

West Virginia Beekeepers Association Spring Conference 2018

The 2018 West Virginia Beekeepers Association's Spring Conference will be hosted by the Raleigh County Beekeepers Cooperative Association and the Appalachian Beekeeping Collective. This event will be held at Tamarack Conference Center in Beckley, WV on March 23 & 24, 2018. Featured speakers will include Dr. Debbie Delaney, Associate Professor of Entomology for the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Delaware, Dr. Parry Kietzman, Head Beekeeper/Researcher for the Appalachian Beekeeping Collective and Dr. James Wilson an Extension Apiculturist at Virginia Tech.

Highlights will also include sessions on honeybee removal from structures, West Virginia native plants, products of the hive (i.e. lotions, soaps, lip balms), wax renderings comb to candle as well as a hands-on wax demonstration. Conference registrations will include breakfast as well as a voucher for lunch at Tamarack Conference Center. In addition, a tour of the Beckley Exhibition Mine and Coal Camp as well as a Q & A session with the presenters will occur on Friday evening, March 23rd. Master Beekeeping Requirements Testing will also be available on March 23rd. Please reference the conference schedule for more information.

Tamarack, the Best of West Virginia.

Tamarack's striking, peaked red roof and attractively landscaped grounds draw half a million visitors annually into a welcome respite of visual beauty, Appalachian sounds, and distinctive aromas. Tamarack with its unique retail artisan products and extraordinary food fare started out as a simple vision to promote the Mountain State's wonderful image.

Tamarack's highly acclaimed display team creates multiple visual effects using products created by a variety of artisans. Trends and traditions, as well as unusual specialty products are among the long list of artisan made Tamarack items. Metal, apparel, jewelry, souvenirs, wood, glass, furniture, pottery, outdoor decor, fine art, fine craft, musical instrument, music, books, and homemade specialty food items and candies are all on the Tamarack shopping list. Tamarack's restaurant offers unique offerings and many options: a deli for sandwiches, soups and salads; a grill for full meals and entrees; a bakery for sweet treats. Every item is made fresh while you wait. Among the many favorites are the fried green tomato sandwich and the rainbow trout.

Directions to Tamarack

<https://www.tamarackwv.com/about-us/>

Program Agenda

SPRING CONFERENCE MARCH 23 & 24, 2018

Friday, March 23

Tour of Beckley Exhibition Mine and Coal Camp (https://beckley.org/general-information-coal-mine/)	1:00PM – 3:00PM
Master Beekeeper Testing, Tamarack Conference Center	1:00PM – 4:00PM
Q&A Session - Evening at Tamarack	4:00PM – 5:30PM

Saturday, March 24

Registration & Breakfast	8:00AM – 9:00AM
Welcome & Announcements	9:00AM – 9:10AM
Welcome to Raleigh County – Mayor Rappold	9:10AM – 9:20AM
Mike Becher, Appalachian Beekeeping Collective	9:20AM – 9:30AM
Dr. Debbie Delaney, The Benefits of Polyandry	9:30AM – 10:30AM
Kathy Watson, How to Make Lip Balm and Lotions	9:30AM – 10:30AM
Using All Natural Ingredients and Proper Labelling (Auditorium)	
Cindy Bee, Wax Renderings – Comb to Candle (Auditorium)	10:30AM – 11:30AM
Break – Vendors Open	10:30AM – 11:00AM
Dr. Parry Kietzman, Recognition of Honey Bee Viruses and Disease	11:00AM – 11:45AM
Dr. James Wilson, Integrating Pollinator Protection into Pest Management: An Example from Virginia Cucurbit Production	11:00AM – 11:50AM
Lunch, Tamarack Atrium	12:00PM – 1:00PM
WV Native Plants and Stream Restoration (TBD)	1:00PM – 2:00PM
Dr. Parry Kietzman, Preventing Viruses and Diseases and What To Do If You Have Them	1:00PM – 2:00PM
Cindy Bee, Honeybee Removal from Structures	1:00PM – 2:00PM
Break – Vendors Open	2:00PM – 2:30PM
Cindy Bee, Wax Flower Hands-On Demonstration	2:15PM – 4:00PM
Dr. Debbie Delaney, Diversity is the Raw Material for Creating Better Bees	2:30PM – 4:00PM
Closing Remarks/WVBA Chapter of the Year Winner/Giveaways	4:15PM

Conference registration

REGISTRATION FORM 2018 SPRING CONFERENCE

Registration form must be received by March 15, 2018 to qualify for early registration rates.

You can also register and pay online at www.raleighcountybeekeepers.com.

ATTENDEE (1): _____

ATTENDEE (2): _____ ATTENDEE (3): _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

WV Beekeepers Association Member early registration \$40 x () _____

Non-Member early registration \$45 x () _____

Child under 12 early registration \$15 x () _____

WV Beekeepers Association member after 3/15 \$50 x () _____

Non-Member Registration after 3/15 \$55 x () _____

Child under 12 registration after 3/15 \$15 x () _____

Number attending Friday Exhibition Coal Mine Tour _____

Q/A session with speakers _____

TOTAL (for all attendees) _____

Attendees must select the sessions they plan to attend. Please note selection of a session does not guarantee a seat but allows us to plan to accommodate as many registrants as possible.

Session One:

_____ Dr. Debbie Delaney, The Benefits of Polyandry	9:30AM – 10:30AM
_____ Kathy Watson, How to Make Lip Balm and Lotions	9:30AM – 10:30AM
_____ Using All Natural Ingredients and Proper Labelling (Auditorium)	
_____ Cindy Bee, Wax Renderings – Comb to Candle (Auditorium)	10:30AM – 11:30AM

Session Two:

_____ Dr. Parry Kietzman, Recognition of Honey Bee Viruses and Disease	11:00AM – 11:45AM
_____ Dr. James Wilson, Integrating Pollinator Protection into Pest Management: An Example from Virginia Cucurbit Production	11:00AM – 11:50AM

Session Three:

_____ WV Native Plants and Stream Restoration	1:00PM – 2:00PM
_____ Dr. Parry Kietzman, Preventing Viruses and Diseases and What To Do If You Have Them	1:00PM – 2:00PM
_____ Cindy Bee, Honeybee Removal from Structures	1:00PM – 2:00PM

Session Four:

_____ Cindy Bee, Wax Flower Hands-On Demonstration	2:15PM – 4:00PM
_____ Dr. Debbie Delaney, Diversity is the Raw Material for Creating Better Bees	2:30PM – 4:00PM

Please note registration fees will include breakfast and a lunch voucher at Tamarack Conference Center. The lunch voucher will include your choice of one featured main dish, two sides, dessert and a drink.

Make checks payable to Raleigh County Beekeepers Cooperative Association.

Please complete the attached registration form which is also a fillable PDF and return to:

Raleigh County Beekeepers Cooperative Association

Attn: R. Darrin Butcher, Treasurer

251 Vista Drive

Mount Hope, WV 25880

(304)890-0731

Weather statement – Due to the facility reservation, this conference will not be cancelled due to inclement weather.

Discounted Area Lodging

To access discounted rate, please use “West Virginia Beekeepers Association.”

Country Inn & Suites
<https://www.countryinns.com/>

2120 Harper Road, Beckley, WV
1-800-830-5222

Microtel Inn & Suites
<https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/microtel/>

2130 Harper Road, Beckley, WV
1-800-337-0050

2018 Spring Conference Vendors

Dadant
820 Tightsqueeze Industrial Road
Chatham, VA 24531
1-800-220-8325
<https://www.dadant.com/>

Mann Lake LTD
485 Stewart Road
Wilkes-Barre, PA 17706
1-877-829-4077
<https://www.mannlakeltd.com/>

OxaVap
1085 Virginia Pine Court
Manning, SC 29102
1-800-225-5198
<https://oxavap.com/>

Reid's Apiary & 'Bee-tique'
15754 SR 775
Willow Wood, OH 45696
740-643-2925
rediapiary@bright.net

SignArc
4655 Robert C. Byrd Drive
Beckley, WV 25801
1-681-207-7329
<http://www.signarc.com/>

The Bee Barn of SE Ohio
450 Coffman Road
Marietta, OH 45750
740-516-0421
<http://www.thebeebarnohio.com/>