

The Bee Line

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WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Past President's Words

I want to thank you, members of the finest Beekeeping group ever, for your support over the past few years. Thank you for the gifts presented to me at Extractaganza, it was my honor to serve you. As we shift back to a sense of normalcy, I have been reflecting on how much the Guild has been through while I served as your president. We had to change the way we operate due to COVID and went to an entirely virtual meeting. Flash forward to now, we have had several beginner beekeeping short courses, many in-person outreach events, and a hybrid monthly meeting. You have been resilient in this group, and together we continue to meet and share interest in the beekeeping hobby. As I have stepped down as your leader, I am leaving you in capable hands. Your new officers have stepped up to lead and are eager to share the passion of beekeeping. I will continue to assist our guild, this time, from behind the scenes. Thank you again for allowing me to serve you as president, and please take a minute to thank your newly elected officers – Brad Webb (President), John Hathaway (Vice President), Donnie Norrell (Treasurer), and Von Gilbreath (Recording Secretary). Please continue to support them, especially at public outreach events. The Guild has some great events and meeting topics planned so stay tuned...

Again, thank you, and I look forward to sitting on the other side of the head table with you.

See you soon.

- Nick

Congratulations to our 2023-2024 guild officers:

President: Brad Webb

Vice President: John Hathaway

Treasurer: Donny Norrell

Secretary: Von Gilbreath

Events Coordinator: Pam Fisher

Mentor Coordinator: Sean Gable

Newsletter Editor: Jennifer Bell

Registrar: Carrie Brown

Nuc Coordinator: Bailey Bunn

Property Managers: Kami Webb, Will Walker

Public Relations Coordinator and IT Coordinator: Nick Delphia

Webmaster: Dave Robinson



Kerry Bass Memorial Scholarship

2023 Graduate Marissa Klinger was awarded the Kerry Bass Memorial Scholarship at our June meeting. Marissa is planning on majoring in Elementary Education at Longwood University. Congratulations!





**EXTRACTAGANZA
JULY 2023**



Swarm Capture by Von Gilbreath



Me and my first bee swarm. Thanks to Christian Simons of Portsmouth for being a good bee steward to come save these pollinators!



Swarm captured in June 2023



Coast Live

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HoneyBee Brown flew in to give us the buzz on bees! Sweet 🐝



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Shout out to guild member Carrie Brown, who appeared with Coast Live TV host, April Woodward, to discuss all the buzz about bees and pollinators.

Great job Carrie!



VIRGINIA BEACH
FARMERS
MARKET

honey festival

Saturday, June 24
10 am to 4 pm

We had a great turnout this year at the VB Farmers Market Honey Festival. A huge THANK YOU to Susan Shaw, Nick Delphia, John Hathaway, and Jen Bell who volunteered at this event!





BEGINNING BEEKEEPING

Learn about the biology, equipment and management before you start your own beehive!

3 week **CLASS**
with the Beekeepers Guild of
Southeast Virginia

WHEN

Tuesday, August 29
Tuesday, Sept 5
Tuesday, Sept 12
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

WHERE

Norfolk Botanical Garden

COST

NBG Members: \$50
Non-members: \$65

[Register here](#)



FALL GARDENING FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
10AM - 3PM

The Beekeepers Guild will be participating in the annual Virginia Beach Master Gardeners Festival. The event will be held at the Hampton Roads Agricultural Research and Extension Center located at 1444 Diamond Springs Rd. Virginia Beach, VA.

Our guild will have an informational booth with an observation hive, literature on good gardening practices to protect pollinators, and sell local honey and other hive products. Guild members will answer questions regarding bees and beekeeping as well as assist shoppers in selecting pollinator-friendly plants. If you'd like to volunteer, please sign up [here](#).

Beehive Distribution Program

Applications for the Beehive Distribution Program will be accepted August 28-September 12, 2023. Recipients of beehive units will be selected at random from qualifying applications. Applications from individuals who were not selected to receive beehive units last year, will not be carried forward to this year's program.

The program provides equipment directly to eligible individuals for the construction of new beehives. Residents of the Commonwealth of Virginia who are 18 years of age or older at the time an application is submitted are eligible to receive up to three beehive units per year. No more than three beehive units may be distributed per household. Individuals who submit an application for a beehive unit through the program will be registered as a beekeeper with the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

Equipment received through the program must be assembled and occupied with a colony of honey bees within one year of receiving the equipment. Honey bees and equipment to manage beehives, such as personal safety equipment and honey processing equipment, are not provided through the program.

Individuals interested in applying should review the Guidelines & Requirements which provides application instructions. Click [here](#) for more information.

Future Meeting Dates

August 14th
September 11th
October 9th

Guild meetings will continue to be offered both virtually via Zoom and in-person at Towne Bank at 7:00 pm.

