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2019 Spring Artisan Show

\$500 PRIZE FOR BEST IN SHOW

Keynote Speakers



Jennifer Tsuruda started studying honey bees over 18 years ago at UC Davis and was a postdoc researcher at Purdue University. From 2014-2019 she was Clemson University's Apiculture Specialist and recently joined the University of Tennessee's faculty. Jennifer has studied foraging behavior, reproductive physiology, behavioral resistance to mites, and genomic imprinting. Additionally, she has served in the leadership of the American Association of Professional Apiculturists, the Heartland Apicultural Society, and the Entomological Society of America's Student Transition and Early Professionals Committee.



Kim Flottum has been Editor of *Bee Culture Magazine* for over 30 years, and recently launched another title – **Beekeeping, Your First Three Years**, which has developed a strong following in the beginner's arena. He is the author of five books about bees from basic beginner, intermediate, advanced

and business. With Marina Marchese he wrote a book on honey plants and tasting honey. He lives in Medina, Ohio with his wife Kathy who works with him on the magazine, plus numerous cats, chickens, ducks and gardens.



Jennifer Berry is the Research Professional and Lab Manager for the University of Georgia Honey Bee Program. Her passions include varroa and SHB research, educating the public about the importance of beneficial insects, teaching beekeeping to women in Central and South America and to those behind bars in Georgia's prisons. On nights and weekends, she operates Honey Pond Farm, which sells quality nucleus colonies, teaches classes on how to keep bees alive and raise superior queens at her farm in Georgia.

Breakout Speak



Mary Cahill-Roberts, owner of Swarm Chasers Apiaries, a Master Beekeeper, and Senior Welsh Honey Judge has been active in the beekeeping community since 2008. Mary has experience in preparation, presentation and judging. She is excited to share her knowledge about entering honey shows. Learn to prepare a great product that is produced from your apiary!



Bobby Chaisson has kept bees for over ten years and now has the pleasure of working as a full time beekeeper with GA Bee Removal. Active in both MABA and GBA, he has earned his journeyman certification. Bobby is the president of Tri County Beekeepers. Bobby brings a practical beekeeping manner that helps keep a healthy balanced between the bees and the beekeeper.



Jimmy Gatt is a certified beekeeper and a board member of MABA. He enjoys talking about bees and presenting to civic groups about bees and ecology. He recently established a partnership between MABA and Trees Atlanta to plant more summer-blooming trees. He works as a software developer and lives in Marietta, GA.



Sandy Good comes from a long line of needle workers dating back to the 1700s. Stitching since the age of four, Sandy has studied needlework abroad under several masters. After studying color theory, design, and finishing, she's taught classes and held memberships in many guilds. Sandy believes that when you take time to see the details within an artist's work, you find their masterpiece.

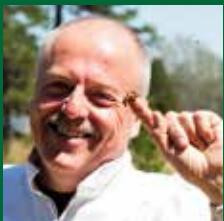


Jay Heselschwerdt is the state honey bee inspector for East Tennessee, Board Member of Midwest Master Beekeepers, President of his local bee club, 4H adult leader for Claiborne County youth beekeepers, and speaks at many colleges and clubs. A beekeeper in Michigan for over 20 years, Jay moved to Cherokee, NC, where he helped local beekeepers and later moved his bees from Michigan to Tennessee where he now lives.

Schedule of Events



Ed Hoehn is a certified beekeeper in Johns Creek, GA. Ed is active in MABA and has served on their board for four years. Ed supports many of the MABA public activities and has been the chairperson of the MABA Junior Beekeepers Program for four years. He is active in the GBA. Ed manages 14 bee hives, plays golf and enjoys boating, traveling, and the company of his wife, his children and grandchildren.



Steven Page has over a decade of treatment free beekeeping experience and manages Barrington Farms Apiary, LLC, in Coweta County, Georgia. After years of costly purchases of colonies and queens resulting in poor performance, Steven developed

Coweta Sustainable Beekeeping in 2014, a simple, sustainable, and inexpensive beekeeping method for small beekeepers.



Bobby Thanepohn UGA Certified Beekeeper Bobby Thanepohn is a Director with the Cherokee County Beekeepers, mentor with Forsyth Beekeepers Club and member of the Union Hill Bee Group. Co-owner of Bobbee MacBee's, he manages 30+ hives located in Ball Ground, Cumming, and Dahlonega. Learn more at www.bobbeemacbees.com and follow him on Instagram @bobbeemacbees and on Facebook.



Bobby Torbush has been keeping bees for over ten years. Former president of Coweta Beekeepers Association and a Georgia Master Beekeeper, his goals have always been education oriented. As Education Coordinator for Coweta Beekeepers, he manages their annual short course for beginners. He has worked for Delta Airlines as a lead aircraft mechanic for over 30 years.



Lynn Williams has kept bees for twenty years. For seven years he has run experiments and studies on the varroa mite and bees to establish the relationship and effects of temperature on the varroa mite and the bee. These studies will continue and with more information showing the effects of temperature, humidity, and air flow in the hive. Lynn partners with the Hive Tool Group which is testing world-wide for data collection on these very same subjects.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15

5:00 GBA Board Meeting – JSAC Coffeehouse, 2nd floor

6:30 Cocktail Reception – JSAC Ballroom

7:00 Dinner with Jennifer Tsuruda speaking:

Honey Bee Behavior During the 2017 Eclipse

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16

7:30 Presidents' Breakfast – JSAC Coffeehouse, 2nd floor

8:00 Honey Show Entries Accepted until 11:00 am – UH #246

8:30 Opening Remarks: Linda Tillman, GBA President

8:45 Jennifer Tsuruda: *Creating a Pollinator Paradise*

9:30 Kim Flottum: *Common Sense Natural Beekeeping*

10:15 Ad Auction and Break

10:45 Breakout A – University Hall

11:40 Breakout B – University Hall

12:30 Lunch – JSAC Allgood Café

1:30: Announcement of Honey Show Winners

1:45: Jennifer Tsuruda: *Insect Photography*

2:30 Jennifer Berry: *My Twenty Years of Beekeeping*

3:15 Cookie Break

3:30 Breakout C – University Hall

4:05 Kim Flottum: *Honey Bee Nutrition*

4:50 Raffle Drawings

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Breakout Sessions

There are three breakout sessions: A, B, and C.

The speaker's name has the breakout sessions indicated by his/her name. A few limited audience sessions are only offered once.

How to produce honey for a Welsh Honey Show • Mary Cahill-Roberts (Breakouts B 247 and C 247)

This discussion will highlight the categories of a Welsh Honey show, as well as discuss rules and how to prepare extracted honey to win.

Thinking outside of the box • Bobby Chaisson (Breakouts A 248 and B 248)

We will take a look at the activities of bees at the hive and talk about why the bees are doing what they do. You will learn to be informed to determine if hive needs opening. I will share with you several tools, tips and tricks to help you be a better beekeeper.

How to create a study group for Certified and Journeyman beekeepers

Jimmy Gatt (Breakout A 224, C 224)

Do you have beekeepers in your club who would benefit from becoming certified beekeepers? This workshop will tell you how to create and run a study group where both you and your beekeeping buddies will gain the confidence and knowledge to pass the tests.

A Non-Stitcher's Guide to Judging Needlework • Sandy Good (Breakout C 242)

How do you judge Needlework if you don't stitch or aren't familiar with the type of stitching? How do you determine which piece is better when they're different types of work? What if you can't see the back? Join us for this hands-on workshop to answers these questions and more.

No Welfare Bees • Jay Heselschwerdt (Breakout B Ballroom, C Ballroom)

Jay Heselschwerdt will tell you that he has "No Welfare Bees" He does not feed his bees and will teach you the benefits of feeding versus not feeding. Feeding your bees creates a monoculture which causes an unhealthy and weaker honey bee.

The "Makings" of a Junior Beekeeper Class • Ed Hoehn (Breakout B 243)

Who is going to be involved and support your junior beekeeping program? What topics are you going to include? Where is the best place to hold your JBK sessions? When are the best times to hold your sessions? What are the biggest challenges? We will address all of these.

Swarm Prevention for Increased Honey Production

Steve Page (Breakouts A Ballroom, C 248)

The importance of swarm prevention for honey production and various methods to prevent or discourage swarming including: swapping deep supers, nectar management (checkerboarding), and splitting to prevent swarming.

Year Two and Beyond: Now What? • Bobby Thanepohn (Breakouts A 221, B 221)

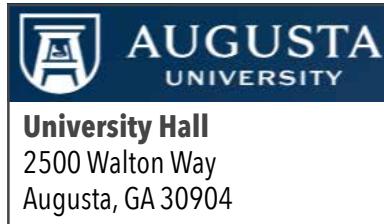
You've read books, attended beekeeping school, paid attention at club meetings, listened to your mentor, and you and your bees have made it through your first season and survived the winter together. We'll cover some new challenges you'll face and the decisions you'll need to make going forward for continued sustainability.

Mass Mentoring • Bobby Torbush (Breakouts A 243, C 243)

The best way to keep overwhelmed beekeepers motivated is to have a mentor who can help with questions and encouragement. Yet individual mentoring can be a logistical challenge with busy lives and jobs. Learn what we have come up for a great way to pass along tricks and mentoring ideas in a convenient, hands-on method.

Integrated Pest Management/Varroa • Lynn Williams (Breakout B 224)

This presentation takes the beekeeper from the basics of the varroa mite to the final collapse of the hive. Lynn reviews the latest studies by Dr. Samuel Ramsey which shed a new light on the past 50 years of concept on the Varroa Mite and discusses the current products available for mite control.



Please note, we are in two buildings:

JSAC Building: (adjacent to University Hall)

Friday: CoffeeHouse (upstairs) – board meeting

Friday: Main Ballroom (downstairs) – dinner

Saturday: CoffeeHouse (upstairs) – Presidents Breakfast

Saturday: Main Ballroom – all keynote speakers

Saturday: Cyber Café – for lunch

University Hall Building:

Saturday: Most breakouts – all of the room numbers which start with 2 are upstairs in University Hall

Saturday: Vendors – all on the first floor in student lounge and hallway

