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Dr. Marla Spivak

Dr. Marla Spivak is a MacArthur Fellow and the Distinguished McKnight Professor at the University of Minnesota. Marla's interest in bees began while she worked for a commercial beekeeper in New Mexico. She later completed her BA in biology at Humboldt State University and her PhD at the University of Kansas. She spent two years in Costa Rica conducting her thesis research on the identification and ecology of Africanized and European honey bees. She began as Assistant Professor at the University of Minnesota in 1993. Influenced by Martha Gilliam and Steve Taber from

the USDA Bee lab in Tucson, she became interested in hygienic behavior of honey bees. This interest has expanded into studies of "social immunity," including the benefits of propolis to the immune system of honey bees.

In June 2013 she presented for the prestigious TED series "Why Bees are Disappearing," which is available online.



Michele Colopy

Michele Colopy has been the Program Director of the Pollinator Stewardship Council since March 2013. Her father was a beekeeper in southeast Ohio. She keeps honey bees in the city, and has replaced her crabgrass front yard with pesticide-free pollinator flowers for her honey bees and native pollinators.

Ms. Colopy holds a master's degree in nonprofit management/arts administration, and a master's in higher education administration from The University of Akron. Her nonprofit experience includes work in the performing arts, housing and homelessness, foreclosure prevention, community development, and health and wellness. She is also a board member of the Medina County Beekeepers Association, and the treasurer of the Ohio State Beekeepers Association.



Charlie Parton

Charlie operates Parton Apiaries, has been keeping bees for 37 years, and lives in Maryville Tennessee. He is active in the local Blount County Beekeepers Association, serving in several capacities including two terms as president. Charlie is the immediate past President of the Tennessee Beekeepers Association and past East TN Regional Vice President. He was selected as TBA Beekeeper of the year in 2011 and TBA Life Member in 2013. Charlie speaks at local schools, farmers markets, to beekeeping

associations around Tennessee and HAS. He runs between 70 to 80 colonies and sells honey, nucs and wax.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, February 17

5:30 PM Board Meeting

7:00 PM Dinner and lecture by Marla Spivak

Land use, bee nutrition, and bee health

Saturday, February 18

7:30-8:15 President's Breakfast: A meeting of attending local club presidents

8:00AM-12PM GBA Beer & Mead Show: Drop off entries in room 119

8:30-8:45 Opening remarks: Linda Tillman, GBA President

8:45-9:30 Marla Spivak: *Tech Transfer Teams*

9:30-10:15 Charlie Parton: *Making Nucs: How and Why?*

10:15-10:30 Break

10:30-11:15 Morning Breakout Sessions A

11:20-12:05 Morning Breakout Sessions B

12:05-1:00 **LUNCH**

1:00-1:45 Michelle Colopy: *Mosquito Abatement Programs*

1:45-1:55 Break (change buildings)

1:55-2:40 Afternoon Breakout Sessions C

2:45-3:30 Afternoon Breakout Sessions D

3:30-3:45 Break (change buildings)

3:45-4:30 Marla Spivak:

Social Immunity: Propolis and hygienic behavior

4:30 Show winners, Raffles, Ad Auction, Closing remarks



Jennifer Berry has been the apicultural research coordinator and lab manager for the University of Georgia honey bee program for the past seventeen years. She is a regular columnist for Bee Culture magazine. She also writes occasionally for other publications, including Bee World. She travels extensively to speak to local, state, national and international beekeeping associations. On evenings and weekends, Jennifer operates Honey Pond Farm, a queen and nuc business, which focuses on rearing healthy bees while selecting for longevity, pest resistance and honey production.



Paul Berry is a fifth generation resident of Columbus, Ga. He has been interested in beekeeping since a neighbor solicited help with his hives 35 years ago. Partial, then full retirement 12 years ago gave Paul the free time to begin keeping bees on his own. He keeps between 40 and 60 hives most of the year. While he enjoys the products of the bees, his true satisfaction comes from learning about bees, teaching beekeeping and talking about bees to anyone who will listen.



Kathy Bourn is a hobby beekeeper with an assortment of hives on her farm in Hartwell, Georgia. She enjoys building a variety of hive designs and equipment for her 15 or so colonies. Kathy is the President of the Lake Hartwell Beekeepers Association and a member of the Metro Atlanta Beekeepers Association.



Kelley Campbell is a Certified Beekeeper, and has been keeping bees for four years. She's an active member in multiple bee clubs and discussion groups (Forsyth Beekeepers, Beekeepers of Gwinnett Co, Cherokee Beekeepers Club, Atlanta Beekeeping Naturally Meetup, Union Hill Beekeepers), and enjoys sharing this hobby with others.



Lonnie Funderburg is the president of the Walker County Beekeepers Association. He was the editor of The Stinger, newsletter of the Alabama Beekeepers Association for fourteen years. He is a past president of the Alabama Beekeepers Association and was Beekeeper of the Year in 2009. Funderburg became a Georgia Master Beekeeper in 2005 and has been an instructor at Young Harris Beekeeping Institute since 2008. Since 2015, he has participated in the Sentinel Hive Project with the University of Maryland.



Randy Rolan is a Master Beekeeper from Ringgold. Randy is passionate about pursuing the never ending quest for knowledge about honeybees. One of his favorite things to do is share knowledge about honeybees with new beekeepers. He has taught "Introduction to Beekeeping" at local colleges, clubs, and other organizations. Randy is a charter member of the Chattooga Beekeepers and an active member in the GA, TN, and AL Beekeepers Associations.



Virginia Stephens Webb grew up keeping honeybees. Beekeeping and teaching others about bees is her passion. She and her husband Carl are full time commercial beekeepers in North Georgia. For over 25 years Virginia has been a honey judge, and was the first in the U.S. to achieve the Welsh Honey Judging certification in 2001. Currently she serves as the senior honey judge for the Apimondia's World Honey Show and will be the Judge's Referee at the 2017 World Honey Show in Istanbul, Turkey. The Webbs have the distinction of achieving the most international awards in the world for their honey.

AUCTION SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Boost your sales by advertising on the GBA website!
Only four ads will be sold. You must be present to bid.

BREAKOUT SPEAKERS

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Morning Breakout Sessions, A and B

Jennifer Berry: Certified Naturally Grown vs. Organic
SLC room 115

CNG apiary standards outline best beekeeping practices that support honey bee health. This session will outline the CNG program and clarify differences between organic beekeeping and CNG.

Paul Berry: The art of capturing and saving swarms
SLC room 105

Explore the myriad places where swarms can alight (high in a tree, low inside an auto grill. . .) and what methods and tools work best for retrieval. Using swarm traps and encouraging swarms to stay will also be discussed by this beekeeper who caught 45 swarms in 2016!

Michele Colopy: State Pollinator Protection Plans: What Beekeepers Need to Know
SLC room 104

The Environmental Protection Agency is encouraging states to create managed pollinator protection plans. The Pollinator Stewardship Council is working with various state beekeeping individuals and associations to aid them in participating in their own state process. Learn what you, as a beekeeper, should be concerned about and how you can be involved in the planning process.

Charlie Parton: Building A Honey House
SLC room 215

See how Mr. Parton built his state of the art honey house, and get some ideas to integrate into your operation.

Lonnie Funderburg: Beekeeping equipment: tips and tricks
SLC room 216

Jigs, glues, and tools, oh my! Learn the hows and whys about methods and materials used to put together supers and frames.

Afternoon Breakout Sessions, C and D

Kathleen Bourn: Alternative hives: beekeeping outside the box
SLC room 115

As ingenious as the honey bees themselves are the beekeepers who house them. We take a look at the origins of the honey bee hive and they many designs that can be used to house bees. It's what puts the "keep" in "beekeeper".

Kelley Campbell: Rookie mistakes: tips and tricks for new beekeepers
SLC room 215

Coming out of winter can be a stressful time for new beekeepers. Learn what to expect this spring and get your questions answered in a non-judgmental forum.

Michele Colopy: Migratory beekeeping: why keeping them alive is so difficult
SLC room 104

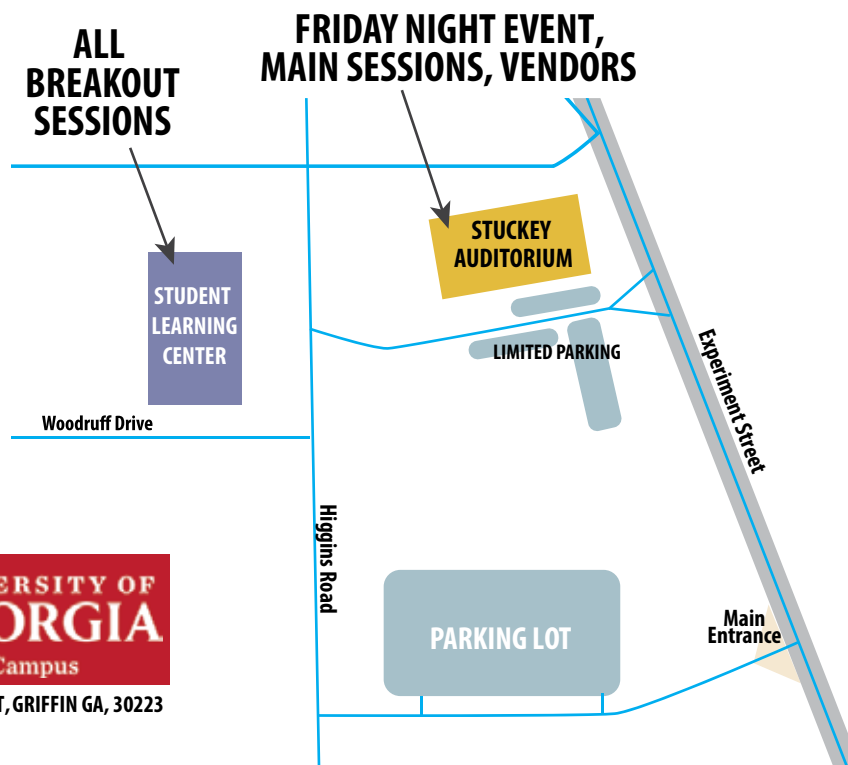
Crop pollination is key to one-third of our delicious, nutritious diet. Yet, beekeeper and their honey bee encounter a myriad of pesticides as they migrate across the country. Learn about the issues affecting beekeepers as they work to provide pollination services for our fruits, nuts, vegetables and seeds.

Randy Rolan: Create a Beekeeping Course
SLC room 216

Learn how to increase your club membership and build membership cohesion by running a successful beekeeping course at your club.

Virginia Webb: Preparing award winning entries for honey shows
SLC room 105

Four time winner of the Best Honey in the World, Virginia Webb will share her technical expertise to help you win awards in 2017!



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