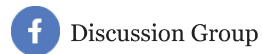


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September 2022 Newsletter

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

The Edge Church
3220 Platt Springs Road, West Cola 29170

Q&A Forum: Bring Your Beekeeping Questions!
*with MSBA members Danny Cannon, Todd Shealy &
David MacFawn*

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!!

Voting on 2023 Officers and
Board Members at our
September Meeting

Please plan to attend the
September meeting as we will be
voting on the 2023 Officers and
Board Members.

Interested in serving? We are in
need of a President Elect (to serve
as President in 2024) and a
Director. Directors help plan and
secure speakers for meetings.

Hope to see you!



2023 PRESIDENT NOMINEE

Anne Runge

Anne Runge started keeping bees in 2017.

She is a Journeyman Beekeeper who keeps bees in Columbia and the mountains of north Georgia.

Anne is an accountant, a wife and mother of 2 grown sons.

She currently is serving as a Director for MSBA.

Secretary's Meeting Notes for August 2nd

6:30pm - Meeting called to order

6:31pm - Secretary's announcements

- September 6th meeting: Q&A Forum. Got questions? We will answer them at the [September] meeting - Starring Danny Cannon, Todd Shealy and David MacFawn to answer your beekeeping questions
 - Also in this meeting, we will be voting on 2023 officers and board members. We are in need of a President Elect (to serve as President in 2024) and an Director. If you want more information or have questions regarding role responsibilities, please email me:
secretary_MSBA@hotmail.com
- Beginning Beekeeping Class- Registration will open mid-October and continue past the New Year. Be on the lookout for the class announcement!
- Also happening in October is the fair! We need volunteers! Shifts are typically 12-5pm + 5-10pm

- A gentleman who lives on Ramblin Rd in West Columbia has expressed interest in having hives on his property. If this is something that interests you, please email the secretary.
- Bees Over Dinner: This is a fellowship dinner before our meeting just to talk about bees. David MacFawn will meet you at 5:30pm at Nick's Gyros and Seafood located on the corner of Watling Road and Augusta Rd/#1.

6:56pm - Treasurer's Update

- Balance \$42,225.64
- Total Expenses: 9435.00 (Main expenses were Diamond Tier at the SC State Conference, Tshirts & Advertisement Items + New Laptop)

6:57pm - Community Outreach Update - None noted.

6:57pm - Secretary announced the Club Librarians, Neal & Jeannine Taylor

- New books available!

6:58pm: Anne Runge introduced speaker: Staci Siler // Reading Frames.

Approx. 8:16pm – Presentation is finished, Q&A time.

8:24pm: Intermission 10 minutes + Raffle

Midlands Beekeeping Calendar

by Red Maple



As always, all beekeeping is local. Here's my offering for the beekeeping calendar for the South Carolina Midlands for the month of August:

Plan on checks twice this month but be brief when opening hive to prevent triggering robbing. This month you should focus on mite control, other pest control such as

Small Hive Beetles and yellow jackets, and feeding as needed. Unfortunately, controlling pests is not a great deal of fun.

To read the entire article, click here:

<https://sassafra-beefarm.wordpress.com/2022/08/>



SC State Fair Opportunities

The SC State Fair is fast approaching! Dates for the fair this year are Wednesday, October 12, to Sunday, the 23rd. The State's club sets up a booth at the fair every year. Since most of us live in close proximity, MSBA members help man the booth which is wonderful because this is a great way to advertise our club, promote our 2023 Beginning Beekeeping class, and educate the public on our favorite hobby!

Typical shifts will be 12pm-5pm and 5pm-10pm but can change depending on the day. We would love to have two people schedule for each shift Monday-Thursday and three people for each shift Friday-Sunday. Volunteers will receive a free MSBA

tshirt.

You do not need to be a long time, experienced beekeeper and know all the answers to work the booth! A lot of fair attendees are just curious and want to see bees!

TO SIGN UP, CLICK HERE:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080945A4AD2EA4FC1-scstate>

Please plan to attend the Oct 4 MSBA meeting to pick up your fair ticket (and volunteer tshirt).

Please be aware that you will need to pay to park as the parking lot is run by a different company other than the fair.

**Danny Cannon is the primary point of contact for our booth.
If you have questions, contact him here: dannycan68@gmail.com.**



2023 BEGINNING BEEKEEPING CLASS



Interested in beekeeping?
Perhaps you just want to know what this hobby entails
before jumping in feet first?

This course is a bargain at \$75 which includes
2 full days of quality classroom instruction +
a visit to a bee yard with hands-on instruction, snacks,
study guide + the book 'First Lessons in Beekeeping'.

Class dates: Saturdays, January 21st & Feb 18th + Bee
Yard Day March 18th.

Classroom location will most likely be in West Columbia,
and the bee yard is in Lexington.

*Experience has shown that the course is suited for
ages 12 and up.*

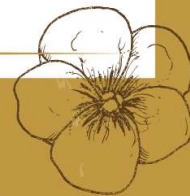
Registration starts mid-October through
the beginning of the year.

Registrants *must* be an MSBA member *and*
prepay online prior to the first class.
Annual Individual Membership: \$10. Family Membership: \$15.

Questions? Contact our secretary:
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***Note: Class venue is TBD. MSBA is currently looking for a larger event hall.
The two church gyms we are interested in are both in West Columbia.
Stay tuned for further announcements on this!*



Ramblin Road Hives Wanted

A gentleman recently expressed interest in having beehives on his property. This gentleman lives on Ramblin Road in South Congaree.

If you're interested, please click here: secretary_MSBA@hotmail.com
The club secretary will put you in direct contact with him.

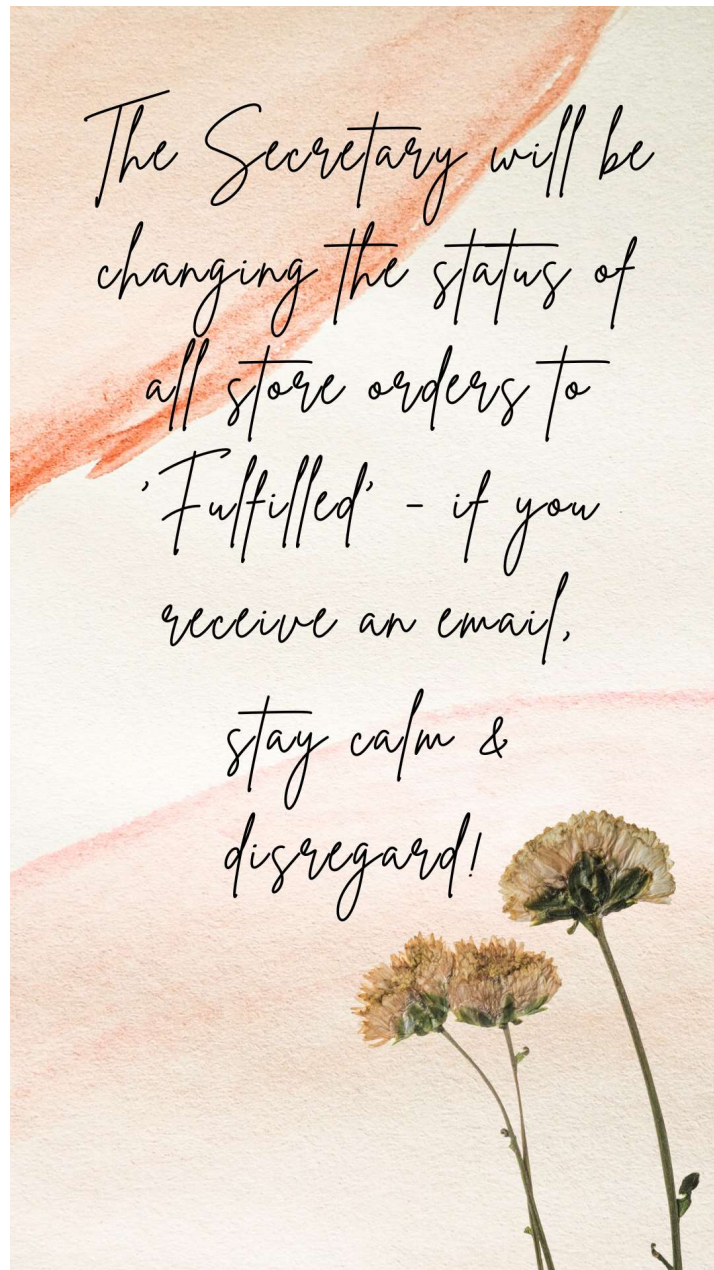


BEES OVER DINNER

BEES OVER DINNER IS A BEFORE MEETING FELLOWSHIP THAT MEETS TO TALK ABOUT BEES OVER THEIR DINNER PLATES.

IT RETURNS THIS MONTH AT A NEW LOCATION CLOSE TO OUR CURRENT MEETING PLACE: *NICK'S GYRO'S AND SEAFOOD* LOCATED ON THE CORNER OF *WATTLING RD. & HWY. 1*. THE ADDRESS IS 3260 AUGUSTA RD., WEST COLUMBIA, SC 29170.

IT'S "STRAIGHT FROM THE BEE YARD" CASUAL. ALL ARE WELCOME. COME AROUND 5:30PM FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO TALK BEES WITH OTHERS PRIOR TO THE MEETING.



Beekeeper's Checklist + Things to Know

Extraction Services:

MSBA Member, **Danny Cannon**, located at **1437 Jessamine Rd in Lexington** will extract honey for beekeepers for \$5 per box with a \$20 minimum. **Call Danny to schedule a time to bring your boxes to be extracted. 803.600.4576.**

A checklist for every Beekeeper... especially new beekeepers!

- Local Beekeeping Stores:

*Blythewood Bee Company: 227 Mclean Rd, Blythewood, SC 29016 // 803.754.7577

*Johnson's Bees and Supplies: 744 Tinker Creek Road, Williston, SC 29853 // 803. 645.6725

- A 2 gallon feed pail/bucket - We need to start feeding sugar syrup: \$8-\$10 + shipping (Betterbee has them). We recommend buying 2 buckets. This is a better solution than internal frame feeders or boardman feeders that fit into the hive entrance, especially in the winter.
- A metal smoker box - about \$35 + shipping. This is to put your lighted smoker in after use. You also need to get a cork (Lowe's or Home Depot in their hardware drawers) or rag to plug the smoker so you will have charred pine straw that is easy to light (W.T. Kelley makes them)
- Folding veils (easy to store) with the long strings and helmets - \$25 for a veil +\$15 for the helmet. (Dadant carries them). Long sleeve bee gloves (Buck o has them for about \$12 a pair) of the correct size
- Buy a canvas/cloth large laundry bag (Wal Mart or Amazon) to put pine straw that has been mowed/run over to make soft for your smoker fuel. This should be stored in a very dry place so it lights easily.
- A 2" or 3" paint brush and a double boiler/crock pot to melt beeswax and coat the frames after scraping dead bees out. *Note: Beeswax is very flammable! We recommend 2/3 pound of wax for 8 medium frames.* You probably have deep & medium frames - about \$8/pound at Dadant.
- Use high quality paint your hive(s). **Paint only the outside** and leave the inside for the bees to coat with propolis.
- Make sure everyone wears light colored clothing. **No dark fuzzy clothing!** Blue jeans are ok. Long sleeve shirts. Do we have veils and gloves for everyone? *If an experienced beekeeper wears blue jeans and a tan/light long sleeve shirt with a collar, white socks with covered toe shoes/boots, you will only need the veils/gloves. This is cheaper than the bee suits with attached veils. *New beekeepers are encouraged to buy the jacket with veil until they feel comfortable enough to not need it.*

More Information & Resources

Facebook isn't our primary means of communicating with our members; however, if you want more bee talk and friendly advice from over one-thousand of your peers, it's available as another option to gather Midland's beekeeping information.

Facebook Discussion Groups:

[SC Mid-State Beekeepers](#): For general Midlands beekeeping discussion.

[SC Mid-State Beekeeping Buy, Sell, Trade](#): Midlands For Sale Beekeeping items,

including bees, queens, woodenware, nucs. etc.

[SC Mid-State Beekeepers Public Announcements Page: General Announcements to the Public Page.](#)



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