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A Honey Bee Collects Nectar From a Dogwood Tree Photo Credit: Kevin Cullis







Our upcoming meeting is: Tuesday, March 7th from 6:30pm-8:30pm

Platt Springs United Methodist Church 3215 Platt Springs Road, West Cola 29170

with Guest Speaker Ben Powell

Apiculture and Pollinator Specialist at Clemson University
Topic: Queen Biology + The Spring Buildup

Wes Bommer to Demonstrate Splits from 6-6:30pm. This may be in the in parking lot. There will be no live bees.

April's Meeting will be a Q&A Forum. Got questions? We will answer them to the best of our knowledge!

Speaker Bio

For as long as I can remember I have been fascinated by the natural world and the interactions of its inhabitants, especially the smaller majority (insects and other invertebrates). I believe that conservation and wise use of natural resources is essential to preserving ecosystem services, especially in developing communities, and the public has a vested interest in protecting pollinators and other invertebrates for the critical roles they play in maintaining agriculture and ecosystems. As the Apiculture and Pollinator Program coordinator, my primary goal is to provide educational resources for South Carolina's beekeepers and expand appreciation for all insects and invertebrates, especially those that pollinate South Carolina's farms and forests.

I focus my education and outreach programs on two areas: 1) advancing apiculture and beekeeping and 2) improving public awareness about the importance of pollinators and invertebrate biodiversity.

For Ben's entire profile page, click HERE!





