

# Scout Bee Newsletter



## MARYLAND STATE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION MEETING SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2009

The next Maryland State Beekeepers Association meeting will be held on Saturday, June 20, at the Plant Sciences Building at the University of Maryland at College Park. There is plenty of free parking. The UMD Entomology Department will be our hosts. Registration begins at 8:30 am and the program begins at 9:30. This represents a welcome reunion with the University of Maryland, and is evidence of increasingly closer cooperation and communication between MSBA and the University.

It promises to be a lively meeting. They will have many reports and discussions of important topics. The main speakers will be David Fletcher and Galen Dively.

Dr. Fletcher, who is Emeritus Professor at Bucknell University, will speak about African Bees including "the real story" about how they were introduced to this hemisphere (It's not what you've heard). He will also talk about survival of queens, including a fascinating description of how they actually fight for dominance. Dr. Galen Dively, Emeritus Professor at UMD, is actively engaged in research in Maryland. He will report on his findings about pesticide exposure, and will tell us about the sudden flowering of bee research at

the University of Maryland. Four faculty members now have an interest in bee research. Among other speakers: Dr. Charles Mitter, Entomology Department Chairman, will introduce members of the recently formed "Honey Bee Working Group". Wayne Esaias will describe interesting new findings of his NASA project. Steve McDaniel will report on the Mid Atlantic Apiculture Research and Extension Consortium (MAAREC) and tell about the Secret of Successful Beekeeping. Tentatively, they will have an outdoor session in the afternoon for beginners on what to look for inside your hive.

The venue has plenty of space for vendors, who should get in touch to reserve a table. We will have a silent auction, so please bring something to donate. Those who want sandwiches for lunch can order them in the morning. There are pleasant outdoor areas to enjoy lunch. The culinary delights of Route 1 are also available.

MSBA meetings are open to the general public.

Directions to the Plant Sciences Building: (for directions on the web see [entomology.umd.edu/about/directions](http://entomology.umd.edu/about/directions))



## HVAS Dues are Due!

The annual \$10.00 dues were due January 1, 2009 .

Dues can be paid in person at the meeting or sent to the treasurer Don Wheeler at: 5960 Medallion Court Alexandria, VA. 22303

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# EAS 2009 August 3-7, 2009 Holiday Valley Resort, Ellicottville, NY



"Toward Non-Chemical Beekeeping" is the theme of this year's EAS conference !

The Eastern Apicultural Society of North America was established in 1955 with the purpose of promoting honey bee culture, the education of beekeepers, and excellence in bee research. Every summer, EAS conducts its annual conference in one of its 22 member States/Provinces. About 500 people, from around the world, attend this conference every year. You must be a member of EAS in order to participate in the Short Course, Conference, or other activities. Dues may be paid with your conference or short course registration.

## Registration options:

- [On Line Registration](#) Secure web form requiring use of a credit card. Your registration will be reviewed by the registrar before your charge card is billed.
- [Downloadable Registration Form](#) to download, print and send in via "snail mail". The downloadable registration form is a PDF document - you will need the [Acrobat Reader](#) to display, and print this form. Most browsers already have this set up for you.
- **The old-fashioned way:** See the Spring or Summer EAS Journals for registration forms to complete and mail in.

## MICROSCOPY WORKSHOP - SIGN UP WHEN YOU ARRIVE

Two hours of anatomy, physiology, botany, structure, form and function. See it all, enlarged. This workshop will be instructed by Dr. Larry Connor and others. Microscopes furnished by The Microscope Store.

The first of these sessions will be held **Tuesday Evening**, 7-9 p.m. If there is enough interest we will add two more sessions as needed – **Wednesday Morning** 6-8 a.m. and **Thursday Morning** 6-8 a.m. to be filled consecutively as each previous session is full. There is room for 12 per session, so the maximum we can accommodate is 36. You will sign up upon arrival at EAS 2009. The cost will be \$50. **WE ARE NOT TAKING RESERVATIONS FOR THIS WORKSHOP IN ADVANCE, SIGN UP WHEN YOU ARRIVE AND PAY WITH CHECK, CASH OR CREDIT CARD AT THE REGISTRATION TABLE.**

## ADDITIONAL HELPFUL INFORMATION



**HOLIDAY VALLEY** – You will need to make your hotel reservations with Holiday Valley on your own. You will have the option of purchasing breakfast tickets when you reserve your room. **Be sure and mention you are with EAS and the beekeepers when you call.** If you are staying at a different hotel, breakfast will be on your own. Breakfast is not a part of your EAS Registration fee. Please visit [www.holidayvalley.com](http://www.holidayvalley.com) to learn more about the facilities at Holiday Valley. Or visit [www.ellicottvilleny.com](http://www.ellicottvilleny.com) to see what other options are available. There are several hotels, B&Bs and camping options close by.

**MEALS** – Lunch is included in your EAS registration fee and you will need to make sure you have your name tag each day to identify you. That is what will get you lunch – your name tag. This starts Monday with Short Course. Sunday, Monday and Tuesday night dinner is on your own. We encourage you to explore the area. There are many restaurants to choose from in Ellicottville and the surrounding area.

**SPECIAL EVENTS – Wednesday Night** – You don't want to miss this one. Andy Card and his crew at Merrimack Valley Apiaries has graciously agreed to host a pig roast for us at their site, which is only a few minutes away from Holiday Valley. We will have a pig roast and chicken and all of the fixins. There will be beer and soda furnished with the purchase of your meal. And we'll have some music for entertainment. It will be a fun night.

**Thursday Night BBQ** – Our traditional night of food and fun will take place onsite at Holiday Valley. We have not chosen the final menu yet, but it will be prepared by Holiday Valley Chefs. Our auction will be held after the BBQ.

**Friday Night Banquet** – This will be our traditional buffet. Jim Tew of Ohio is our banquet speaker. Life Member, Master Beekeeper, Divelbiss and Honey Show awards will be presented.



The Heartland Apicultural Society (HAS) will host its annual summer conference July 9-11 (Thursday - Saturday) at [Oberlin College](#) in [Oberlin, Ohio](#) (west of Cleveland). This annual event is a three-day beekeeping educational conference with some of the top speakers from the United States. This event will include keynote talks by leading apiculture researchers and educators, classroom sessions, lab sessions, and hands-on sessions in the apiary. This year a queen rearing mini-course will be part of the program. In addition there will be many classes of interest for all levels of beekeeping expertise, including basic beginning beekeeping sessions for those new to beekeeping.

### **2009 HAS program information**

- Why & how to produce queens locally - Dr. Larry Connor
- Colony Health and Producing & harvesting artisan honey - Kim Flottum
- Honeybee photography and Honeybee pheromones - Dr. Zachary Huang
- Varroa mite reproductive biology (apiary session) - Dr. Zachary Huang
- State queen rearing projects, panel discussion - Dr. Stu Jacobson, moderator
- Breeding for Disease/pest resistant bees - Dr. Stu Jacobson
- Nucs: A supplementary source of income & for /independence from Sunbelt bees and queens - Dr. Stu Jacobson
- Green Beekeeping - Can we do it? Should we do it - Dr. Jim Tew
- Moving Bee Hives from Here to There - The Fundamentals - Dr. Jim Tew
- The Underutilized Observation Hive - Dr. Jim Tew
- Health benefits of honeybee products & using this knowledge to market your hives' products - Joyce Wang
- The East Ohio Beekeeping Project - Bob Hooker
- A mechanical varroa mite control program - Roy Hendrickson
- Sniffing out (detecting) American Foulbrood - Bill Troup & Kinker the Labrador
- Inspecting your hives for disease, parasites & pests - Andrew Kartal
- The cell punch method of queen rearing - Will Montgomery
- Two Queen Colonies - Dr. Roger Hoopingarner
- Wire framing workshop - Lonnie Funderburg & Will Montgomery
- Health benefits of honeybee products & using this knowledge to market your hives' products - Joyce Wang

Additional session topics will include (presenters TBA):

- Apitherapy
- Bee sting allergic reactions
  - Value added products
- Comb honey production
- Pollen trapping
- Creamed honey
- Lotions & hand creams
- Mead making
- Producing honey - separating our bees from their honey!
- Honey shows & judging

### **Queen rearing mini course**

There will also be a queen rearing mini-course as part of HAS this year.

Instructors will include: Dr: Larry Connor, Dr. Tom Webster, Dana Stahlman, & others. Attendance may be limited in some of the queen rearing classes and a small additional fee may be charged for participation (for supplies).

Registration for the queen rearing mini course will be conducted at the conference.

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**HVAS meeting: Adam Finkelstein,  
President of the Frederick County  
Beekeeping Association, will be with us  
to speak on "Requeening: Strategies  
and Tactics : Taking splits &  
requeening after harvesting honey "  
- Tuesday, June 9, 2009 7:30 pm @  
the Washington County Extension office**

