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NEWSLETTER OF THE ALAMANCE COUNTY BEEKEEPERS

Alamance County Beekeepers

Remember...

What's Blooming?

Dandelion	<i>Taraxacum officinale</i>	15-Mar	60	14-May
Sumac	<i>Rhus spp.</i>	3-Apr	151	1-Sep
Alsike Clover	<i>Trifolium hybridum</i>	4-Apr	102	15-Jul
Blackberry	<i>Rubus spp.</i>	10-Apr	20	30-Apr
Crimson Clover	<i>Trifolium incarnatum</i>	10-Apr	25	5-May
Tulip Poplar	<i>Liriodendrum</i>	25-Apr	29	24-May

This month's meeting...

On Thursday, May 15th at 7:00 PM at the Alamance County Cooperative Extension Services Building, Geoff Leister will be talking about "Digital Honey Bee Photography." He will discuss some of the do's & don'ts when using a digital camera, iPad, and iPhone. In addition, images from some well-known honey bee digital photographers will be presented.

Earth Day at Western Alamance High School

We set up our "Display Table" in the Quad at Western Alamance High School on April 16th, 2014 to help celebrate Earth Day (A little early). This was a senior project for Sophia Dill. Several hundred students came by our table to ask questions about beekeeping...the rest stood back about 15 feet and asked.....You have bees in there? It was worth the 3 hours Paul Jollay and I were there. Maybe next year.....You can participate.

Tour of the Chatham Mills Pollinator Garden Wednesday May 14!

Wednesday May 14 at 5:30 pm I will be giving a tour of Chatham County Cooperative Extension's Pollinator Paradise Demonstration Garden at Chatham Mills in Pittsboro. The garden was designed to provide forage habitat for pollinators such as honey bees, native bees, butterflies, flower flies, hummingbirds, beetles, and other beneficial insects.

No registration is required...just meet on the sidewalk in front of Chatham Marketplace at 5:30 pm, rain or shine! The garden is looking great and has over 30 different plants in bloom this week.

You can view photos of the garden on Extension's Growing Small Farms website at : <http://go.ncsu.edu/pollinator-garden>

The garden is at 480 Hillsboro St. Pittsboro, NC 27312.

The "What's in Bloom" section of the garden website features snapshots of the garden as well as photos of all the plants currently in bloom.

I also posted the garden tour schedule on the website in case you can't make this month's tour – I will be doing them monthly through October.

I hope to see you there! Debbie Roos, Chatham County Center, debbie.roos@ncsu.edu

Next month's meeting ...

On Thursday, June 19th, 2014, we will be at Paul Jollay's house showing how to "Harvest your Honey Crop". Just like last year, we will be providing hamburgers and hot dogs. We will be calling to ask folks to bring baked beans, potato salad, onions, chili and whatever else you want to bring.....Oh yeah.....some desserts.

Details and Directions will be in next month's newsletter.

Artichoke Dip

- 1 can artichokes, drained
- 1 cup grated cheddar cheese
- ½ c. Parmesan cheese
- ½ c. sour cream
- ½ -1 tsp. garlic powder

Cut artichokes into eights, mix all ingredients and put into a small baking dish. Bake at 350 degrees until golden brown (about 30 minutes). Double for a large group. Good hot or cold. Serve with Tostitos or Scoops.

Hot Pizza Dip

- 1 package (8oz.) cream cheese, softened
- 1 tsp. Italian dressing
- 1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
- ¾ cup of Parmesan cheese
- 2 tbsp. chopped green peppers
- 2 tbsp. sliced green onions
- Breadsticks or canapé bread slices

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Combine in a bowl the cream cheese and Italian seasoning. Combine cheese together. Spread the cream cheese in the bottom of a Mini Baker. Sprinkle half of the cheese mixture over the cream cheese. Spread pizza sauce over this. Top with remaining cheeses, peppers and onions. Bake 15-18 minutes or until cheese is melted and mixture is bubbling around the edges. Serve with breadsticks that have been baked on stoneware.

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