

Arkansas Beekeepers Association



Fall Conference
Little Rock, Arkansas
October 26-28, 2018



Dennis vanEngelsdorp is an Associate Professor at the University of Maryland where he works on understanding and improving honey bee health. Dennis is the director of the Bee Informed Partnership (beeinformed.org) which provides a platform to collect "big data" on the state of health of managed honey bee colonies. This information provides important insights into the roles that beekeeper management practices and environmental factors (such as pesticides and climate) can have on pollinator health.

Allen Hayes became an instant beekeeper in 1971 when a family friend gave him a colony of bees, which soon swarmed and terrified his parents and neighbors. Beekeeping fit in well with his mechanical ability and Allen is now known to many on the east coast as The Gadget Guy. He has invented numerous unique items for beekeepers, and enjoys sharing these creations with others. Active in numerous local, state and regional organizations, Allen is a past president of the Maryland State Beekeepers Association and an EAS certified Master Beekeeper who has taught beekeeping classes for over fifteen years.



Greg Hannaford is a small commercial beekeeper from Oklahoma who operates just over 700 hives. In addition to keeping bees for 25 years, Greg is a highly regarded beekeeping instructor and popular speaker at ABF and other beekeeping meetings around the country. He usually focuses on topics relating to marketing for beekeepers and on bee biology in a no-nonsense way that is grounded in basic principles, cutting through today's prevalent hype.



Friday - October 26, 2018

- 8:00 a.m. **Registration** - Coffee - Visit Vendors
9:00 a.m. **Jeremy Bemis** - President's Welcome
9:15 a.m. **Dennis vanEngelsdorp** - *Drivers of Honey Bee Losses*
10:00 a.m. **Coffee Break** - Visit Vendors
10:30 a.m. **Yong Park** - *Improving Bee Health by Controlling SHB*
11:30 a.m. **Danny Brewer** - *Plant Board Report*
12 noon **Lunch** (on your own)
1:30 p.m. **Dennis vanEngelsdorp** - *Varroa Mites: Up Close and Personal*
2:15 p.m. **Allen Hayes** - *What Beekeepers Should Know About Yellow Jacket Wasps*
3:15 p.m. **Coffee Break** - Visit Vendors
3:30 p.m. **Dennis vanEngelsdorp** - *Keeping Colonies Alive: Survey Says...*
4:15 p.m. **Dismiss for the day**

Saturday - October 26, 2018

- 8:00 a.m. **Registration** - Coffee - Visit Vendors
9:00 a.m. **Annual Business Meeting** (ABA members only)
9:30 a.m. **Coffee Break** - Visit Vendors
10:00 a.m. **Allen Hayes** - *Gadgets You Could Keep Bees Without, But Wouldn't Want To*
11:00 a.m. **Greg Hannaford** - *All About Nucs: For Profit and Management*
12 noon **Lunch** (on your own)
1:30 p.m. **Allen Hayes** - *More Beekeeping Gadgets from the Gadget Guy*
2:30 p.m. **Greg Hannaford** - *Healthy Bees: A Basic Guide for the Coming Winter*
3:30 p.m. **Jon Zawislak** - *Extension Update*
4:00 p.m. **Dismiss for the day**
4:30 p.m. **Special Evening Events (ticket required)**
Live in the Hive demonstration with **Greg Hannaford** will begin at 5:00. Meet in the hotel lobby at 4:30 o catch the shuttle to the Heifer Village and Urban Farm. We will return to the hotel for an all-you-can-eat dinner presentation starting at 6:00 featuring our guest speaker **Allen Hayes** entitled ***Wax Moths: Not Totally Useless.***

Sunday - October 28, 2018

- 8:00 a.m. **Registration** - Coffee - Visit Vendors
- | | <i>Beginner Sessions (Room 1)</i> | <i>Advanced Sessions (Room 2)</i> |
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| 9:00 a.m. | Greg Hannaford
<i>Lessons for the Novice Beekeeper</i> | Richard Underhill
<i>Preventing Problems: Pests & Pathogens</i> |
| 10:00 a.m. | Britt Bailey
<i>Producing Your Own Queens</i> | Jon Zawislak
<i>Increasing Your Stock by Splitting Colonies</i> |
| 11:00 a.m. | Patrick Edwards
<i>Preparing Your Hives for Winter</i> | Phillip Fruechting, Arkansas Dept. Health
<i>Honey Bottling & Labeling Regulations</i> |
| 12 noon | Dismiss - See you next year! | |

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Special Saturday Evening Events

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This year's Fall Conference will feature special evening events with two of our guest speakers. Arkansas-based Heifer International works with honey bees and other livestock to alleviate poverty and hunger all over the world, teaching people to be self-sufficient while encouraging them to work together build sustainable communities. We will visit their downtown Urban Farm, which features intensive gardening techniques and is home to numerous bee hives and other animals.

Ticket holders can meet in the hotel lobby at 4:30 p.m. for a short shuttle ride together over to the [Heifer International Village & Urban Farm](#). If you prefer to drive your own vehicle, meet the group by 5:00 p.m. at 1 World Ave, Little Rock, AR 72202 (bee hives are around the back of the building).

We will join our guest **Greg Hannaford, Live in the Hive**, at the Heifer Urban Farm, as he demonstrates his techniques to quickly and thoroughly evaluate honey bee colonies, assessing their health and their needs. It's suggested that you bring your own veil if you want to get a close look. Learn to work your hives efficiently and effectively like a pro!

Following the apiary demonstration we will return to the hotel for an all-you-can-eat dinner and a special presentation with another of our guests, **Allen Hayes** entitled **Wax Moths: Not Totally Useless**. Dinner will begin at 6:00, at the hotel. Feel free to mingle and visit with our speakers and other attendees after the presentation. Special door prizes will also be awarded during the Saturday evening dinner.

Tickets are required to attend these special evening events. Each ticket costs \$30, and will get you in to both the apiary demonstration and the dinner. All proceeds help to defray the cost of our meeting facilities. Tickets will be limited. You can purchase them in advance, when you register for the meeting, or at the registration table during the meeting.



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ABA Honey Contest

Entry Requirements

- Honey must be in a clear standard pint canning jar.
- Entries will be disqualified if not in standard pint canning jar.
- No labels should be affixed to jars.
- Entries must be pure honey produced in Arkansas.

Honey will be displayed behind the registration desk prior to judging. An anonymous entry number will be used to identify contestant's containers. (Your entries will receive this number when they are submitted.) *Winning entries will not be returned, but will be awarded as door prizes.*

Categories (one entry per category permitted):

- Extracted Honey, extra light amber or lighter
- Extracted Honey, light amber or darker
- Comb Honey

Prizes will be awarded to the top three places in each category as follows:

- 1st Place \$25 & Bragging Rights
- 2nd Place \$15 & Bragging Rights
- 3rd Place \$10 & Bragging Rights

The following criteria will be used to judge the honey:

- Freedom from granulation and foreign material
- Freedom from air bubbles either in suspension or froth
- Flavor and aroma



ABA Honey Exchange



This year the ABA will be introducing a **Honey Exchange** at our fall conference. This is not a contest, with judges and prizes, but an opportunity for all of us to show off our presentation skills, labels and packaging. Conference attendee are invited to bring up to three jars or bottles of their own honey. Drop off your entries at the registration desk when you arrive. You will receive one ticket for each jar you submit. All entries will be placed on display during the conference. At the end of the day on Saturday, you will be able to redeem each of your tickets for new jars of honey to take home and enjoy!

Participation is limited to no more than three (3) entries per person/family/apiary operation. Honey must be in a new, clean container, with a **minimum size of one pound** (you may bring pints, quarts, etc. but you may still only receive one-pound jars in exchange). All honey must be from your own bee hives (no store-bought stuff, please). All containers should have a label indicating where it's from. The honey exchange is open to all conference attendees, including visitors from out of state! So bring your best to share and show off, and participate to experience flavors from all over!





Getting There

In order to better accommodate our growing membership numbers, and to facilitate easier travel for our guest speakers, the 2017 ABA Fall Conference will be held at the [Holiday Inn Airport Conference Center in Little Rock](#).

The hotel is located at **3201 Bankhead Drive, Little Rock, AR 72206**. It's easy to get to, from any direction, just off of I-440. Head toward the Little Rock National Airport, and take Exit 3 (airport exit), then turn south onto Bankhead drive. You will see a sign for the Holiday Inn immediately on your left. As you turn in, this hotel is the Holiday Inn Express. Take the drive on the right, up the hill, to the Holiday Inn Conference Center (the one with Boston's Restaurant). GPS fans can navigate to [34.714268, -92.222594](#).

The ABA has reserved a block of rooms at the hotel for ABA Conference participants. Call the Holiday Inn at (501) 490-1000 to receive a special rate. Other [nearby lodging options](#) include:

- [Holiday Inn Express](#), 3121 Bankhead Dr, Little Rock, AR 72206
- [Days Inn & Suites](#), 3200 Bankhead Dr, Little Rock, AR 72206
- [Comfort Inn & Suites](#), 4301 E Roosevelt Rd, Little Rock, AR 72206

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We will have a **silent auction** again this year to benefit the ABA. Proceeds will help us continue to bring in top-notch speakers, and improve our meetings. Browse the items available and place your bids all day Friday and Saturday morning. Winners will be announced after lunch on Saturday afternoon.



ABA FALL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

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Holiday Inn Airport Conference Center
3201 Bankhead Drive, Little Rock, AR 72206

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE _____

MOBILE PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

HAS YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION CHANGED SINCE LAST YEAR? YES NO

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

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

Saturday Special Event tickets (each \$30 x _____) \$ _____

ABA Membership Renewal \$ _____

- not due at this time \$0
- Associate (no bees) \$5
- Hobbyist (1-50 colonies) \$10
- Sideliner (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 Treasurer
Kelly Edwards
19205 Highway 62
Garfield, AR 72732**

NOTE: To avoid missing your registration in the mail, do not send in any payment after October 13 – bring it to the meeting in person!

