

**2025 NCSBA Speaker List** (Last updated 12/1/24 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 can contact the Speaker and inquire about references if desired. 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

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<b>NCSU Apiculture Program Team</b>	Nov 2024	See individual listings for Dr. David Tarpy, Jennifer Keller, Kim Guillemette, and Dr. Brad Metz.	NCSU Apiculture Program	See under the individual's entry.				Dr. David Tarpy's team
<b>NCDA&amp;CS Apiary Inspectors (6 individuals)</b>	Nov 2024	Topics related to diseases and pest best-management practices; and various other management topics. Depends on individual inspector.	NCDA&CS Plant Protection Section	<a href="https://www.ncagr.gov/divisions/plant-industry/plant-protection/plant-industry-apiary-field-services">https://www.ncagr.gov/divisions/plant-industry/plant-protection/plant-industry-apiary-field-services</a>	See Apiary Section webpage	See Note	See Note	Topics and availability depends on the individual Inspector. See NCDA&CS website to find Inspector for the Chapter's area. Some will travel to present outside their assigned area.
<b>NCSBA Regional Director assigned to Chapter</b>	Nov 2024	Benefits of being a member of the NCSBA and overview of programs (10-15 minutes). Will present MBP Journeyman certificates. See Note.	See Yellow Book	<a href="https://www.ncbeekeepers.org/about/leadership">https://www.ncbeekeepers.org/about/leadership</a>	See Yellow Book or NCSBA leadership web page	YES	YES	Capability to present via Zoom depends on the individual.

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Beasley, Burton	Nov 2024	<i>(9+ topics): Wonders of Mead-making; Fall/Winter Management &amp; Overwintering Strategies; Spring, Summer &amp; Swarm Management; Sustainable Apiary Techniques; Purdue Leg-Chewing Stock &amp; 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). Also MBP Journeyman prep classes (see Note).</i>	Gaston CBA	<a href="mailto:bwbeasley3@gmail.com">bwbeasley3@gmail.com</a>	(704) 860-1147	YES	YES	Will travel 2 hours from Gaston County for in-person meetings. Honorarium and/or mileage compensation required. Willing to be an instructor for advanced MBP Journeyman prep classes/bee schools in person within a reasonable drive or via zoom.
Case, Mark	Nov 2024	<i>(2+ topics): Trap-outs, Cut-outs, and Force-Outs; and Value-Added Products From The Hive. Other topics are available; let me know your needs.</i>	Randolph CBA	<a href="mailto:markcase@aol.com">markcase@aol.com</a>	(336) 963-4756	NO	YES	

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Davis, Scott	Nov 2024	(9+ topics): <i>Making Splits; Beginning Beekeeping; Mite Management; Harvesting Honey; Managing a Bee Yard/Apiary; Preparing For Contests; Bee Life Cycle; VSH – to be or not to be! (aka Is VSH the end all to bee all?); and Condensing hive – overwintering without worrying about condensation.</i> Various other topics upon request.	Buncombe County Beekeepers Chapter	<a href="mailto:sdavis9517@gmail.com">sdavis9517@gmail.com</a>	(828) 712-6074	YES	YES	
Dunnagan, Richard	Nov 2024	(8 topics): <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	<a href="mailto:rdunn54@gmail.com">rdunn54@gmail.com</a>	(919) 606-3980	YES	YES	Will travel for in-person presentations with sufficient advance scheduling. First 4 topics are technical; last 4 are philosophical.

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Fisher, Bryan	Nov 2024	(4+ topics): <i>Sustainable Beekeeping Via Splits; Beekeeping Hacks; Feeding Through the Seasons; and Small Scale Queen Rearing.</i> Other topics as requested.	Rowan CBA	<a href="mailto:b.phisher@yahoo.com">b.phisher@yahoo.com</a>	(980) 521-8642	YES	YES	Will travel 2 hrs from Concord.
Fleming, Charles	Nov 2024	(5+ topics): <i>Summer Increase Splits; Management For Honey; Late Winer/Late Summer Colony Management; Backyard Queen Rearing; and Rendering Beeswax.</i> Open to requested topics.	Harnett CBA	<a href="mailto:cfleming1214@gmail.com">cfleming1214@gmail.com</a>	(910) 242-3867	YES	YES	
Groth, Tara Lynne	Nov 2024	(5 topics): <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	<a href="mailto:taralynne@taralynnegroth.com">taralynne@taralynnegroth.com</a>	(919) 740-8528	YES	YES	Prefer locations with travel routes near/between Pittsboro-Chapel Hill and Bryson City, but will travel anywhere in the state depending on date and advance notice. Speaking fee required. Mileage reimbursement required dependent on distance as outlined at <a href="https://www.taralynnegroth.com/speaking.html">https://www.taralynnegroth.com/speaking.html</a> .

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Guillemette, Kim	Nov 2024	Various topics upon request.	NCSU Apiculture Program	<a href="mailto:kmguille@ncsu.edu">kmguille@ncsu.edu</a>	--	YES	YES	Prefers in-person. Is a member of Dr. David Tarpy's team.
Keller, Jennifer	Nov 2024	Various hands-on beekeeping topics upon request.	NCSU Apiculture Program	<a href="mailto:jjkeller@ncsu.edu">jjkeller@ncsu.edu</a>	--	YES	YES*	* Depends on the distance. Contact to discuss. Is a member of Dr. David Tarpy's team.
Komperda, Joe	Nov 2024	<i>(10 topics): Bee-Engaged: An Average Joe Beekeeper's Guide to: Mite Monitoring &amp; Control; Splits; Swarms &amp; Swarm Rescue; What I Wish I Knew (Myths &amp; Fables plus Hints &amp; Tips); Coming out of Winter; Feeding; Bee Diseases; Basic Honey Bee Anatomy; Inspecting Your Hive; and Queens.</i>	Iredell CBA	<a href="http://beekeeper@happybusybees.com">beekeeper@happybusybees.com</a>	(303) 304-6459	YES	YES	Honorarium and/or travel reimbursement appreciated.
Lelewski, Rob	Nov 2024	<i>(2 topics): 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	<a href="mailto:rlelewski@gmail.com">rlelewski@gmail.com</a>	Contact via email.	YES	YES	Based in Hickory and will travel. Honorarium and/or travel reimbursement appreciated.
Leonard, Adolphus	Nov 2024	NCSU Apiary Inspector. See page 1 listing for all Inspectors.	NCSU Apiary Inspector	<a href="mailto:Adolphus.leonard@ncagr.gov">Adolphus.leonard@ncagr.gov</a>				

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MacFawn, David	Nov 2024	Many and various topics: contact me to get a list.	At-Large (SC)	<a href="mailto:dmacfawn@aol.com">dmacfawn@aol.com</a>	See Yellow Book	YES	YES	Honorarium and/or mileage compensation required (from Columbia, SC).
Mack, Libby	Nov 2024	(9 topics): <i>How to Stop Buying Bees; Splits 101: Why, When &amp; 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	<a href="mailto:mack.bees@gmail.com">mack.bees@gmail.com</a>	See Yellow Book	YES	YES	
McGuirk, Anya	Nov 2024	(1 topic): <i>Hive Monitoring: Observations and Lessons Learned So Far.</i>	Five CBA	<a href="mailto:anyamcg@gmail.com">anyamcg@gmail.com</a>	(919) 449-7691	YES	YES	Project involves weight, temperature/ humidity, listening to bees, and counting.
Metz, Dr. Brad	Nov 2024	(4 topics): <i>Honey Bee Pheromones; Queen and Drone Reproductive Biology; The Queen &amp; Disease Clinic at NC State; and Sting Allergies.</i>	NCSU Apiculture Program	<a href="mailto:bnmetz@ncsu.edu">bnmetz@ncsu.edu</a>	--	YES	YES*	* Depends on the distance. Contact to discuss. Is a member of Dr. David Tarpy's team.

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Miller, Ashby	Nov 2024	<i>(8+ topics): Breeding a Better Bee: VSH Selection Using 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	<a href="mailto:ashbyfarmsnc@gmail.com">ashbyfarmsnc@gmail.com</a>	(336) 693-4392	YES	YES	Will travel 2 hours from Burlington NC. Nominal honorarium and/or mileage compensation required.
Moyers, Ed	Nov 2024	<i>(1 topic): Melissopalynology: Its Uses and Challenges in Identifying Honey Sources.</i>	Mecklenburg CBA	<a href="mailto:edkmoyers@gmail.com">edkmoyers@gmail.com</a>	(704) 957-9627	YES	YES	

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Stahlman, Dana	Nov 2024	<i>(Dozens of topics): "I have dozens of powerpoint presentations that can be customized to your needs. Some topics include: making hive increases, seasonal management topics, queen rearing, stress on bees, swarming, hive products (wax, honey, bees), growing a beekeeping business, and many others. Contact me to discuss."</i>	Five CBA and Wake CBA	<a href="mailto:stahlmanapiaries@aol.com">stahlmanapiaries@aol.com</a>	(614) 813-9060	NO	YES	Will travel from Raleigh with no payment expected. A donation to the NCSBA Professorship Endowment would be appreciated. Stahlman Beekeeping Notes are posted at <a href="http://www.ccbee.org">www.ccbee.org</a> .
Swanson DVM, Lynne	Nov 2024	<i>(3 topics): Horizontal Hives - Is 'Going Long' For You?; Honeybee Hive Entrance Behavior (Why Examining Landing Board Behavior PRIOR To Examining A Hive Is So Important); and Three Handy Items That Are Easy For Beekeepers To Make (Solar Wax Melter, See-Through Inner Covers And Frame Examination Stand).</i>	Craven-Pamlico CBA	<a href="mailto:safeharborfarmadoptions@hotmail.com">safeharborfarmadoptions@hotmail.com</a>	(252) 422-0943 (preferred over email)	YES	YES	Honorariums donated back to bee clubs. Gas funds requested. In case of evening meetings more than one hour from Maysville, a one-night stay at a local Hampton is required.



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Talley, Eric	Nov 2024	(9 topics): <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>	At-Large	<a href="mailto:erictalley@ec.rr.com">erictalley@ec.rr.com</a>	(910) 389-7709	YES	YES	Topic on installing packages is in <i>NC Bee Buzz</i> Winter 2022-2023. Topic on foundation types is in March 2023 <i>American Bee Journal</i> .
Tarpy, Dr. David	Nov 2024	Updates to the NC State Apiculture Program. Various topics upon request	NCSU Apiculture Program	<a href="mailto:david_tarpy@ncsu.edu">david_tarpy@ncsu.edu</a>	--	YES	NO	Presentations via webinar only
Terry, Erin McDermott	Nov 2024	(2+ topics): <i>Hive Pests, Disease, and IPM; and Honey Bee Biology.</i> Other topics by request.	Moore CBA	<a href="mailto:erinemterry@gmail.com">erinemterry@gmail.com</a>	--	YES	YES	
Tyson, Russell	Nov 2024	(1 topic): <i>Principles of Making Queens, Cell Building Methods and Distribution Including Equipment Used.</i>	Forsyth CBA	<a href="mailto:tigertyson@triad.rr.com">tigertyson@triad.rr.com</a>	(336) 813-1297	NO	YES	The Nicot system will also be demonstrated. Reimbursement for travel and stipend is appreciated.

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Uptmor, Phillip	Nov 2024	(6+ topics): <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	<a href="mailto:puptmor@gmail.com">puptmor@gmail.com</a>	(919) 548-3437	YES	YES	
Vinson, Doug	Nov 2024	(3 topics): <i>Nuc Production; Overwintering in Small Boxes; and Summer Splits.</i>	Catawba Valley BA	<a href="mailto:drjamvin@gmail.com">drjamvin@gmail.com</a>	(828) 244-4321	YES	YES	
Wilson, Terry	Nov 2024	(3 topics): <i>How to Taste Honey ; Let's Taste Honey ; and Infused Honey: How to Do it .</i>	Johnston CBA	<a href="mailto:terry.94@gmail.com">terry.94@gmail.com</a>	(919) 922-6011	NO	YES	First topic (how-to) does not involve tasting. Ask about formats; can adapt to your needs.
Wolgemuth, Greg	Nov 2024	(2+ topics): <i>Fall Splits for Spring Management; and Increase and the 5-frame resource hive.</i> Other topics upon request.	Five CBA	<a href="mailto:wolgemuthgl@aol.com">wolgemuthgl@aol.com</a>	(252) 904-3416 (text first)	NO	YES	