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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



< DR. KEITH DELAPLANE,

MBE, PhD, 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.



KAMON REYNOLDS >

has been keeping bees in north central Tennessee for 20 years. He is the co-founder of Hive Life, one of North America's largest bee conferences, and the founder of Tennessee's Bees, which specializes in quality bee genetics, pure Tennessee honey, and honey bee education. With his wife Laurel, Reynolds keeps 300+ hives, and has filmed hundreds of educational videos to help new and veteran beekeepers around the world keep bees successfully.



< DR. JEFF HARRIS

is a university beekeeping extension specialist at Mississippi State University. He has more than 50 years of experience with bees that includes commercial queen rearing, package bee sales, and commercial honey production. After receiving his doctoral degree from LSU, he spent more than 15 years in research at USDA-ARS in Baton Rouge, where he bred honey bees for resistance to varroa mites. His current duties include extension, teaching, and research.

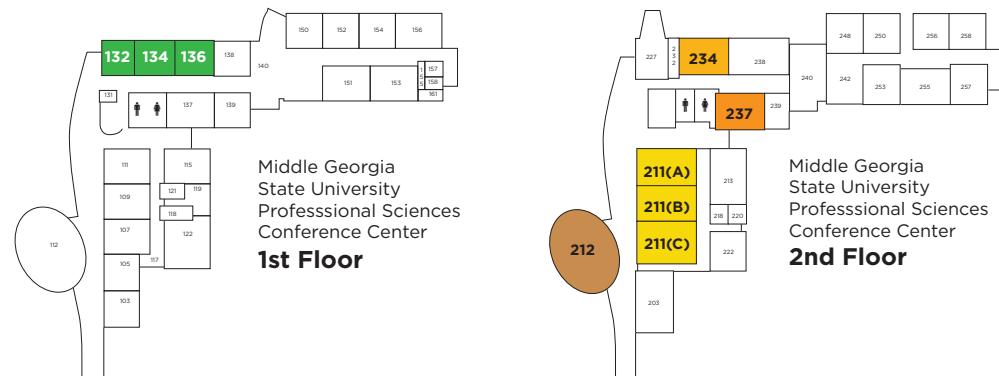
FRIDAY FEB 17

P.M.	Presentation / Event	Room
3:00 - 4:00	Artisan Show entries accepted	Room 132, 134, 136
5:00 - 6:15	GBA Board Meeting	
6:30	Beer & Wine Social	
7:00	Dinner and speaker Dr. Jeff Harris*	

SATURDAY FEB 18

A.M.	Presentation / Event	Speaker	Room
7:15 - 9:45	Artisan Show entries accepted		Room 132, 134, 136
8:00 - 8:45	Presidents' Breakfast		
9:00	Opening Remarks	Gina Gallucci, GBA President	211 ABC
9:15	Keynote 1: Seven Ways To Split Bees	Kamon Reynolds	211 ABC
10:00	Keynote 2: City Bees, Rural Bees - Special Considerations For Each Habitat	Dr. Keith Delaplane	211 ABC
10:45	Ad Auction		
11:00	Break		
11:30	MORNING BREAKOUT SESSIONS		
	Advice For Second Year Beekeepers	Keith Fielder	211 ABC
	Swarm Prevention	Broadus Williams	Room 212
	Nucs: A Hidden Resource In The Backyard	Mary Lacksen	Room 237
	Making Creamed Honey	Mary Cahill-Roberts	Room 234
P.M.			
12:15	Lunch		
1:15	Keynote 3: Dialing In Varroa Control For Better Beekeeping	Kamon Reynolds	211 ABC
2:00	AFTERNOON BREAKOUT SESSIONS	Morning breakouts repeat during afternoon session	See rooms above
2:45	Cookie break, Artisan Show award winners announced		
3:30	Keynote 4: Issues With Varroa Management Plans	Dr. Jeff Harris	211 ABC
4:15	Raffle Drawings / Closing Remarks	Gina Gallucci, GBA President	211 ABC
4:30	Conference concludes		

**You must register and pay for the dinner in advance*



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BREAKOUT SESSIONS & SPEAKERS

ROOM 237

NUCS: A HIDDEN RESOURCE FOR THE BACKYARD BEEKEEPER

BEEKEEPER – “Nucs” are small honey bee colonies housed in small hives. This talk will cover how to make and manage a nucleus hive in your apiary to help you better prepare for swarm control, re-queening, selling bees, and more.

MARY LACKSEN is a Georgia Master Beekeeper and started beekeeping in 2008. She and her daughter operate BeeCo Apiaries (beecoapiaries.com) located in Sparta, Georgia, and sell nucleus hives, packages, queens, and honey.



ROOM 234

MAKING CREAMED HONEY – Ready to take your raw, liquid honey to a whole new level? Learn the secrets to making smooth, spreadable creamed honey.

MARY CAHILL-ROBERTS is a Georgia Master Beekeeper and Senior Honey Judge. She is the owner/manager of Swarm Chasers Apiaries, where she maintains 1-15 hives throughout the season through the Certified Naturally grown method. She is a Past President of the Georgia Beekeepers Association and the Tara Beekeepers Association.



ROOM 212

SWARM PREVENTION – Swarming is a biological imperative for honey bees. But what's good for the bees may not be good for the beekeeper. Learn how to manage your spring colonies properly to prevent swarming.

BROADUS WILLIAMS started keeping bees in 2012, has had some success, and after all this time still loves and enjoys working and tending to bees. He also loves sharing and showing others how to do the same in their own bee yards.



ROOM 211 ABC (MAIN MEETING ROOM)

ADVICE FOR SECOND YEAR BEEKEEPERS

Congratulations! You made it through your first year of beekeeping. Now what? Learn the ins and outs of what lies ahead in sophomore year.

KEITH FIELDER has had a strong interest in honey bees since age six. He has been an invited educational speaker and guest lecturer on apicultural topics at the state, national and international levels. Keith is a Senior Welsh Honey Judge and a Georgia Master Beekeeper. He has served as President of the Georgia Beekeepers Association and was named GBA's Beekeeper of the Year in 2009. Keith currently serves as Chair of the Georgia Farm Bureau Honeybee Commodity group.



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