

Texas Beekeepers Association

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Texas Beekeepers Association Annual Convention
Frank W. Mayborn Civic and Convention Center in Temple, Texas
Friday, November 10, 2017

Information for the 2017 Texas Honey Show

Our goal is to increase awareness and participation in the Texas Honey Show as a fun competition that elevates winners to the (inter)national level which promotes Texas honey quality.

Awards

Ribbons 1st – 3rd given; however, in order to receive an award that entry must be worthy of placement. Only 1st ribbon for Black Jar.

1. Best of Honey Division will be selected for the best single entry out of the honey classes
 - Class 1: Extracted Honey, one jar of LIGHT
 - Class 2: Extracted Honey, one jar of LIGHT AMBER
 - Class 3: Extracted Honey, one jars of AMBER
 - Class 4: Extracted Honey, one jars of DARK
 - Class 5: Creamed Honey, one jar
 - Class 6: Chunk Honey, one jar
2. Best Small-Scale Honey for fewer than 25 colonies.
3. Best Sideliner Honey for 25 to 300 colonies.
4. Best Commercial Honey over 300 colonies.
5. Best of non-Honey Division for best single entry in non-honey classes.
6. Best of Mead Division for best entry in the mead category.
7. **Sweepstake Award** given to entrant who has the most total points in the show. More entries...more possible points! Prize Ribbon Points: 1st Blue 6 points, 2nd Red 5 points, 3rd White 4 points.

Additional Awards

- **Texas Beekeepers Association** will pack, mail and pay entry fee for the Black Jar 1st place winner to the [7th Annual International Black Jar Honey Contest](#) that has a Grand Prize of **\$2500**, and bragging rights for the whole world. Entries must be postmarked by November 15, 2017; 5 days after the Texas Honey Show on November 10. Note: The requirement is for three 3 one pound jars to enter the international contest Please read their rules, if interested: <http://www.chbr.org/HoneyContest.aspx>
- **The Walker Honey Farm Award:** The Walker Honey Farm Award: Use Gamber classic glass jars for your entries in extracted honey classes (Classes 1-4). First Place will receive a \$50

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Gift Certificate and Second Place a \$25 Gift Certificate for containers from Walker Honey Farm, Texas distributor for Gamber containers.

- **Gamber Container:** 1st place in Honey (Classes 1 – 6) awarded a case of 16 oz. Classic Honey Jars.
- **Austin Home Brew Supply Award:** A \$10 gift certificate for 1st place in each mead category.
- **Meridian Hive Award:** Best of Show Mead receives a private tour for up to 8 at Meridian Hive.

Judges

Senior Judge:
Ann Harman

- Honey show organizer and judge for national, regional, state and local honey shows
- Honey judge at Apimondia 2015 in Seoul, South Korea.
- Editor, *Honey Bee Biology and Beekeeping*
- Editor, *Bee Culture ABC and XYZ*
- Honey Show Judge American Beekeeping Federation
- Eastern Apiculture Society Master Beekeeper



Honey Judge:
Tim Tucker

- Tuckerbee's Honey, Niotaze, Kansas
- Past president American Beekeeping Federation



Mead Judge:
Eric Lowe

- Meridian Hive Meadery founder and CEO
- Nationally Ranked and Certified Mead Judge



HONEY RELATED EDUCATION

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| ● Honey Show Training for future Texan judges, show secretaries, stewards. | Ann Harman | Thursday, November 9 |
| ● Preparing for the Honey Show | Ann Harman | Saturday, November 11 |
| ● Varietal Honey Harvesting | Clint Walker | Saturday, November 11 |
| ● Marketing Honey Commercially | Tim Tucker | Saturday, November 11 |
| ● Encaustic Painting | Kim Lehman | Saturday, November 11 |
| ● Walker Honey Farm Tour | Clint Walker | 10:00AM, Sunday Nov 12 |

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Texas Honey Show Committee

Chairman:
John Talbert Sabine Creek Honey, past American Beekeeping Federation board member, past president Texas Beekeepers Association



Show Manager:
Pamela Yeamans Barton Creek Honey, Texas Master Beekeeper candidate, vice president Travis County Beekeepers, EAS Honey Show Assistant



Show Secretary:
Dodie Stillman Texas Master Beekeeper, president Austin Area Beekeepers



Assistant Show Secretary and Photographer:
Jimmie Oakley Annie's Pure Honey, Commercial migratory operation in North Dakota '76 – '86. TBA Treasurer 1996-2014. Past president of Williamson County Area Beekeepers and former TBA Honey Queen Chair.



Publicity Director:
Michelle Boerst Bursting Bee Honey, Texas Master Beekeeper candidate



Mead Judge and Photograph Wrangler:
Cameron Crane Bentley Bees, Crane Meadows, and Mystik Oak Mead. Texas Master Beekeeper candidate

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

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Mead Competition Organizer: Eric Lowe at (512) 417-3769 eric@meridianhive.com

Suggestion: Consider donations of your labelled jars of honey to benefit the Honey Queen Program. The honey is sold to help pay expenses incurred during the year they travel and teach.