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SPRING MEETING 2016

EDUCATING BEEKEEPERS *and*
SUPPORTING LOCAL CLUBS



KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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Dr. James E. Tew

James Tew is the beekeeping specialist for the Alabama Cooperative Extension System, Auburn University and emeritus professor, The Ohio State University. Jim has taught classes, provided extension services, and conducted applied research on honey bees and honey bee behavior – specifically pollination behavior. Additionally, he continues to contribute monthly articles for national beekeeping publications and has authored: *Beekeeping Principles*, *Backyard Beekeeping*, *Wisdom for Beekeepers*, and a chapter in *The Hive and the Honey Bee*. He is a frequent speaker at state and national meetings and has traveled extensively to observe beekeeping techniques.



Roger Simonds

Roger Simonds is the Chief of the USDA-AMS-National Science Laboratory in Gastonia, NC. He is an analytical chemist with 24 years of experience performing pesticide residue analysis on agricultural commodities and has been involved with apiculture pesticide residue testing since 2007. Roger is also a beekeeper.



David A. Westervelt

A native of Umatilla, Florida, David started keeping bees at age six and has kept bees for 46 years. In his time in the army, he had the opportunity to work with bees all over the world. For the last 22 years he has held various positions in the beekeeping community in Florida, including state bee inspector and environmental specialist. He works on research projects with USDA, FDA, and FSU on topics such as varroa mites, tracheal mites, AFB and SHB. He learns something new about bees every day.



Kerry Owen

Kerry and his family are the founders and operators of Bee Well Honey farm & Supply Inc. located in Pickens, South Carolina. He began his beekeeping as a career in 2000 and now has the largest beekeeping supply and honey packaging company in South Carolina. Bee Well Honey offers beginner and advanced beekeeping boot camps and focuses on wholesale and retail sales of beekeeping supplies, bee packages, and queens. Bee Well also has a complete line of cosmetics made with honey and beeswax. Bee Well Honey can be found in over 400 stores in the southeast.

Friday, February 12

7:00 PM Board Meeting

8:00 PM Welcome reception for all conference attendees

Saturday, February 13

7:30-8:15 President's Breakfast: A meeting of all attending local club presidents to share ideas and connect with each other and with our GBA president, Mary Cahill-Roberts

8:30-8:45 Opening remarks: Mary Cahill-Roberts, GBA President

8:45-9:30 Dr. Jim Tew: *Managing Today's Colonies for Today's Issues*

9:30-10:15 Roger Simonds: *Analysis of Apiculture Samples – Challenges, Perspectives and Insights*

10:15-10:30 Break

10:30-11:15 Morning Breakout Sessions A

11:20-12:05 Morning Breakout Sessions B

12:05-1:00 LUNCH

1:00-1:45 David Westervelt: *Africanized Honey Bees – what we know and should we be concerned?*

1:45-2:30 Kerry Owen: *How Do We Really Keep Our Bees Alive? A group discussion on the subject*

2:30-2:45 Break

2:45-3:30 Afternoon Breakout Sessions C

3:40-4:25 Afternoon Breakout Sessions D

4:30 Show winners announced, Ad Auction, Closing remarks

HONEY FOOD & DRINK SHOW

Entries will be taken Saturday from 8:00 am until 12:30, in room 213. Winners will be announced at the end of the day.

AUCTION Saturday Afternoon

Boost your sales by advertising on the GBA website! Only four ads will be sold. You must be present to bid.

BREAKOUT SESSION SPEAKERS



Keith Fielder

Keith is a Master Beekeeper and Welsh Honey Judge. He has around 30 colonies which provide extracted, chunk and comb honey. Employed by University of Georgia Cooperative Extension as the County Extension Coordinator for Putnam County, he is active in many beekeeping organizations.



Tom Hill

Tom keeps bees and makes mead in Otto, NC. Educated primarily in biological sciences, he spent some years teaching biology and chemistry at the high school level. He has been brewing meads and melomels since 2007. Tom was extremely fortunate to have professional winemaker Maria Peterson of Dalonega as his mentor for several years.



Julia Mahood

An Atlanta artist, Julia is a sideline beekeeper with hives in metro Atlanta and Blue Ridge, Georgia. As a Master Beekeeper, she enjoys sharing her passion for natural beekeeping as a mentor and speaker.



Holly Bayendor McConnell

Holly has been the Chair of MABA's Junior Beekeepers Program for the last 3 years. She and her husband Jeff have kept hives for 6 years in the Woodstock area. She is a Certified Beekeeper, and the current President of MABA.



Bill Owens

Bill is Georgia's only Master Craftsman Beekeeper. Having worked with honey bees most of his life, Bill is an entrepreneur, author, instructor, full-time firefighter, webmaster, beekeeper, entertaining speaker, and bee remover who (believe it or not) enjoys the simple life.



Nicholas Weaver

Nicholas works for the UGA Honey Bee Program as a research project supervisor, leading a team of technicians to carry out laboratory and field work. He also runs his own bee removal business and was instrumental in keeping beekeeping a lawful practice in Forsyth County, Georgia. At the age of 15, Nicholas was the youngest person in the world to earn the Welsh Honey Judge certification.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Morning Breakout Sessions

Session A 10:30-11:15
Session B 11:20-12:05

Pollinator Habitat –making the most of what you have
Keith Fielder • Location: Conference Room-B

Coming Out of Spring Alive
Kerry Owen • Location: Main Conference Room

Bee Removals – not as easy as it sounds
Nicholas Weaver • Location: Room 202

SESSION A ONLY

Besides Honey- making hive products
Julia Mahood • Location: Room 217

SESSION B ONLY

How to have successful Junior Beekeeper programs
Holly Bayendor McConnell • Location: Room 217

Afternoon Breakout Sessions

Session C 2:45-3:30
Session D 3:40-4:25

Sustainable Beekeeping – Real Fact or Real Fad
James Tew • Location: Main Conference Room

How to Incorporate Your Love for Honey Bees into a Business
Bill Owens • Location: Room 202

History of the Honey Bee
David Westervelt • Location: Conference Room B

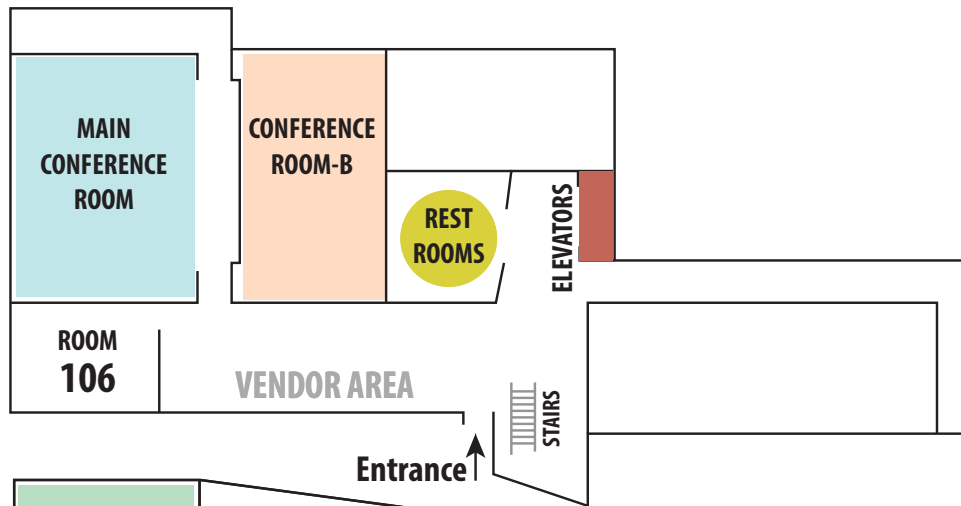
A More In-Depth Look at Pesticide Analysis
Roger Simonds • Location: Room 217

NOTE Due to the volume of information presented, this seminar is presented once and takes up both C and D sessions

Mead Making
Tom Hill • Location: Room 220



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Second
Floor

