

Montgomery County Beekeepers Association

News Release MCBA

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MCBA Motto: "*Beekeepers Helping Beekeepers*"

Fall & Winter 2009 Events:



Calendar of Events

We are at the end of another beekeeping year. Please see all attachments about the first Honeybee Symposium and the MCBA Annual Banquet!

OCTOBER

Fall hive equipment sterilization date to be announced.

October 6- 7:00 P.M. Executive Board meeting.
Location, to be announced.

October 10- 8am – 4pm Southeastern PA Honey Bee Symposium, Temple University Ambler Campus

October 13- 7:00 P.M. General Meeting, Topics: Feral bee removal and Honey/Wax Judging. Location, 4-H Center, Creamery, PA. Coffee and beverages will be provided, homemade dessert refreshments are welcome from all who attend.

NOVEMBER

November 7 – MCBA Fall Banquet - 5:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. Lower Providence Fire Hall. 3199 Ridge Pike, Norristown, PA 19408. See below for ticket info and menu choices. Remember to bring a dessert and white elephant!

November 13-14– PSBA Annual Meeting- Location, Lewisburg at the Country Cupboard

DECEMBER

No activities are scheduled.

JANUARY

Annual Movie Night TBA

Communications with MCBA

We have a new address: **MCBA PO Box 203 Hatfield, PA 19440**. This address should be used for any communication with MCBA. In addition, we are also sending the newsletters to you by email if you have given us an email address. Those members who prefer a paper copy will still receive their newsletter by US Mail.

If you are not receiving event reminders by email, maybe we don't have your proper e-mail address. Send a note to montcobee@yahoo.com with your name and we will update our records.



First Southeastern PA Honey Bee Symposium

The MCBA will be holding the first annual large gathering in the five county southeastern Pennsylvania area focused entirely on the current status of honeybees.

The event will be in the Learning Center on the Temple Ambler Campus. The auditorium seats 300 and we hope to sell out. Topics include native pollinators, plants important to honeybees, honeybees and pesticides, pesticide-free gardening, and CCD. There will be a guided walking garden tour of bee-friendly flowers and plants. This event is open to the public and beekeepers in an effort to promote beekeeping and connect our beekeepers with the larger community and general public.

Our list of speakers includes local bee expert Jim Bobb, the current chair of E.A.S. and past president of the PSBA and MCBA.; Maryann Frazier from Penn State University who specializes in honeybees and environmental toxins that are effecting bees, and National Public Radio personality Mike McGrath, the host of You Bet Your Garden.

MCBA Annual Banquet November 7,

2009 at the Lower Providence Fire Hall 3199 Ridge Pike, Norristown, PA 19408 Doors open at 5:00 for appetizers, dinner at 6:00 The cost of the banquet is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children (12 & under).

Please come together for a wonderful end of the year banquet and program to help wrap up another season of beekeeping. Another great event is planned this year. The menu includes great appetizers (variety of wheat

wrap swirls including beef with provolone, swiss, turkey with pepper jack, and roasted veggies with provolone), a variety of side dishes (veggie lo mein, Smashed Red Potatoes, Harvest vegetable Medley, Garden Salad, Bread and Rolls). You must decide your choice of entrée in advance (Honey Brined Turkey Breast, Chicken Marsala, or cheese tortellini with spinach and cauliflower and blush vodka sauce). Coffee, Tea, punch, and birch beer are provided. **Please bring a dessert to share and we hope to see you there! See the registration form at the end of the newsletter**

Register online using PayPal or use the form below and mail to: M C B A, PO BOX 203, Hatfield PA 19440-203.

Those who register after Oct 31st will be served after those who have pre-registered, so register early! There will be door prizes, a raffle, and 4-H honey auction that benefits the young 4-H beekeepers. Once again we will have the popular White Elephant event. Bring an item with a value of about \$5 and join in the exchange. Honey judging awards from this year's competition will be presented. New beekeepers who completed the course will receive their course completion certificates. Jim Bobb will present an overview of the 2009 E.A.S. Conference, and Mark Antunes will report the highlights of the Southeastern P.A. Honey Bee Symposium which will be informative and entertaining.

The program will be topped with The Reptile Rama Man who will give a 45 minute presentation that will be enjoyed by young and old. He will bring an assortment of 10-12 non-venomous reptiles from all over the world, and discuss their characteristics, behaviors and geographic location. There will also be a surprise reptile. We're sure this program will be fun, entertaining, and educational.

Have pictures from this year's events? Send them to webmaster@montcobeekkeepers.org for the slide show!

Observations From the Hive

EAS was *the Best*

Brian Marcy and I traveled to Ellicottville, NY in August for the last 3 days of the 2009 summer EAS conference. The ride through northwestern Pennsylvania and Western New York was lovely. The state and national forests we drove through along with the rural scenery appealed to my agrarian and rural sensitivities. I admit that having Brian's GPS was a great asset and prevented us from making wrong turns (except for one), in the back country. With Brian interpreting the GPS it was an excellent back seat driver. We rode into Ellicottville at 2:00 A.M. in a driving rain storm and did not get lost along the way. Not bad for a 6 hour drive into the night after work. The 5 hours of sleep we got was essential before the start of the next day's events. We stayed in the recently rebuilt Edelweiss Inn. It burned down a few years ago and is a very nice place to stay.

The next morning we went down to breakfast and to our delight met Vince Aloyo and his wife Ellen for breakfast.

This conference was the third that I have attended and was the most enjoyable yet. The facility and weather were great. I attended as many lectures as I could unless I was in the vendor area sweet talking Brushy Mountain into being a vendor at Bee Fest or interviewing other beekeepers and academic apiary specialists about coming to speak to our club at general meetings. Of course, the food was good and there was plenty of it.

My favorite presenter was Dr. Tom Seeley of Cornell University. The things he described about honey bee behavior and the eloquent experiments he designed to test them were absolutely fascinating. I want him to come down and speak to our group. He does one speaking engagement each semester and said our location is within driving distance. He has already been snagged by our friends in Chester County to speak at the Westtown event next February. I highly recommend that you attend if you can. If not, he would be great to have at Bee Fest in 2010, if we decide to do it again.

It was nice to see old friends like Dave and Linda Hackenberg along with Bob and Dottie Harvey, commercial beekeepers from PA and NJ respectively. I also spoke with Kirk Webster the Vermont beekeeper who has written many articles in the American Bee Journal. I visited him three summers ago and saw his operation and a couple of his out yards. He invited me into his home, shared a meal with me, and spent an afternoon talking to me about bees and the problems we confront as beekeepers. He's a great guy and very self-effacing. He took my picture in front of his honey house and put it in an article in ABJ later that year. As is usual for me, when it appeared, no one congratulated me on making the pages of ABJ, but Jim Bobb got all kinds of recognition for being in Vermont with Kirk.

Speaking of Jim Bobb, he is the current chairman of the Easter Apicultural Society. For those of you who don't know him, he is a current member and past president of MCBA. I complimented him in person and feel I must do so again; Jim and the entire EAS staff did an outstanding job of organizing and executing a great beekeeping event at this summer's EAS conference. If you did not make it to this one start planning for next year's gathering being held at Appalachian State University in mountains of North Carolina. I hope to see you there.

Mark Antunes

PSBA Info

The PSBA website, www.pastatebeekeepers.org, has articles and announcements of beekeeping classes and other issues of concern to the PA beekeeping community. To join PSBA, contact the MCBA treasurer or email treasurer@pastatebeekeepers.org.

RECIPE CORNER

Honey-Glazed Roasted Fall Vegetables

- 3 medium beets**
- 3 medium Yukon Gold or other thin-skinned potatoes**
- 3 purple onions**
- 3/4 cup chicken broth**
- 3 tablespoons olive oil**
- 1 teaspoon salt**
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper**
- 3 medium turnips**
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice**
- 1 1/2 tablespoons honey**

Peel first 3 ingredients; cut each into 8 wedges. Toss together vegetable wedges, chicken broth, and next 3 ingredients in a large bowl. Spread wedges evenly in a 15- x 10-inch jellyroll pan; pour chicken broth mixture over vegetables in pan. Bake at 375° for 20 minutes.

Peel turnips, and cut each into 8 wedges. Add to baked vegetables, stirring to coat well; bake 20 more minutes or until liquid is absorbed. Stir together lemon juice and honey; add to vegetables, tossing well.

Note: To make ahead, chill vegetables after baking 40 minutes. Remove from refrigerator; let stand 30 minutes. Bake, covered, at 375° for 15 minutes; toss with lemon juice mixture. *Southern Living*, OCTOBER 1999

HONEY & GINGER FLANK STEAK

- 1/4 cup soy sauce**
- 1/3 cup honey**
- 2 Tablespoons balsamic vinegar**
- 1 garlic clove**
- 1 teaspoon grated ginger**
- 1/2 cup oil**
- 2 pounds of flank steak**

Combine soy sauce, honey, vinegar, garlic powder, ginger and oil in a container with a tight lid. Shake to mix well. Make light diagonal slashes on each side of the flank steak in a diamond pattern. Place meat in a small pan and pour marinade over it. Cover and place in the refrigerator for at least 4 hours. Prepare the grill for cooking on medium-high heat. Cook the steak about 6 to 8 minutes on each side, remove from grill and let steak rest for 5 minutes. Slice on the bias and serve with honey glazed vegetables.

Beginner Beekeeping Class

The Beginner Beekeeping Class was a great success this year with many new beekeepers. Check back for information on next year's schedule and pricing.

Montgomery County 4-H Beekeeping Club

MCBA also sponsors a 4-H Beekeeping Club that meets at the same time as the beginner's course. All kids ages 8 to 18 as of January 1, 2010 are eligible to join. Owning hives is not necessary; there are hives at the 4-H Center in Skippack. Experienced 4-H kids will lead activities like cooking with honey, bee anatomy and flower dissection.

Join us for fun and educational activities. Contact Michaelleen at FourH@MontCoBeekeepers.org or 610-409-0284 (evenings) if interested in joining the 4-Beekeeping Club.



Bring Your Paper Recyclables to 4-H

Please help 4-H to raise funds to keep their programs going. Bring your paper recyclables to the center when you come for meetings and place them in the Papertriever in the parking lot. 4-H offers many excellent youth programs that teach our children about the environment, animal care, and crafts.

Things you can do:

Attend BeeFest (see flyer in this newsletter) and tell your friends! Distribute flyers and help us advertise!!

Join the write- in campaign to petition lawmakers for funding for hive inspections. It is easy to do on line!! See website for details.

Send in photos of your beekeeping activities for this year's Fall Banquet Slide Show. Send photos to: Webmaster@montcobeekkeepers.org



Marketplace is a feature to our newsletter. If you have beekeeping-related products to sell or services to offer, send your advertisement to the newsletter editor at:

News@montcobeepers.org

Hive Product Sale at the Bee Fest

All MCBA members are invited to sell their hive products at the Bee Fest on October 10th. Volunteers will be manning the sale table so all you have to do is drop off your products and pick up anything that is left afterwards. Ten percent of the sale price will be retained by the club. Arrangements can be made to drop things off at Priscilla Bonsell's house in Hatfield between Sept. 30th and Oct. 8th or they may be dropped off Friday night Oct. 9th at Temple. See attached form.

For more information or to arrange drop offs contact Priscilla at 215-643-2418 or cillab@earthlink.net

See attached product form below.

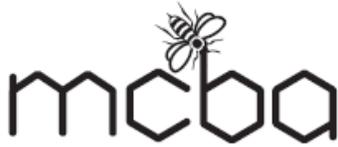
The MCBA Marketplace is provided as a convenience for MCBA members and others. The inclusion of ads is at the discretion of the MCBA editors, and is neither an express nor an implied endorsement of any particular product or seller.



2009 Beginners Beekeeping Calendar

CONGRATULATIONS NEW BEEKEEPERS!!	
***	<p>The last class for New Beekeepers was September 29th. We hope you enjoyed this year's program. We look forward to seeing you at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> October 10 "Bee Fest" (see the flyer on next page) October 13th General Meeting for Honey & Wax Judging November 7th Fall Banquet and "NEW-Bee" Graduation! <p style="text-align: center;">Don't forget to sign-up for Bee Fest and the Banquet!</p>
Special Events for the Close of the 2009 Season	
Saturday, October 10, 2009 8am – 4pm	Southeastern PA Honey Bee Symposium Temple University, Ambler Campus Don't forget to Sign Up for this Special Event – and tell your friends! Registrations accepted on line or via US Mail
Tuesday, October 13, 2009 7pm	Annual Club Honey & Wax Judging 4-H Center
Saturday, November 7, 2009 5pm – 9pm	Annual Fall Banquet and New-Bee Graduation Lower Providence Fire Hall (see article on Page 1)
<i>New-bees receive one complimentary Banquet ticket as part of their enrollment as an individual, or two tickets if they enrolled as a household in the New Beekeeper class. If you are unsure about your tickets, contact rsvp@montcobeekkeepers.org or treasurer@montcobeekkeepers.org</i>	





Southeastern PA Honey Bee Symposium

Saturday, October 10, 2009

REGISTER ON-LINE NOW – DON'T MISS OUT!

(www.montcobeekkeepers.org)

Limited Seating – Pre-registration Required

Secure your place to attend this first ever public symposium sponsored cooperatively by the **Montgomery County Beekeepers' Association** and **Temple University/Ambler Campus & Arboretum**

When: Saturday, **October 10, 2009** (8:00 am to 4:15 pm)

Where: Temple University/Ambler Campus - Student Center Auditorium
580 Meetinghouse Road, Ambler, PA

What: Meet and hear presentations by honey bee & plant/garden experts:



- **Mike McGrath** — Host of WHYY Radio's, "You Bet Your Garden"
- **Maryann Frazier** — Penn State Sr. Extension Associate
- **Jim Bobb** — Chairman, Eastern Apicultural Society & Past President, PA State Beekeepers Association
- **Jenny R Carey** — Director, Landscape Arboretum, Temple University



To learn about: Honey Bees & Beekeeping
Honey & Products from the Hive
Bee-friendly Plants Chemical-free Gardening
Native Pollinators, Colony Collapse Disorder, Pesticides & Other Threats to Honey Bees

MCBA Banquet Registration and Menu

There are three choices for entree:

Honey Brined Turkey Breast

Chicken Marsala

Pasta (vegetarian selection)

Each meal will also be served with a selection of side dishes, coffee, punch and/or birch beer.

Club Members are requested to bring desserts to share.



WHAT COULD BE MORE FUN THAN THIS?

*Photo: Celebration of Winning Honey / Wax
2008 Annual MCBA Banquet*

BANQUET REGISTRAION & MEAL

ADULT MEAL SELECTION \$20 each:

Honey Brined Turkey Breast # _____

Chicken Marsala # _____

Pasta (vegetarian selection) # _____

CHILD MEAL SELECTION \$10 each:

Honey Brined Turkey Breast # _____

Chicken Marsala # _____

Pasta (vegetarian selection) # _____

TOTAL: _____

MAIL CHECKS TO : MCBA PO BOX 203 HATFIELD, PA 19440

or Use PayPal and register on line! www.MontCoBeekeepers.org
(see Fall Banquet link at left)

BEE SYMPOSIUM PRODUCT FORM

PRODUCT	# AT START	# AT FINISH	# SOLD	PRICE	# SOLD x PRICE	-10%	\$ OWED	
Honey								
1 Lb. Jar				\$6.00				
2 Lb. Jar				\$11.00				
Comb Honey				\$6.00				
12oz Bears				\$4.50				
Candles								
10"				\$12.00				
Lip Balm				\$3.75				
Lotion								
1 oz				\$3.50				
Other								

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

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MCBA WEBSITE!

www.montcobeekeepers.org

Check out the MCBA website for news updates and items of interest. Pass the address to anyone you know that may be interested. Email addresses have also been set up so you can communicate with the board.

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