

PRESIDENTS LETTER 01.10.2024

Hello Tri-State Member,

With 2024 we have a packed schedule of events for you. We open with Amy Vu Ph.D. of the Florida State Honey Bee Research and Extension Laboratory, University of Florida speaking to us via Zoom on February 15. March 21 will find John Rose returning to speak on Mite Management with the one and only Dr. James Tew visiting with us via Zoom on April 18. The spring season will conclude with Steve Rapasky, EAS Master Beekeeper from the Meadow Sweet Apiaries in Pittsburgh speaking in person on May 16. In addition, registration for the 2024 novice beekeeping class is now open on the www.tristatebeekeepers.com website. If you know of someone who is interested in beekeeping, or you yourself would like to take it as a refresher, please refer to the site. There is no charge for repeat participants.

I wanted to also take this opportunity to update you on our plans for the 2024 West Virginia Beekeepers Spring Conference, April 5-6, at the Clarion Inn in Harpers Ferry, WV. The internationally known Larry Connor Ph.D. will appear as our keynote speaker with presentations from Steven Cook Ph.D. of the Beltsville Bee Lab in addition to numerous break-out workshops. We are proud to host the American Honey Show Training Council offering their cutting-edge modified Welsh judging style in a parallel program. Also, the Beekeepers In Training (BIT) Children's Program, presented by the Mountaineer Beekeepers Association, is back at the WVBA Spring Conference. Online registration is now open on the www.wvbeekeepers.org website and I strongly encourage you to consider attending the state program. If you have never been to a conference before, this will offer you the experience of meeting and enjoy major presenters in the beekeeping world as well as exposure to numerous vendors offering a large variety of beekeeping equipment.

Let's start out with a bang in 2024 and plan to make the February 15 meeting. As a reminder, we will be collecting 2024 dues at the event as well as taking orders for spring packages. See you there.

Steve