

2017 - SABA - Monthly Meetings

6:15 PM - Board mtg.

7:00 PM - General Membership mtg.

- January 23 – Two guest speakers who are PhD students at the University of Vermont:
 - Samantha Alger works on RNA viruses in bumblebees and honeybees
 - Alex Burnham is working with her on diseases in major beekeeping operations

They will have just returned from the 2017 North American Beekeeping Conference & Tradeshow in Galveston, Texas.

- February 21 – Kirk Webster, Champlain Valley Bees and Queens
- March 20 – Aaron Morris, on the topic of swarming
- April 17 – Anne Frey, “Oops – Common Mistakes We All Want to Avoid, and How to Avoid Them”
- May 15 – Farial English, on Flowering trees and plants
- June 19 – David Wood, on Preparing entries for the fair
- July 17 – Vincent Aloyo, PhD. – Dr. Aloyo studied under Roger Morse and Marla Spivak. He is an EAS Master Beekeeper and instructor, as well as a practical beekeeper. His two-day workshop at EAS 2016 was completely booked. He is a producer of queens and over-wintered nucs, and will speak about raising queens using his favorite method, the Cloak board. This simple method does not require large numbers of colonies, just one good one. Only the easy-to-make Cloak board is needed to raise any quantity of Queens that are better than you can buy. Visit him at <http://vincemasterbeekeeper.com>.

- August 21 – Roger Savoy, of Home Brew Emporium in Rensselaer, will demonstrate how to make mead. He will bring and show the equipment needed, and will offer a mead tasting.
- September 18 – Swap Meet. Bring all things bees- **and beekeeping only, please!** – to sell, trade, or give away. One person's trash is another's treasure. Clean out your shed and find something that you really don't need.
- October 17 – Annual membership meeting – 6:00PM set-up, 6:30PM dinner
- November 20 – Katherine Kieffer, JD, will return to SABA to discuss her article in May 2017 *Bee Culture* Magazine. It is the second in her series, "The Politics of Killing Bees." She will talk about the history of agricultural chemicals and how they are affecting us and our bees. This is information we need to site our apiaries, and advocate for change. If possible, inform yourself before the meeting by reading her article, to be able to understand and contribute to the discussion.
- December 19 – Ask the Beeks Panel. Seasoned members will answer your questions as you prepare for the new year. Run ideas and plans by our SABA experts. We are fortunate in SABA to have knowledgeable people that are willing to share their wisdom with us.