



ARKANSAS BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

2017 Spring Conference - Hope, Arkansas

FRIDAY - March 10

- 8:00 a.m. *Registration & Visit Vendors*
- 9:00 a.m. **Jeremy Bemis:** President's Welcome & Opening Address
- 9:15 a.m. **Ann Harman:** Bees Like Sugar Too
- 10:15 a.m. *Coffee Break & Visit Vendors*
- 10:45 a.m. **Billy Hummer:** Marketing Your Honey
- 11:45 a.m. *Lunch (on your own)*
- 1:15 p.m. **Ann Harman:** Reducing Stress for Your Honey Bees
- 2:15 p.m. *Coffee Break & Visit Vendors*
- 2:45 p.m. **Billy Hummer:** TBA
- 3:45 p.m. **Kacy Cole:** Growing your Beekeeping Operation
- 4:45 p.m. *Dismiss for the day - Dinner on your own!*
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SATURDAY - March 11

- 8:00 a.m. *Registration & Visit Vendors*
- 9:00 a.m. **Ann Harman:** Other Products of the Hive
- 10:00 a.m. *Coffee Break & Visit Vendors*
- 10:30 a.m. **Amy Weeks:** Apitherapy
- 11:30 a.m. *Lunch (on your own)*
- 1:00 p.m. **Ann Harman:** Making Better Bees -
A Global Perspective on Beekeeping Education
- 2:00 p.m. *Coffee Break & Visit Vendors*
- 2:30 p.m. **Amy Weeks:** Stock Selection for Queen Breeding
- 3:30 p.m. *Dismiss - See you in the Fall!*
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Mark your calendars for the ABA Fall Conference in Little Rock: October 27-28, 2017

Although **Ann Harman** spent part of her life as a research chemist, her fascination with honey bees propelled her into another career as an international consultant. Ms. Harman has taught beekeeping skills and modern management techniques around the world, having made more than 50 trips to work in 29 countries on five continents, including work with the African bee in 9 countries. Ann has been awarded four President's Volunteer Service Awards. She became an EAS Certified Master Beekeeper in 1981, and continues teaching short courses and lecturing at beekeeper association meetings. She is a respected judge of honey and hive products for local, state, national and international competitions. Ann has served on the National Honey Board, and is a regular contributor for Bee Culture magazine, as well as Beekeepers Quarterly, and Bee Craft. She has edited a number of books including ABC&XYZ of Beekeeping. Her apiary now serves as teaching hives, not only to train beekeepers, but also for teaching and inspiring youth so that our pollination needs continue to be met in the years to come.



Billy Hummer is a second generation beekeeper based in Bossier City, Louisiana. Hummer and Son Honey Farm started in 1986 as a 4-H project with father Stanley Hummer and his son Billy. Their hobby grew steadily each year into a commercial operation which continues to expand. Today Hummer and Son produces a full line of products from honey and wax to beauty products and barbecue sauce, as well as beekeeping supplies. Billy Hummer also provides bees to farmers to better help pollinate crops. But the local honey that Billy produces that is the real "liquid gold" of his operation, with hives in Arkansas, Louisiana, and Texas.

Amy Weeks, Louisiana's only Master Craftsman Beekeeper, raises Minnesota Hygienic Queens and nucs at her home in West Monroe, Louisiana. She Serves as President of Hill Country Beekeepers Association and has served on the Board of Louisiana Beekeepers Association. Amy had the pleasure of working with beekeepers in Guyana, South America, teaching a women's co-op about queen rearing. As part of a team with LSU Ag Leadership, she is currently raising money to help provide needed beekeeping materials for Guyana's beekeepers. Traveling, meeting, and working with new beekeepers hold great enjoyment for Amy, as does spending time with her husband and three sons. Amy can be contacted at myfavoritehoney@gmail.com.



Kasey Cole and his wife Kristen grew up in Paris, Texas. After earning a degree in agricultural business, he became the manager of the Paris branch of Dadant & Sons, Inc. In addition to his many duties around the warehouse, Kasey also manages his own bees. After his family started a few hives of their own, his passion grew. Within four years, his sideline operation increased to managing more than 300 colonies. Kasey will be speaking to us on how to grow a successful beekeeping business, and you can also visit with him at the Dadant tables in our vendor's area of the conference.

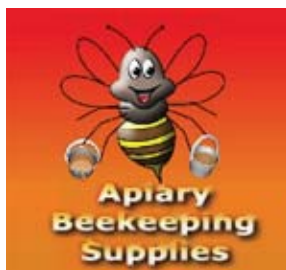
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