



VIRGINIA STATE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION
SPRING MEETING, MAY 31 & JUNE 1, 2019
**FREDERICKSBURG HOSPITALITY HOUSE HOTEL &
CONFERENCE CENTER**
2801 Plank Road, Fredericksburg, VA 22401

General Information

Mark your calendars for an enjoyable spring weekend in historic Fredericksburg, Virginia. This year's Spring meeting is being hosted by the Rappahannock Beekeepers Association (RBA). The meeting will be held at the Fredericksburg Hospitality House and Conference Center.

The following speakers and presentations are scheduled:

Kim Flottum has been in charge of Bee Culture magazine for over 30 years and has kept bees even longer. After receiving a degree in horticulture from UW Madison, Kim Flottum worked four years in the USDA Honey Bee Research Lab, studying pollination ecology. He has authored and edited many books on bees, honey, and beekeeping. His latest book is titled "In Business with Bees". Kim's presentations will include: "Make Your Bees Pay Their Way"; "Being in the Beekeeping Business"; and "150 Years of Craftsmanship"(Celebrating 150 years of A. I. Root, Americas first family of beekeeping)

Dr. Jennifer Tsuruda, University of Tennessee, was the apiculture specialist at Clemson University, a postdoc at Purdue University, and a graduate student at UC Davis. Jennifer is past President of the American Association of Professional Apiculturists, past Vice-Chair of the HAS, and past Chair of the Entomological Society of Americas Student Transition and Early Professionals Committee. Dr. Tsurudas presentations will include: "Creating a Pollinator Paradise"; "Breeding Bees for Behavioral Resistance to Mites" and "Insect Photography".

Peter Borst has worked in the beekeeping industry since his first job working as beekeepers helper in Wolcott NY, in 1974. Peter has published over 40 articles on topics as diverse as beekeeping techniques, the composition and value of pollen for bees, and the history of bee breeding. Peter's two presentations, "Keeping the Hive Alive: Sustainable Beekeeping" and "A Perfect Swarm" address common beekeeper concerns Peter gleaned from his years of running a beekeeping supply store in the San Diego area where he interacted with beekeepers with all levels of expertise.

Jody Conway started her business in 2016 as a small farmers market gift shop with hopes of one day expanding. She began by making soaps and other products using the products from the hive: honey, wax, propolis, and pollen. Today her business features beekeeping equipment, seminars, workshops, and an educational apiary in addition to her soaps, lotion bars, balms, salves, household cleaners, and candles. Jody will present, "Products from the Hive - Hand Crafting Salves".

If you have young beekeepers, bring them as well. The RBA is planning some fun for the young future beekeepers. For the better halves that are not into the beekeeping, there will be information on places to visit in Fredericksburg.

Agenda (subject to change)

Friday

12:00 – 1:00	Registration
1:00 – 1:15	Opening Remarks
1:15 – 2:15	Jennifer Tsuruda - . Creating a Pollinator Paradise
2: 15 – 3:15	Kim Flottum – 150 Years of Craftmanship (Celebrating 150 years of A. I. Root, America’s first family of beekeeping)
3:15 – 3:45	Break
3:45 – 4:45	Peter Borst – Keeping the Hive Alive: Sustainable Beekeeping
4:45 – 6:45	Dinner with MBP certifications
7:00– 7:15	Door Prizes
7:15 – 8:00	Jennifer Tsuruda – Insect Photography
8:00 – 8:45	Kim Flottum – Being in the Beekeeping Business
8:45	Adjourn

Saturday

8:00 – 8:45	Registration
8:45 – 9:00	Opening Remarks
9:00 – 10:00	Kim Flottum - Make Your Bees Pay Their Way
10:00 – 11:00	Jennifer Tsuruda - Breeding Bees For Behavioral Resistance To Mites
11:00 – 11:30	Break
11:30 - 11:45	Door Prize Drawings
11:45 – 12:15	Business Meeting
12:15 – 1:45	Lunch
1:45 – 2:15	Door Prize Drawing
2:15 – 3:15	Peter Borst – A Perfect Swarm
3:15 – 3:30	Nivin Elgohary – State Executive Director, USDA/Farm Svcs. Agency
3:30 – 4:00	State Apiarist Report
4:00 – 5:00	Jody Conway – Products of the Hive
5:00	Adjourn

Registration Information

A registration form is attached for your convenience. We have set up online registration for VSBA members and expired/non-members at <https://bpt.me/4208280> using a credit card.

Prices are the same as for mail-in-registrations, with a discount for current members. Online registration is open through May 11, 2019 with a discount for early registration until April 27, 2019.

On Friday, May 31, Walk In Registration via cash, check or charge will open at noon with the meeting beginning at 1:00 p.m. Walk In Registration will re-open on Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. and the meeting will resume at 8:45 a.m. Presentations and vendors are scheduled until 8:45 PM on Friday and 4:45 PM on Saturday.

Vendors Attending Event

Books & More, Frank & Linda Wyatt, (336) 616-7044 - Bee related books, jewelry, T-shirts and more

Burnley Farm Apiary, (540) 947-8127 – bee products

Dadant, (800) 220-8325 - offering 10% off on all catalog items for the show. Cut-off date for orders is Thursday, May 30th at 5pm. Pre-orders can be called in to 1-800-220-8325 or emailed to dadantva@dadant.com with the subject heading “Pre-order for VA Show”

G & S Apiary, Jane Schweiger, (757) 357-7393– products include soaps, candles, lotions, salves and tinctures; early order are accepted.

The Hive Butler, (317) 896-0456- A Food-grade container for secure honey frame transport and storage. Pre-orders will be taken through website: www.thehivebutler.com by May 24th.

Scottsville Supply Company, LLC, ((434) 286-2145 – Bee supplies(hive components, feeders, supplements, treatments, etc.) Orders will be taken over the phone or online (choose “local pickup” as your shipping option and enter “VSBA” in order notes during checkout). Website: www.scottsvillesupplyco.com. Orders must be placed by noon on May 29th.

Sugar Bottom Farm, (304) 545-4608 – Woodenware, jackets, gloves, bee feeds, hive kits, & other bee related items.

Unison Pottery Tile Works, Joan Gardiner (540) 539-0562 handmade pottery with honey bee/beekeeper designs including mugs, cannisters, votives magnets, honey pots & more.

USDA/Farm Service Agency – ELAP program

Hotel Information

VSBA has contracted a group rate at the Fredericksburg Hospitality House Hotel & Conference Center for May 30, 31 & June 1. You must mention VSBA to get the rate of \$95 per night single or double occupancy. This rate includes up to two Breakfast Tickets per room per night. Contact the hotel directly at (540) 786-8321. The cut-off date for reservations at this price is May 10, 2019.

Check the VSBA website for any additional information.