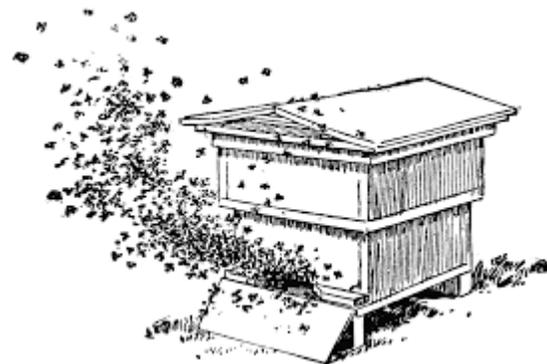
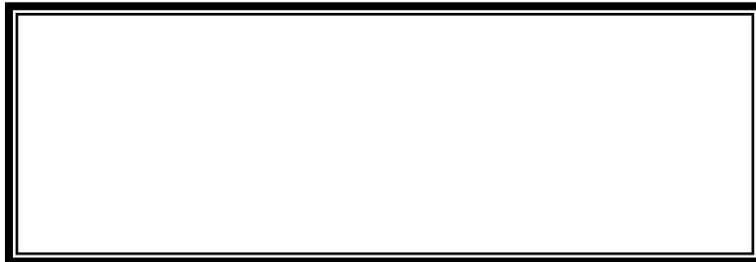


# **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE ALABAMA BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION**

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The **Alabama Beekeepers Association** would like to remind you that the ABA annual meeting is only two weeks away. This is your chance to join with hundreds of Alabama beekeepers from around the state to learn, share, and fellowship with people who possess a like-minded passion for the honeybee and its products. The annual meeting offers a wide variety of opportunities for experienced and inexperienced beekeepers.

ABA vice president, David Ellis, has worked hard on this year's program. Shane Gebauer, Gerald Hayes and Dr. Jim Tew will headline the program this year. For bios on these men check out the August issue of *The Stinger*. There will also be many other teachers, classes, presenters, and activities for everyone. Food and entertainment will be provided, as well. You could not go to dinner and a movie for the price of admission to this event. (Well, maybe a matinee and a fast food place would be cheaper....) I may be a little bias, but Conner's keyboard playing is far better than any movie I have seen in a long while and the food is always very good. Bonnie Funderburg and all the people who help in the kitchen do a tremendous job.

One more thing I would like to mention about attending this meeting. The ABA is not just a social club. It could be a vital link to state and federal government regulations concerning honeybees and honey production. If there is legislation proposed that is either beneficial or harmful, this club gives all beekeepers a voice and a way to come together to support or fight government legislation proposals. So even if you are not interested in attending a class or sharing your knowledge of beekeeping, consider attending the business meeting on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. Get to know your officers and board members, you never know they may just save your bees one day from bad legislation, or be a key player in implementing some beneficial laws.

Jerry Carter  
*The Stinger* editor

**Please bring a dessert to share at the banquet on Friday evening.** Here is your chance to show off your baking skills.

**Do not forget if you need supplies place an order with the vendors that are attending and save on shipping.** Rossman Apiaries, The Kelley Beekeeping Company, Dadant (High Springs, Fla), Brushy Mountain Bee Farm, Mann Lake, and Lookout Mountain Honeybees will all be in attendance. For a complete list of vendors checkout [alabamabeekeepers.com](http://alabamabeekeepers.com).

**Thanks to our officers for serving.** This is an election year, so some of our officers will be stepping down making way for new members to serve as officers. These positions are time consuming and carry a lot of responsibility, please let your outgoing officers know how much we appreciate them. Let's also show support for new officers.

**Thank you to volunteers, workers and members.** The ABA would like to thank all the volunteers that make this meeting run smoothly, and to the members of the ABA for attending and showing their support.

## Alabama Beekeepers Association 2016 Annual Meeting

### Registration Form

Annual Meeting September 30th & October 1st<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Location: Clanton Conference and Performing Arts Center in Clanton, Alabama Pre-Registration must be postmarked on or before **September 10<sup>th</sup>**. If you have any questions regarding registration, contact David Ellis at [ellisbuzz@bellsouth.net](mailto:ellisbuzz@bellsouth.net) or 205-647-0729 (evenings) or Bonnie Funderburg, [funder@otelco.net](mailto:funder@otelco.net). Thank you for pre-registering. Knowing the number of participants for which to plan really helps with name tags, programs, seating, meals, snacks, etc.

Please print clearly names of persons attending (couples & families may register on the same form).

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (1) First Name (For Name Tag): \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_ (2) First Name (For Name Tag): \_\_\_\_\_

Children (under 12 free) \_\_\_\_\_ (3) First Name (For Name Tag): \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Number of Persons Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Work Home Cell

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Would you accept delivery of the *Stinger* newsletter by e-mail?  Yes! No thank you

Local Association membership (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

\*2017 Annual Dues to Alabama Beekeepers Association \* (Number) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Registration-Annual Meeting until September 10th (Number) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$45 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Registration-Annual Meeting-After September 10<sup>th</sup>. (Number) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$55. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*(Annual dues to the Alabama Beekeepers Association is NOT your apiary registration with the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries.)

\*\* (Your registration includes two continental breakfasts, Friday lunch, Friday banquet and Saturday lunch. Registration does not include lodging.)

One day registration will be \$30 after September 10th

Attending Friday only, includes lunch and Banquet (Number) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Friday evening Banquet only - for non-participants (Number) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Attending Saturday only, includes lunch (Number) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Saturday Lunch only - for non-participants (Number) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Optional Donations: Alabama Master Beekeeper Program \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 1

Alabama Junior Beekeeper \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 1

American Beekeeping Federation \_\_\_\_\_ \$1

Total Donations \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please pay by check payable to: Alabama Beekeepers Association Total = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Bonnie Funderburg, Sect/Treas.

1260 Easley Bridge Rd.

Oneonta, AL 35121-4110

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TIME	AUDITORIUM	CLASS ROOM 1	CLASS ROOM 2 Welsh Honey Show Room	CLASS ROOM 3
8:00- 8:30	Registration in Vestibule Coffee, Doughnuts and Vendors in Exhibition Hall	IDLE	Receive Honey Show Entries 8:00-9:00	IDLE
8:30- 9:00	Gerry Whitaker- Welcome and Opening Remarks	IDLE	Receive Honey Show Entries Room Closes at 9:00	IDLE
9:00- 10:00	Dr. Jim Tew- A History of Beekeeping in Alabama	IDLE	CLOSED	IDLE
10:00- 10:30	BREAK	IDLE	CLOSED	IDLE
10:30- 11:30	Jason Powell- Nectar Producing Plants	Jerry Gilbert- Planning & Starting Hives	CLOSED	Lynne Kelton- How to Enter an Award Winning Entry into the Welsh Honey Show
11:30- 1:00	LUNCH served in the Exhibition Hall Open Hive Demonstration-- (weather permitting) **Visit the Vendors**	IDLE	Receive Honey Show Entries 12:30-1:30	IDLE
1:00- 2:00	Shane Gebauer- Sustainable Beekeeping	Lonnie Funderburg- Bee Biology	Receive Honey Show Entries 12:30-1:30	Bill Evans- Hive Inspection
2:00- 2:15	BREAK	IDLE	CLOSED	IDLE
2:15- 3:15	Jerry Hayes- An Overview of Honeybee Health	Lionel Evans- Feeding Bees	CLOSED	Phillip Garrison- Rendering & Cleaning Wax
3:15- 3:45	BREAK	IDLE	CLOSED	IDLE
3:45- 4:45	Shane Gebauer- Making Sense of Medication	Wil Montgomery- Cell Punch Method of Queen Rearing	CLOSED	Patti Butler- Soap Making
4:45- 5:00	BREAK	IDLE	CLOSED	IDLE
5:00- 6:00	Jerry Hayes- Varroa	Donald Short- Hazards in the Bee Yard	CLOSED	IDLE
6:00	BANQUET in EXHIBITION HALL Entertainment provided by: Conner Carter	IDLE	CLOSED	IDLE

ALABAMA BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

Fall Conference

Program and Schedule of Events

Friday, September 30, 2016

**\*\*No Food or Drinks Allowed In the Auditorium\*\***

**\*\*This Is a Non-Smoking Facility & Campus. No vaping allowed in the building.\*\***

Head, Face, Neck Protective Clothing –VIELS–must be worn during open hive demonstrations.

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8:15-8:30	Gerry Whitaker- Welcome & Opening Remarks	IDLE	CLOSED	IDLE
8:30-9:00	BUSINESS MEETING	IDLE	CLOSED	IDLE
9:00-10:00	Jerry Hayes- Small Hive Beetle	Daryl Pichoff- First Year in Beekeeping	Honey Show Entries Reception 9:00-11:30	Bill Mullins- Marketing & Selling Honey
10:00-10:30	BREAK	IDLE	Honey Show Entries Reception	IDLE
10:30-11:30	Shane Gebauer- Keeping Bees Alive	David Kelton- Introducing Queens & How to Keep Them in the Hive	Honey Show Entries Reception	Phillip Garrison- Candle Making
11:30-1:00	LUNCH **Visit the Vendors**	IDLE	Honey Show Room Closes at 11:30	IDLE
1:00-2:00	Jerry Hayes- Nutrition	Roslyn Horton- Children Workshop	Room Closed For Honey Show Judging	Daniel Bateman- Mead Making Class I
2:00-2:15	BREAK	IDLE	CLOSED	IDLE
2:15-3:15	Shane Gebauer- How to Start Year 2	Donald Short- Bee Removal	CLOSED	Daniel Bateman- Mead Making Class II
3:15-3:30	BREAK	IDLE	CLOSED	IDLE
3:30-4:00	Dr. Jim Tew- Evaluating Colonies Without Opening The Hives	Gerry Whitaker- Master Beekeeping Program Why and How?	CLOSED	George Baldwin- Choosing the right Wax Foundation
4:00-4:30	Closing, Door Prizes, Honey Show Awards	IDLE	Pick up all Honey Show Entries after all winners have been announced	IDLE

**\*\*Board of Directors Meeting immediately following the close of the meeting.\*\***

If you brought a dish, please remember to pick it up from the kitchen area adjacent to the Exhibition Hall.

Please, make sure to pick up your honey show entries from Class Room 2, following the close of the meeting, after all of the winners have been announced.

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