



# 2022 Spring Conference

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## Keynote Speakers



### DR. LEWIS BARTLETT

Dr. Lewis Bartlett is an infectious disease biologist, entomologist, and evolutionary ecologist at the University of Georgia's Center for the Ecology of Infectious Diseases. He uses field studies, laboratory experiments, and computer simulations to understand how changes in beekeeping are affecting bee diseases in both the short and long term.

#### **HORIZONS IN HONEY BEE FOOD AND WHAT IT MEANS FOR THEIR HEALTH** (Saturday, 10:00 am)

Making sure our bees don't starve is one of the first things we worry about in beekeeping. But what does that food quality, and our choices of when and what our bees eat matter for their ability to handle parasites and pesticides? New work from the UGA bee lab is looking into how everything from neonicotinoids to small hive beetles affect holistic health and honey bee food.



### DR. KEITH DELAPLANE

Dr. Keith Delaplane, MBE, is Professor of Entomology, Walter B. Hill Fellow, and Honey Bee Program Director at the University of Georgia. He has a long association with honey bees, beginning when his father bought him a beginner's kit when he was 13. Dr. Delaplane has authored, co-authored, or edited more than 200 publications, books and research articles on honey bees.

#### **POLLINATOR PARTNERSHIPS AMONG BEE SPECIES**

(Saturday, 1:10 pm)



### KENT WILLIAMS

Kent Williams is a master beekeeper from Kentucky with over 30 years of experience. His 1,000 colonies are used for commercial pollination contracts, honey production, and nuc and bee package production.

#### **WHAT I WOULD DO DIFFERENTLY...**

(Saturday, 9:15 am) Kent will share reflections on and lessons learned during his 30 years of beekeeping.

#### **A YEAR IN THE LIFE...**

(Saturday, 3:30 pm) A beekeeper's perspective, including actions and management particular to approximate calendar dates.

#### **FRIDAY DINNER SPEAKER**

#### **MY FIRST 15 YEARS OF BEEKEEPING - STEVEN PAGE**

Steven Page has over a decade of treatment-free beekeeping experience and manages 50 to 75 colonies in Coweta County, Georgia. After years of costly purchases of colonies and queens, resulting in poor performance, in 2014 he developed Coweta Sustainable Beekeeping, a simple, sustainable, and inexpensive beekeeping method for small beekeepers.



## Friday, February 18

<b>3:00-4:00</b>	Artisan Show entries accepted Rooms 136, 138
<b>5:00</b>	GBA Board Meeting
<b>6:30</b>	Beer & Wine
<b>7:00</b>	Dinner with speaker <b>Steven Page</b> <i>(NOTE: You must register and pay for the dinner in advance.)</i>

## Saturday, February 19

<b>8:00 - 8:45</b>	Presidents Breakfast (For all local club presidents)
<b>7:15 - 9:45</b>	Artisan Show entries accepted in rooms 136, 138
<b>9:00</b>	Welcome - <b>Gina Gallucci</b> , GBA President
<b>9:15</b>	<i>What I Would Do Differently</i> - <b>Kent Williams</b>
<b>10:00</b>	<i>Horizons In Honey Bee Food And What It Means For Their Health</i> - <b>Dr. Lewis Bartlett</b>
<b>10:45</b>	Ad Auction
<b>11:00</b>	Break
<b>11:30</b>	<b>MORNING BREAKOUT SESSIONS</b>
<b>12:15</b>	 LUNCH
<b>1:10</b>	<i>Pollinator Partnerships Among Bee Species</i> - <b>Dr. Keith Delaplane</b>
<b>2:00</b>	<b>AFTERNOON BREAKOUT SESSIONS</b>
<b>2:45</b>	Break / Artisan Show awards announced
<b>3:30</b>	<i>A Year in the Life</i> - <b>Kent Williams</b>
<b>4:15</b>	 Raffle Drawings / Closing Remarks - <b>Gina Gallucci</b> , GBA President
<b>4:30</b>	Conference Concludes

## Saturday A.M. Breakout Sessions

<b>152</b>	How To Make Spilts - <b>DERRICK FOWLER</b>
<b>132</b>	How To Energize Your Club - <b>Kat Tucker</b> (morning session only)
<b>150</b>	<i>Propolis</i> - <b>Sophia Price</b>
<b>238</b>	<i>The Art of the Trapout</i> - <b>Karen Palmer</b>
<b>Main meeting room</b>	<i>Building A Hobby into a Sideline or Fulltime Business</i> - <b>Kent Williams</b>

For Saturday's Breakout Session descriptions and speaker biographies, see back page.



## Saturday P.M. Breakout Sessions

<b>152</b>	How To Make Spilts - <b>DERRICK FOWLER</b>
<b>132</b>	How To Set Up A Honey Show - <b>Brutz English</b> (afternoon session only)
<b>150</b>	<i>Propolis: Trash or Treasure?</i> - <b>Sophia Price</b>
<b>238</b>	<i>The Art Of The Trapout</i> - <b>Karen Palmer</b>
<b>Main meeting room</b>	<i>Building A Hobby into a Sideline or Fulltime Business</i> - <b>Kent Williams</b>

## 2022 GBA Officers

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Karen Palmer

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# Breakout Session Descriptions & Speakers

## HOSTING A HONEY SHOW - BRUTZ ENGLISH

(Afternoon Session Only) Putting on a honey show at your club is a great educational and social opportunity for your members! Learn how to efficiently run and promote a honey show tailored to your club's size and needs.

**Brutz English** is a Georgia Master Beekeeper and Senior Welsh Honey Judge. He is in charge of the Honey Judge program at the YHBI. A long time GBA director, Brutz was the Georgia Beekeeper of the Year in 2017.



## HOW TO MAKE SPLITS - DERRICK FOWLER

How and when to split your colonies successfully.

**Derrick Fowler** is a Journeyman level beekeeper and has been keeping bees for 12 years. He's currently the Vice President of the Georgia Beekeepers Association. In that role he also serves on the License Plate Proceeds Committee, the marketing committee and conference chair. Previously, Derrick served as a Director and as GBA Secretary. He's a past president of the Beekeepers Club of Gwinnett County and currently serves on the board. Derrick maintains 15-20 colonies and enjoys all aspects of beekeeping.



## THE ART OF THE TRAPOUT - KAREN PALMER

Bees are great for the environment and generally accepted as good to have around. However when they are in unwanted places (i.e., not in a hive), they can be a nuisance. A trap-out is a way of removing bees from trees without harming the tree or the bees.

**Karen Palmer** is a commercial beekeeper who has apiaries in several counties in middle and east Georgia. She is vice president of Altamaha Beekeeper's Association, a GBA Zoom host, and GBA Director for the Southeast region. She is owner of Honey Please, LLC which specializes in bee removal, quality queens and nucs.



## PROPOLIS: TRASH OR TREASURE? - SOPHIA PRICE

What is propolis? Is it a myth? What can it do and why? See examples of propolis traps, tinctures, colors of propolis and some propolis products.

A career in traditional medicine set the stage for **Sophia Price**'s study of apitherapy. Then along came bees and learning about propolis changed her life. Sophia has served as president of Chattooga Beekeepers, GBA Director for District II and currently chairs the License Plate Proceeds Committee.



## HOW TO ENERGIZE YOUR BEE CLUB IN 2022 -

**KAT TUCKER** (*Morning Session Only*) Being a newly elected club officer can leave you with an overwhelming case of the "where do I start!" Learn some of the most important topics to get your club on the road to success. Beginning and experienced club leaders will get ideas how to inspire young beekeepers and drive membership at this energetic session.

**Kat Tucker**, President of the SOWEGA Beekeepers Club, has a background in disaster response and experience working with non-profit organizations. She believes that beekeepers have a responsibility to grow the beekeeping community, to advocate bee awareness, and to strengthen pollinator populations by living and acting responsibly.



## BUILDING A HOBBY INTO A SIDELINE OR FULL TIME BUSINESS - KENT WILLIAMS

Learn the steps to take to make the bees pay their own way and move to a sideline status where a portion of your disposable income is produced by the bees. Eventually, if you want to go in that direction, make a living from beekeeping.

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