



# WHAT'S THE BUZZ? Fall Conference 2014

Arkansas Beekeepers Association  
Ozark Folk Center  
Mountain View, Arkansas

## Friday, October 10

- 8:00 a.m. Registration & Visit Vendors
- 9:00 a.m. Richard Underhill ● *ABA President's Welcome*
- 9:15 a.m. Jeff Harris ● *VSH Breeding Program*
- 10:00 a.m. Jon Zawislak ● *Arkansas Pollinator Protection Program*
- 10:45 a.m. **BREAK ● DOOR PRIZES ● VISIT VENDORS**
- 11:15 a.m. Aman Minick & Mark Stoll ● *Plant Board Update*
- 11:45 a.m. **LUNCH ● ON YOUR OWN**
- 1:00 p.m. Audrey Sheridan ● *A Day in the Life of a Forager*
- 1:45 p.m. Don Johnson ● *Insecticides in Arkansas: Impact on Honey Bees*
- 2:30 p.m. **BREAK ● DOOR PRIZES ● VISIT VENDORS**
- 3:00 p.m. Jeff Harris ● *Medicating Honey Bees*
- 4:00 p.m. Yu Cheng Zhu ● *What you should know about pesticides:  
Which one is toxic and which one is safe to your honey bees?*
- 5:30 p.m. Cook-out (*Ticket Required*)

## Saturday, October 11

- 8:00 a.m. Registration & Visit Vendors
- 9:00 a.m. Richard Underhill ● *Welcome & Business Meeting*
- 9:30 a.m. Audrey Sheridan ● *Taking Turns with Hive Duties:  
Factors that Determine Task Assignments*
- 10:15 a.m. **BREAK ● DOOR PRIZES ● LAST CHANCE TO VISIT VENDORS**
- 10:45 a.m. Jeff Harris ● *Managing Bee Nutrition*
- 11:30 a.m. Richard Underhill ● *Wrap up*

# About Our Guest Speakers



**Jeff Harris** is a Professor and Extension Apiculturist at Mississippi State University. He previously worked for the USDA's honey bee breeding laboratory in Baton Rouge, where much of his research focused on breeding honeybees resistant to the varroa mite. He is best known for his work to develop stocks of bees that exhibit high levels of Varroa Sensitive Hygienic behavior.



**Audrey Sheridan** has worked in honey bee research for nearly 13 years, beginning at Oklahoma State University with a Master's in Entomology and continuing to Mississippi State, where she is a full-time research and extension associate. She has a particular interest in Small Hive Beetle behavior and control, and enjoys educating the public about honey bees.



**Don Johnson** is a Professor Emeritus with the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service. He was a beekeeper early in his career, and worked as an Extension Entomologist from 1976 through 2004. Don currently works with Dr. Gus Lorenz and Jon Zawislak on the Honey Bee Health Project, investigating the potential impact of neonicotinoid insecticides on honeybee colonies.



**Yu Cheng Zhu** is a research entomologist at the USDA-ARS Southern Insect Management Research Unit in Stoneville, Mississippi. He works to identify pesticides that are effective against crop pests, but are relatively low in toxicity to beneficial insects. He also examines the potential interaction of different insecticides with fungicides and honey-bee parasites.



FALL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION
OCTOBER 10-11, 2014
MOUNTAIN VIEW, ARKANSAS

NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

MOBILE PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

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HAS YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION CHANGED SINCE LAST YEAR? YES [ ] NO [ ]

Conference (\$25 per family, ABA members) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Conference (\$35 per family, non-members) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Friday night meal tickets (each \$17 x \_\_\_\_\_) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

ABA Membership Renewal \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- [ ] not due at this time ..... \$0
[ ] Associate (no bees) ..... \$5
[ ] Hobbyist (1-50 colonies) ..... \$10
[ ] Sideline (51-299 colonies) ..... \$25
[ ] Commercial (300+ colonies) ..... \$75
[ ] Lifetime Member ..... \$1000

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to Arkansas Beekeepers Association (ABA)
Registration fees may be paid at the meeting or mailed to:



ABA
Linda Rhein
2340 CR 16
Mountain Home, AR 72653

NOTE: To avoid missing your registration in the mail, do not send any
payment after September 10 - Bring it to the meeting in person!

Fellow beekeepers,

The Arkansas Beekeepers Association welcomes all beekeepers to attend our Annual Conference in Mountain View, Arkansas. The meeting will be held at the Ozark Folk Center on Friday and Saturday, October 10 and 11, 2014. Our featured speakers will include Dr. Jeff Harris and Ms. Audrey Sheridan of Mississippi State University, Dr. Gus Lorenz of the University of Arkansas Research and Extension, and Dr. Yu Cheng Zhu of the USDA Agricultural Research Service in Stoneville, Mississippi. Speaking topics will cover matters of honey bee health, bee hive pests, and investigations into the effects of pesticides on bees. Bee hive equipment vendors will be present.

The Arkansas Beekeepers Association's annual business meeting will be held on Saturday, October 11. On this year's agenda will be two proposed changes to the ABA's By-Laws. The first proposed change allows for the combining of the positions of Secretary and Treasurer. The current wording of the By-Laws Article IV Officers follows:

*Section 1. The officers of this association shall consist of a President, First Vice President, Second Vice President (from different districts), a Secretary and a Treasurer.*

The proposed change in wording follows:

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Further, a Section 7 is proposed to be added as follows:

*Section 7. The office of Secretary and the office of Treasurer may be combined.*

A second change to the ABA's By-Laws is a proposal to accommodate the appointment of non-voting *Ex Officio* members of the Executive Committee. The current wording of the By-Laws Article VIII Committees, 1 Elective, A Executive Committee follows:

*The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Past President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. In addition, six directors, one from each of the five districts, and one member-at-large, will also be elected. All members of the Executive Committee must be voting members in good standing. The duties of the Executive Committee shall be to manage this Association to achieve its objectives. The Executive Committee shall determine the site and date of annual meetings.*

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This change in the By-Laws will accommodate the position currently held by the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service Apiculture Specialist, Jon Zawislak, as an *Ex Officio* member of the Executive Committee.

We welcome you to join us in the beautiful Arkansas Ozarks during the height of fall foliage colors. Share warm friendships with other beekeepers each day while learning about honey bee health, and enjoy folk music during cool evenings on the Mountain View town square. Cabins are available at the Ozark Folk Center, <http://www.ozarkfolkcenter.com/>, as well as in the town of Mountain View. We've scheduled an early evening cook-out for Friday; if it rains, we'll dine in the folk center's restaurant. Ricky Skaggs will be playing at the Ozark Folk Center on Saturday night. Bluegrass music fans may see the folk center's website for tickets.

For dinner tickets and conference registration, see <http://arbeekeepers.org/>. I'll see you in Mountain View!

Richard Underhill

President

Arkansas Beekeepers Association