

SCHEDULE: Friday, September 20th, 2024

TIME	AUDITORIUM	ROOM 1	ROOM 3	UPSTAIRS 102	UPSTAIRS 104
7:30-8:30	REGISTRATION				
8:30-9:00	Opening and Announcements				
9:00-10:00	Challenges of Honey Bee Breeding Sue Cobey <i>Learn about building a better bee from a leading expert in bee breeding and instrumental insemination</i>				
10:00-10:15	BREAK				
10:15-11:15	Importance of Nutrition in Raising Queens* Theodore Miksa <i>Anybody can raise queens. But, raising GOOD queens requires the right conditions. Come learn the importance of good nutrition to good queen rearing.</i>	Ins and Outs of Bee Removal Business* Donald Short <i>Learn the rewards and challenges of bee removals (cut-outs) from a full-time expert in the craft.</i>	Preparing for a Honey Show* Kelly Frederick <i>Anybody can enter a honey show, but winning isn't easy. Come learn how to prepare entries with excellence and an eye for quality.</i>	Tropilaelaps: A Looming Threat on the Horizon Geoff Williams (AU) <i>Learn how to be prepared for what some consider the next major honeybee pest threat.</i>	Day to Day of a Commercial Beekeeper* Tyler Walker <i>Whether you aspire to go commercial or not, much is to be learned from the tools and techniques of those who do this for a living.</i>
11:15-11:30	BREAK				
11:30-12:30	Egg Size Dr. Esmail Amiri <i>Come learn the answer to the question, "Does egg size matter?"</i>	Cloke Board Cell Builder* Dr. John Hurst <i>Learn the benefits and techniques of grafting cells using the Cloke Board method.</i>	Mead 101* Mary Yates <i>Learn the basics of mead making, and a simple process anyone can do.</i>	Amitraz Resistance and Alternatives to Varroa Control Agostina Giacobino (AU) <i>Learn more of the emerging research on this subject.</i>	Bee Psychology: Training Bees and Bee-ing Trained Dr. James C. Guy <i>Learn how bees and beekeepers influence one another's behavior to make beekeeping better for us both.</i>
12:30-1:30	LUNCH AND VENDORS				

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1:30-2:30	<p>NUCS</p> <p>Charlie Parton</p> <p><i>Learn about making, managing, and maximizing NUCS for your operation.</i></p>	<p>Hive Beetle Management*</p> <p>Richard Ramsey</p> <p><i>Managing hive beetles can be a frustrating task. Learn ways to protect against the slime.</i></p>	<p>Mead 102*</p> <p>Mary Yates</p> <p><i>Want to expand your mead making skills. This class is for you.</i></p>	<p>Sideline Queen Production*</p> <p>Amy Weeks (AU)</p> <p><i>Not everyone wants to be a commercial queen producer, but we all need good queens. Come learn practical advice about queen production for smaller operations.</i></p>	<p>Labeling Honey*</p> <p>Jack Rowe (ACES)</p> <p><i>Labeling honey properly is important both for the consumer, and to abide by state and federal laws and guidelines. Come learn how to be in compliance with your honey label.</i></p>
2:30-2:45	BREAK				
2:45-3:45	<p>Drones*</p> <p>John Benham</p> <p><i>Beekeepers often underestimate the importance of drones to the survival of bees. Come learn more about role of the guys in the hive.</i></p>	<p>Swarm Traps</p> <p>Dave Miller</p> <p><i>Trapping swarms can add to your apiary as well as be an enjoyable experience. Learn more about various traps and techniques.</i></p>	<p>Medical Uses of Hive Products*</p> <p>Dr. Micael Steinkampf</p> <p><i>Bees produce some amazing things. Learn about the amazing medical uses of hive products.</i></p>	<p>Beekeeper Education: Learning New, and Unlearning Old Things</p> <p>Selina Bruckner (AU)</p> <p><i>Come learn what you didn't know, and "Unknow" what you thought you learned.</i></p>	<p>Talking Bees</p> <p>Jerry Gilbert</p> <p><i>Communication is important in any area, no less important in how we communicate about bees. Come learn how to properly talk about bees.</i></p>
3:45-4:00	BREAK				
4:00-5:00	<p>Russian Queens*</p> <p>Steven Coy</p> <p><i>Come learn the pros and cons of introducing Russian queens into your operation.</i></p>	<p>Observation Hive Management*</p> <p>Richard Praeger</p> <p><i>Observation hives can be fun and educational, but come with their unique challenges. Learn how to properly manage them for success.</i></p>	<p>Lotions & Potions*</p> <p>Allyson Andrews</p> <p><i>Bees and nature make some amazing compounds. Come learn how to turn those into beneficial value added products.</i></p>	<p>Varroa Treatment: Synthetic & Organic Options You Don't Know About</p> <p>Adam Hickman</p> <p><i>Come learn more options for fighting the pest we all despise.</i></p>	<p>The State of the State*</p> <p>State Inspectors</p> <p><i>Come learn about recent challenges and future optimisms of beekeeping in Alabama, and ask the state bee inspectors questions.</i></p>
5:00-7:30	BANQUET (In Exhibit Hall)				

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7:30-8:00	REGISTRATION				
8:00-8:45	Opening Remarks, Business Meeting, Officer Elections				
8:45-9:00	BREAK				
9:00-10:00	Fundamentals of Queens and Drone Rearing Sue Cobey <i>You can't have bees without hes and shes. Come learn about rearing the XX and the XY to build a better bee.</i>	Hive Beetle Management* Richard Ramsey <i>Managing hive beetles can be a frustrating task. Learn ways to protect against the slime.</i>	Lotions & Potions* Allyson Andrews <i>Bees and nature make some amazing compounds. Come learn how to turn those into beneficial value added products.</i>	Beginning Beekeeping Program (Part 1) Adler Salem <i>This is a five part series for new beeks, those who want to get into beekeeping, or those who just want to know more.</i>	Day to Day of a Commercial Beekeeper* Tyler Walker <i>Whether you aspire to go commercial or not, much is to be learned from the tools and techniques of those who do this for a living.</i>
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