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## Looking Back ... by George Baldwin

The Shelby County Beekeepers Association-SCBA began March 6, 2012 with the following objectives: to inform the public as to the value of honey bees in the pollination of agricultural crops and the production of honey and it's importance, to spread information concerning improved methods of honey production and elevate the business of beekeeping, and to inform the public about bees through education.

The Shelby County Beekeepers Association set out to meet these objectives over two years ago. The

Association has been growing ever since.

Our class of 2012 had over 25 students participating. We are offering a 7-week course to

teach future beekeepers how to start and take care of their hives and expect 30 new beekeepers in January.

I have served as President for the past two-years and have enjoyed meeting and working with new beekeepers.

We currently have over 50 members in the association and meet each month at the Chelsea Senior Adult Center on Highway 36, Chelsea, Alabama from 7-9pm.

Come join us as we learn more about beekeeping and it's rewards.

**Biography.** George Baldwin, Shelby County Beekeepers Association-SCBA, First President, graduated from Auburn University with a B.S. in secondary education with majors in biology and earth science. He received his Masters



George explains his beekeeping experience.

from UAB with emphasis in Biology and a Minor in Math. He taught middle school for 18 years and high school for 10 years retiring in 2004. He began keeping bees in 2007 after taking a beginning beekeeping class at the Jefferson County Beekeeping Association. George feels that he has a calling to keep bees and teach others about this great hobby. With his educational background, he continues to be amazed after 5 years of beekeeping with what the bees can do. He explains, "Surely God spent a little extra time on this wonderful and complex creature." George Baldwin

## 2013 Beginning Beekeepers Class-Sign Up

Have you ever looked at the mystery behind

how the honey got in the jar? Have you ever

looked closely at the honey comb and wondered how it was built? Do you ever think about what honey bees do in the winter?

If you have pondered these questions, sign-up today.

We offer a 7 week course beginning beekeepers. Thursday, Jan. 24—March 7, 2013, 7-9pm. Chelsea, AL. \$45 per person, \$20 additional if you bring someone with you. For more info. [Follow link.](#)

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Monthly Meeting, beginning Jan. 24, 2013  
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This is our first ever **NEWSLETTER** and we would like you to help us **NAME IT** ! We could come up with our own name but we would rather have some help by our beekeeping friends. Send us your ideas by going to the **NAME IT** link. Send us as many ideas that you can come up with.

Also, if you would be interested in collecting articles, writing or assembling our future newsletters, let us know that as well using the same link above.

Thank You,

Have a bee-utiful holiday season!

Everyone at SCBA



Vintage Coffee Cup can be found at [RubyLane.com](http://RubyLane.com)

## IMPORTANT Links and Dates:

2013 Beginning Beekeepers Class [Information](#)

2013 Beginning Beekeepers Class [Online Sign-up Form](#)

2013 Beginning Beekeepers Class [Printable Sign-up Form](#) to mail.

2013 Beginning Beekeepers Class [Flyer](#) (.pdf) Please post and handout

Shelby County Beekeepers Association-SCBA [Brochure](#)

### January 2013

**Thurs, Jan. 3, 7-9pm.** Monthly Meeting, SCBA. Guest Speaker: Mike Sikes, Jefferson County Beekeeping Association, talks about swarm removal.

**Thurs, Jan. 24—March 7, 7-9pm.** Beginning Beekeeping Class. Chelsea, AL. Pre-Registration required.

### February 2013

**Sat. Feb. 2,** 18th Annual Alabama Cooperative Extension Beekeeping Symposium, ACES, Auburn University, [Flyer](#) for info. Registration Deadline: Jan. 21

**Thurs, Feb., 7, 7-9pm.** Monthly Meeting, SCBA. Guest Speaker: Don Williamson, Chelsea Fire & Rescue Dept., talks about bee sting safety, fires and other emergencies including an upcoming safety class.

### March 2013

**Thurs, March., 7, 7-9pm.** Monthly Meeting, SCBA. Guest Speaker: Sally Lee, Jefferson County Extension Center, talks to us about Top Bar Hives.

Trivia  
Swarm

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