

Texas Beekeepers Association 2015 Annual Convention Program October 29th - 31st

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29TH, 2015

- 8:00 am - 5:00 pm **Texas Master Beekeeping Program** - Mark Dykes
- 9:15 am - 5:00 pm **Building a Sustainable Apiary** - Greg Hannaford, Ozark Bees
- 10:00 am **Executive Committee Meeting** - Blake Shook, TBA President
- 2:00 pm **2013 Convention Registration Opens** - Shirley Doggett, Membership Coordinator
- 7:00 pm **Bee Buzz Social and Honey Queen Reception** - Rachael Seida, Texas Honey Queen Chair

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30TH, 2015

MORNING

- 8:00 am **Opening Ceremonies**
Invocation -
Welcome to Belton - Blake Shook
- 8:30 am **The Diverse Landscapes of Texas** - Clint Walker, Walker Honey Farm
- 8:45 am **Dying Bees: Harbingers of the End of Time or Opportunity Buzzing** -
Jim Frazier, Professor Emeritus, Penn. State University
- 9:45 am **Break**
- 10:15 am **Tech Transfer Teams, How They Can Help You** - Megan Mahoney, Bee Informed Partnership
- 10:45 am **Texas A&M Honey Bee Lab Update**
The Effects of Miticides on Queens - Liz Walsh
An Analysis of Pollen Collected by Honey Bees in Developed Areas
- Pierre Lau
The Effects of Select Pesticides on Drones and Workers
- Adrian Fisher
- 12:00 noon **Queen's Luncheon or Lunch on Your Own**

AFTERNOON

- 1:15 pm **Better Beekeeping: Becoming an Intuitive Beekeeper** - Greg Hannaford, Ozark Bees
- 2:15 pm **The Toxic House Bees Live In and What We Can Do** - Maryanne Frazier, Penn. State University
- 3:00 pm **Break**
- 3:15 pm **Honey Queen Report** - Rachael Seida, Tabitha Mansker
- 3:45 pm **Bee Law Review** - Mark Dykes, Chief Apiary Inspector
- 4:15 pm **Open Discussion on Future Changes to Bee Laws** - Blake Shook, TBA President and Chris Moore, TBA Vice President
- 5:00 pm **Dinner on your own**

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EVENING

7:00 pm **Queen's Auction**
Queen's Quiz Bowl - Rachael Seida, Honey Queen Committee Chair
Light Refreshments will be served

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31ST, 2015

MORNING

8:00 am **Introduction** - Blake Shook, TBA President and Chris Moore, TBA Vice
President
8:15 am **Effective Varroa Treatments** - Clint Walker, Walker Honey Farm and Phil
Craft
9:15 am **Creative Ways to Market Honey** - Blake Shook, TBA President
10:00 am **Break**
10:15 am **Overwintering Management** - Lance Wilson
11:00 am **Grafting and Raising Queens** - Maryanne Frazier
12:00 noon **Lunch on Your Own**

AFTERNOON

1:00 pm **From the Extractor to the Shelf - Processing Honey** - Clint Walker
2:00 pm **The A Bee C's of Beekeepers as Educators: Foraging, Pollinating,
Harvesting** - Jim Frazier
3:00 pm **Break**
3:15 pm **You Can Now Sell Honey Legally, New Exemption Explained-** Leesa
Hyder
3:45 pm - 5:00 pm **Texas Beekeepers Association Business Meeting** - Blake Shook, TBA
President

EVENING

6:30 pm **Reception and Awards Banquet**
Dr. John G. Thomas Meritorious Service Award
President's Award
Jim Petty Memorial Award - Texas Beekeeper of the Year
2016 Honey Queen Coronation
Queen's Auction

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST, 2015

8:00 am **Executive Committee Meeting** - 2014 TBA President