording Secretary	Joseph R. Smith, Jr.	(704) 463-7039
Treasurer	Paul Madren	(919) 467-7065
Interim Executive Secretary	Dr. Mike Stanghellini	(919) 515-1660

### Directors

1 Year	Billy A. Smith	(704) 982-1861
2 Years	Sally Ellis	(828) 738-4048
3 Years	Janno Daniel	(910) 572-1015

### Regional Representatives

Region 1	Edd Buchanan	(828) 669-8936
Region 2	Jerry Isley	(336) 472-6325
Region 3	Kenneth G. Pipes	(336) 229-5622
Region 4	Jessica Lynam	(252) 331-7773
Region 5	L. E. "Moon" Mullins	(704) 825-3232
Region 6	Bill Lathan	(910) 281-4365



Special Projects	Fred Deer	(919) 380-7005
Publicity Chair	Audrey Moore	(336) 584-3195
EAS Representative	Don Hopkins	(919) 233-8214
NC Zoo Committee	Irvin Rackley	(252) 446-5487
Awards/Contests Coordinator	Jack Tapp	(919) 942-2006

# NCSBA COMMITTEES

(effective through Summer Meeting 2002)

## ANNUAL MEETINGS

J. D. Foust  
Jack Tapp  
Dr. Mike Stanghellini  
Paul Madren

## EXTENSION WORKER of the YEAR AWARD

Kenneth G. Pipes  
Bobby Davidson  
Claiborne Holtzman

## NCSBA DOCUMENTS

Paul Madren  
Bill Sheppard  
Dr. John Ambrose

## PUBLICITY

Audrey Moore  
Jack Tapp  
Dr. Mike Stanghellini

## HISTORY

Dr. John Ambrose  
Bill Sheppard  
Irvin Rackley

## PERSON or ORGANIZATION of the YEAR

Bill Sheppard  
Jack Tapp  
Don Hopkins

## CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Paul Madren  
Dr. John Ambrose  
Don Moore

## WEBSITE

David Martin  
Dr. Mike Stanghellini  
Dr. John Ambrose

## PRESIDENT'S CERT. Of MERIT

J. D. Foust

## SPECIAL PROJECTS

Fred Deer  
Geoffery and Teresa Elliot

## COOKING WITH HONEY

Bill Sheppard

## YELLOW BOOK

Dr. Mike Stanghellini  
Jessica Lynam  
Paul Madren  
Don Moore

## LEGISLATIVE

J. D. Foust  
Bob Blackwelder  
Paul Madren  
Jack Tapp

## FINANCE/BUDGET

Paul Madren  
J. D. Foust  
Jack Tapp

## AUDIT (Directors)

Sally Ellis  
Bill Smith  
Janno Daniel

## AWARDS/CONTESTS COORDINATOR

Jack Tapp

## PARLIAMENTARIAN

Kenny Bailey

## McIVER-HASS AWARD

Committee appointed by President as  
required

## HONEY, GADGETS, AUDIO/VISUAL CONTESTS

Dr. Mike Stanghellini  
Dr. John Ambrose

## MUSIC

Kenny Bailey

## ZOO BEE EXHIBIT

Irvin Rackley  
Bill Sheppard  
George Byrum  
Dr. John Ambrose  
J. D. Foust  
Lowell Perry  
Don Moore, Ex-Office  
Greg Barnes, NCFBF Advisor

## OUT-OF-STATE, ACTIVE NCSBA MEMBERS

The listing of out-of-state members was accidentally omitted from the 2000-2001 NCSBA *Yellow Book*. These individuals are thus listed below. The NCSBA is proud to have so many out-of-state beekeepers representing 19 different states.

STATE	<u>Name</u>	Phone	STATE	<u>Name</u>	Phone
CALIFORNIA	Hicks, Raymond	(408) 243-5172	S. CAROLINA (cont.)	Hooker, Robert	(803) 804-4856
FLORIDA	Fetters, Gary	(904) 772-8394		MacFawn, David	
	Westervelt, John	(352) 669-3498		Simril, Carroll	(803) 957-5954
GEORGIA	Atkinson, John	(770) 623-9478	TENNESSEE	Tiller, Kathryn	(803) 475-9109
	Biezenbos, Bert	(912) 236-5906		Garland, Harold	(828) 727-9104
	Colson, Bobby	(912) 852-5124		Garland, Vernis	
	Johnson, Bill	(912) 559-4530		Morrison, Lloyd	(615) 822-0472
	Rossmann Apiaries	(800) 333-7677		Newman, Rev. Willie	(865) 458-6178
	Ward, Harold	(706) 541-0608		Pack, Fred	(423) 623-6606
KENTUCKY	Steed, James		VIRGINIA	Thomas, Glendon	(423) 376-1838
MARYLAND	Tibbs, Christopher			Baker, Doris	(804) 471-2579
MAINE	Scott, Matthew	(207) 495-3409		Battle, Bill	(804) 271-1468
MINNESOTA	Collins, William			Bennett, Mark	(804) 846-0666
MONTANA	Lindahl, Lindy			Goyne, Helen	(804) 748-2085
NEVADA	Smith, Daniel	(828) 652-5124		Goyne, Jr., Harry	(804) 748-2085
NEW JERSEY	Wilmerding, Harold	(973) 543-7565		Halstead, William	(757) 488-7617
NEW YORK	Kilb, Alfred	(516) 749-1049		Harman, Ann	(540) 364-4660
	Murray, William			Hollins, Al	(804) 746-5773
	Surprenant, Loretta	(518) 963-7593		Kelly, George	(804) 846-0666
OHIO	Summers, Kathy	(330) 723-2783		Magolda, Charles	(703) 362-0082
	Walls, Robert	(419) 524-3621		Mangum, Dr. Wyatt	(540) 654-1335
PENNSYLVANIA	Morton, Carl	(717) 854-1847		Martin, Ed	(804) 924-1187
	Potter, Robert	(814) 745-2852		Matney, Calvin	(703) 944-3018
SOUTH CAROLINA	Biggerstaff, Robert	(843) 766-8259		Moore, H. Russell	
	Collins, Harry	(800) 754-0446		Phillips, Jerry	(804) 577-2396
	Dodd, John	(864) 949-1030		Pierson, Jackie	(504) 427-2553
	Floyd, Bob			Rasnic, Joe	(703) 346-3566
	Fulghum, Leonard	(803) 884-4047		Saunders, Bill	(757) 547-0198
	Goodwin, Kenneth			Shaner, Jed	(703) 337-7445
				Starkes, Charles	(804) 497-0579
				Vest, George	
				Ward, Punky	(540) 427-9733
				Yerby, Jr., W. I.	(804) 676-8668
			WASHINGTON	Bell, Albert	(509) 468-2201
				Otto, Bert	(214) 259-2738
				Roach, John	
			WISCONSIN	Elmer, Curtis	
			WEST VIRGINIA	Kees, Thomas	

## **BEEKEEPING REPORTS FROM AROUND THE STATE**

In January 2000, we instituted a new feature, “Beekeeping Reports from Around the State”. This effort was developed by Don Moore, the NCSBA President, in an effort to share information about what is happening across the state of N.C. Beekeeping.

### **Report from the Buncombe County Beekeepers Chapter**

Honey harvest in Buncombe County can be summarized in a word: lacking. We experienced a lot of swarming in the spring. During the early flow of locust and poplar it began to rain. The rain didn't seem to let up until early August. This significantly affected the sourwood flow. Bad news was not all attributable to the climate. Several members have lost colonies and equipment to bears. Other diseases and pests are at the normal levels and remind us to be ever vigilant. Jack Hanel, Western North Carolina Bee Inspector, reports that small hive beetles have been found in Polk County.

Submitted by Bill Metts, President, Buncombe County Beekeeper Chapter

### **Report from NSCBA Regional Representative for Region #4 (Eastern N.C. and Coastal Plains)**

The Craven-Pamlico Beekeepers Association is doing well. They have nearly doubled their members since last report. They sponsored a “Bee-Informed” dinner which brought in many newcomers. They are also having a pesticide training course so the members may be licensed for the use of CheckMite Plus (*editor's note: see NCSBA President Don Moore's comments on Check-Mite on page 3 of this issue of the BUZZ*). The Craven-Pamlico Beekeepers still meet every 3rd Tuesday each month. If you are going to be in the area during that time, give John Beeman, the Craven-Pamlico Chapter President, a call to get directions. His phone number is (252) 249-0834. I'm sure you'll come away enlightened.

The Beekeepers of the Albemarle (BOA), who meet in Pasquotank County every 3rd Tuesday as well, are going strong. This association is having their pesticide training course the 16th of October so they may be licensed as well. A grant was obtained for purchasing material to construct a “Bee Gazebo”. The Gazebo was used at the fair grounds on the 22nd of September to demonstrate a hive. The BOA also entered a booth at the fair and won a blue ribbon plus prize monies. Honey was made by most BOA beekeepers this season and sold during these Fall events in the area. Check the Yellow Book or NCSBA web site ([www.ncbeekeepers.org](http://www.ncbeekeepers.org)) for listings and give one of the members a call for directions and pay them a visit. God Bless Everyone,

Jessica Lynam, Region 4 NCSBA Representative

## Report from the Apicultural Program at NC State University

As many of you know, Dr. John Ambrose officially retired from the Entomology Department at NCSU on May 1, 2001, and has switched positions within the university. He is now the Assistant Vice Provost and Director of the First Year College within NCSU. With this change in position, John officially and reluctantly stepped down from his role as NCSBA Executive Secretary. His long years of service and guidance to the NCSBA are greatly appreciated and he will surely be missed. We all wish him prosperity and happiness in his new position at the University. For more information, a *Tribute to Dr. Ambrose* written by NCSBA President Don Moore and a *Farewell Letter to the Members of the NCSBA* by Dr. Ambrose were published in the 2000-2001 Yellow Book.

Having recently completed all the requirements for my doctorate degree, I have been hired by the Entomology Department as a temporary replacement for Dr. Ambrose. Aside from a few remaining projects and finishing up the work associated with two graduate students (Jennifer Keller and Josh Rubinstein), I have taken over the Apicultural Program at NCSU with much enthusiasm. It is a demanding and challenging position, but nevertheless fun and professionally fulfilling.

A major part of the Apiculturist position has been to serve as a resource person, educational advisor, and counselor to the NCSBA; these tasks have been neatly rolled up into the title of NCSBA Executive Secretary. At the NCSBA Summer Meeting, I agreed to serve as Interim Executive Secretary so that there would be continuing support of the NCSBA by NCSU.

In the near future, the Entomology Department will finalize the revised job description for the Apiculturist position here and will conduct a national search for candidates to fill the position. I will apply for the position, as will many others. NCSU personnel will then select the top candidates for subsequent interviews and the NCSBA will be invited to participate in this interviewing process. The exact timeline for these events to transpire is difficult to predict; however, the position will be refilled as soon as possible given the current economic constraints of our state. Irrespective of which candidate the Entomology Department decides upon, the NCSBA can be assured that a continuance of education support from the university will be a top priority of the incumbent professor.

In the mean time, I am here to provide support for the NCSBA in any and all educational issues and matters. Many of the existing programs will continue as is such as the Master Beekeeper Program and associated short courses and workshops, assisting in contacting speakers for the State spring and summer meetings, and so on. Other aspects of the Apicultural Program will be changing. If you have any comments, suggestions or requests, feel free to contact me. Thanks and take care,

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# **North Carolina State Beekeepers Association**

**2002 Spring Meeting**

**Brunswick Community College  
Supply, North Carolina**

**March 15 & 16, 2002**



Two hotels will offer their services to the NCSBA: Comfort Inn in Shalotte, NC, and Comfort Inn Suites in Southport, NC. Both hotels are within 10-15 miles of the Brunswick Community College and both will offer a room rate of \$50/night for NCSBA members attending this spring's convention..

Additional information concerning hotel registration will be available in the next issue of the BUZZ, as will more information about meeting registration, speakers, workshop topics and so on.

**Mark your calendars now!!**

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PAGE 14: The IDEAL HONEY CONTAINER AD

## 2002 N.C. Beekeeping Calendar and 2001 NCSBA Dues

It is hard to believe but 2001 is drawing to a close which means that the 2002 North Carolina Calendar of Beekeeping soon will be going into the mail. As usual is it a fantastic calendar with a wealth of beekeeping information in a wall calendar format. The only question is, "WILLYOU GET ONE?"

You will get one of the calendars for 2002 if you have paid your dues for this year (2001). Yes, your 2001 NCSBA dues entitle you to receive a free N.C. Calendar of Beekeeping for the year 2002. The calendars sell to non-NCSBA members for \$7.00. Check to see if you will get a free calendar by doing the following: Look at the back page of this issue and check the mailing label (see the sample below).

(A) \_\_\_\_\_ 01    Guilford  
I. M. Beekeeper  
101 Honeycomb Road  
Melliferaton, NC 66666

The above label contains, in addition to your name and address, information on your membership in the NCSBA. The most important item on the label regarding the 2002 Calendar is the letter code on the top left hand corner of the label (the letter code is circled in the above sample). If that letter is any of the following codes, then you will receive a free 2002 Calendar (provided we have your current, correct address!!):

A – Annual member (paid 2001)  
C – Commercial member (paid 2001)  
P – Permanent Paid member

H – Honorary member  
L – Life member

**HOWEVER**, if your label is coded with one of the following letters, then you are not entitled to a free 2002 Calendar:

N – Former NCSBA member who has not paid 2001 dues  
I – Individual or organization receiving newsletter from NCSBA but is not a dues-paying member

**WHAT SHOULD YOU DO TO RECEIVE A 2002 CALENDAR?** If your label is coded with an A, C, P, H, or L then you do not have to do anything, and you will be mailed a 2002 Calendar. If your label is coded with an N or I, then you may still pay your 2001 dues and receive a free 2002 Calendar. Your support of the NCSBA is very important to us, and we hope that you will become an active dues-paying member. You may use the following form to pay your 2001 dues and receive a 2002 Calendar.

Member's Name and Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Include 2001 dues of \$15 payable to NCSBA. Mail this form and a check to: Paul Madren, Treasurer NCSBA; 104 Woodland Drive; Cary, NC 27513.

**Note:** It would be very helpful if you could include the mailing label from your (this) newsletter with the form.