In August over 700 beekeepers and a million honey bees swarmed happily around the University of Vermont in Burlington. Commentator, beekeeper, and President of EAS 2012, Bill Mares was there.

They came from 25+ states and two Canadian provinces. Over 700 beekeepers flooded the University of Vermont campus to learn, practice and share information. For the first time in 32 years, the Eastern Apicultural Society was holding its annual conference in Vermont.

When EAS last came to Vermont, beekeeping was a lot simpler. There was really only one disease to worry about. Honey production was the core topic. Today, globalization has brought a host of pests, parasites and pathogens. And the big money in beekeeping is in pollination for hire.

Most of these beekeepers were serious amateurs, but there was a sprinkling of professionals and part-timers, known in the industry as sideliners. Common to all was a dedication to these fascinating and productive creatures who live on the cusp between the domestic and the wild.

The conference theme was “Bees and Beyond” with lectures and workshops on how bees fit in with other areas of agriculture. One group toured the Intervale with its manifold and lush agricultural enterprises. Others attended workshops on honey and chocolate, and honey and cheese, the latter led by a world expert on honey tasting from Northern Ireland.

Congratulations to EAS 2012 President Bill Mares for being selected as the Divelbiss Award recipient. Here with Ann Harman who presented Bill with the award. This was given to Bill for all of his years of teaching the non-beekeeping public about honey bees. Bill is first and always a teacher. Thank you Bill for all that you do.

To the EAS Membership,

It should come as no surprise when I say that after ten years as your treasurer I have some sadness and some joy as I turn my duties over to the new treasurer. The sadness comes from knowing that I won’t have same degree of contact with the membership as I have had in the past. The joy comes from knowing that I don’t have a host of tasks to perform which any organization’s treasurer will tell you is a pain in the xxx.

I can’t help but think I was very fortunate to have been the treasurer these last ten years. Fortunate because I was part of some significant changes in how the Society functions. I had a part in the rewrite of the constitution and by-laws; I had a part in reorganizing the Society’s financial records which gives the Board of Director’s a clearer picture of its financial health; I had a part in implementing credit card usage, and along with that, web-based online conference registration. It has truly been an exciting time for the Society and has placed the Society in a very good position for the 21st century.

It is now time for me to step aside and let Greg Fariss assume the role of treasurer and advance the goals and objectives of the Society. I trust you will be as supportive to him as you were to me.

Don’t forget the Honey Bee Research Fund. Throw ten bucks in with your dues renewal, for me, after all its only three gallons of gas.

John Tulloch
EAS Life Member

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Fall 2012
Potherings From The Chairman …

Hats off to Bill Mares and the Vermont team for providing such a wonderful experience this summer for the beekeeping community. EAS 2012 brought 753 beekeepers and vendors together for a most educational and upbeat event.

And, a special thanks to Dewey Caron and Mike Palmer for planning an extensive and thorough Short Course and Conference. The Short Course this year had three levels: green circle, blue square, and black diamond, similar to the levels of difficulty on the ski slopes of the Vermont mountains. EAS Master Beekeepers Erin MacGregor-Forbes, Barry Thompson, and Jon Zawislak received great reviews for teaching an extremely large beginner (green circle) class.

The Honey Show also reached a new summit. Mike Palmer energized the competition, soliciting donations and providing winners with trophies.

This year we had more candidates for the Master Beekeeper Certification than I can remember – 13 new candidates and seven retakes. Congratulations to the nine that passed and a thank you to the many Master Beekeepers who volunteered and helped Diana Sammataro make the examination run so smoothly.

Once again, the Bee Olympics provided a fun-filled late afternoon with events to test very practical beekeeping tasks.

- Smoker Contest – just keep it lit.
- Pollen Relay – each team had foragers and house bees to gather pollen (beads on a spoon).
- Obstacle Course – teams navigated around the obstacle course while carrying a hive of marbles.
- Bottling Honey – filling honey jars from a bottling bucket (of water) 3’ away.

Some took the trip to Intervale – 350 acres of community food systems, celebrating food and farmers. Many of us dined at Shelburne Farms – a 1400-acre working farm and National Historic Landmark, on the shores of Lake Champlain. The city of Burlington is a clean city, very conscious of environmental issues – the city was installing rain gardens in the planting island between the streets and the sidewalk – and a fantastic city to visit, even if you happened to miss our EAS conference there this summer.

And we must thank the vendors, who rounded out the 2012 EAS experience.

The Pennsylvania Team has quite a challenge ahead to provide an even better experience in the Philadelphia area next summer. Save these dates, August 5-9, 2013. Plan to be at West Chester University, in West Chester, Pennsylvania for a most excellent short course and conference.

Maryann Frazier already has a slate of speaker candidates for the conference, and is contacting them even as you are reading this article. Some names on the short list of speakers are Mark Winston, Tom Seeley, Deb Delaney, Christina Crozinger, Dennis vanEngelsdorp, Dennis Keeney, Warren Miller, Mike Palmer, and Peter Neumann, from Switzerland. And these are only a few of those that Maryann has contacted or have contacted her.

The Short Course will offer many educational paths, such as Core and Advanced topics, Natural Beekeeping, Biology and Bee Behavior, Queen Rearing, Sideliners, Train the Trainer, and demonstrations and hands-on topics in the apiary. Wyatt Mangum, who runs 100 top-bar hives for research, will share his experiences and expertise with us – so look for top-bar hives in the apiary.

Speaking of the apiary, you will find Don Hopkins and Jennifer Keller, our friends from North Carolina, as well as David Papke and Lee Mauger from Pennsylvania among the bees, demonstrating and critiquing how to work the bees.

And of course, our meals will be filled with Philadelphia cheese steaks, creamed cheese, pretzels, and Tastykakes.

Now, I have personally been requesting scrapple with apple butter.

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and fried Lebanon bologna for breakfast, birch beer, rivel soup, salad with hot bacon dressing, pot pie (the kind with the 4x4" square egg noodles), chow chow and piccalilli, Dutch goose (roasted pig stomach), and pork and sauerkraut for lunch and dinner. For dessert, I asked for shoo-fly pie, apple dumplings, fastnachts, and funny cake. Oh, I doubt that I will convince anyone planning the food at the short course and conference for these comfort foods, but . . .

You can plan to stay another day (Saturday) to attend the Pennsylvania State Beekeepers Picnic. There will have a potluck lunch, where you can eat yourself full and they just might have many of these Pennsylvania Dutch delicacies that I eat now still when the family gets together. The picnic will be held at one of the impressive gardens that we have in the area. We have a few locations lined up, but you will need to wait until my next missive to find out the exact one that the team has chosen.

Now, while you are writing down the dates, August 5-9 (& 10 for the PSBA picnic), do not forget the fantastic gardens, museums, and historical sites in the area. The Liberty Bell and Independence Hall are only 25 miles away. While you are there, you can walk to:
• Betsy Ross house (made first flag)
• Elfreht’s Alley (oldest residential street in America)
• Franklin Court (where Ben’s house once stood)
• American Philosophical Society Museum (founded in 1743 by Ben, it contains one of the largest collections of L.L. Langstroth writings and memorabilia)
• Carpenter’s Hall (where the First Continental Congress met)
• Graffe House or Declaration House (where Thomas wrote the Declaration of Independence)

While you are in Philadelphia, you might as well visit the museum of one of my favorite authors, Edgar Allen Poe – whose six years in Philadelphia were his happiest and most productive. There he published The Tell-Tale Heart and 31 other stories.

Speaking of museums, the Barnes Foundation has just opened on Philadelphia’s Museum Row. Dr. Barnes had attained the largest private collection of impressionist paintings in the world. He had so many that he used Renoirs, Monets, and Picassos as pieces to put together large wall murals, where each individual piece is priceless. You can walk from there next door to the Rodin Museum, then the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the Franklin Institute, and the Academy of Natural Resources, where I have an observation hive that has been running continuously for the past ten years.

Outside of Philadelphia, the Valley Forge National Park (where the Continental Army overwintered) is 17 miles away from West Chester. And Longwood Gardens, one of the finest gardens in the world, is only 8 miles away. (The Philadelphia area has well over 60 gardens where you can find any style you desire.)

Well, I hope that I have convinced you to mark the dates August 5-9 (and 10) on your calendar. Look for more information in your next journal or online at www.easternapiculture.org. Although we will have dormitory housing available, look for hotel and camping information to be posted soon, so you can make reservations now.

Even though we gave up years ago on license plate slogan, “You’ve got a friend in Pennsylvania”, as a beekeeper, you have well over three thousand friends in Pennsylvania already.

So, you write down those dates now, wunst, yet, still.

Vermont … Cont. From Page 1

Organizers put up 20 beehives on the green between Bailey Howe Library and the Fleming Museum. Lent by Champlain Valley Apisaries in Middlebury, the bees were used in workshops throughout the week.

The keynote speaker was Vermont writer Rowan Jacobsen, author of a best selling book about the bee crisis. His catchy title was “IT’S TERROIR, NOT TERROR.” And then he explained the vital link in food between place and taste. With missionary zeal he urged the attendees to make “honey the next wine.”

MacArthur genius grant winner Dr. Marla Spivak talked about her research with building resistance to the ubiquitous and predacious Varroa mite. The president of the largest national professional beekeeping organization, George Hansen, who has 5,000 hives in Oregon spoke about the life of big time migratory beekeeping, which is largely dependent upon pollination.

At a Bee Olympics, the events included keeping a smoker lit for longest time and an obstacle course where teams carried hives full of marbles in a race against the clock.

Spear-headed by Mike Palmer of St. Albans, there was an elaborate honey contest with awards for different styles of honey, like extracted and creamed, for mead, for arts and crafts and for the most interesting gadget.

Lectures were great, but it was in the talks at breaks, over bee hives, at dinner, or at the vendors’ area, where you really learn. I’ve been to eleven of these conferences and that’s the best part – rubbing elbows with world class experts, and other amateurs from other states and climes. As one regular attendee said, “A day at EAS is worth a year of experimentation on your own.”

However, there is one occupational hazard at an apicultural conference. Beekeepers speak their minds. “And so, one is reminded that… The old joke about lawyers applies to beekeeping. Six beekeepers will have seven opinions.

Bill Mares, EAS 2012 President

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Greetings from Chester County, Pennsylvania!

Plan to schedule a visit to West Chester University August 5 – 9, 2013. The town of West Chester is a small college town with an active business district, located 25 miles from Philadelphia International Airport.

In addition to the Short Course and Conference, the area provides a wealth of activities. From historic Philadelphia to scenic rolling hills of Chester County, visits to nearby wineries and museums, Valley Forge Park, Longwood Gardens, or a jaunt to Amish towns in Lancaster County, there is something for everyone. Plan to arrive the weekend prior or stay the weekend following, we are working activities for those dates as well.

Maryann Frazer is the Program Director for the Conference with the theme “Honey Bee Connectivity.” Our local team members hail from all the nearby counties and we are working to provide a great package for you at EAS 2013.

Reflections From The Vermont Team

SCOTT WILSON: One was encouraged by the theme “Bees and Beyond” and thought that any free time aside from working the event should be used to explore the “beyond” aspect of the conference.

I thoroughly enjoyed the workshops of Michael Young on Cooking With Honey and, Cheese and Honey. My wife Valarie and I will be working on developing honey and food pairings to offer to our market customers. This to help stimulate the thought of honey beyond tea or coffee. See http://networkedblogs.com/Blgks.

I also attended the photography workshops given by Simon Croson. Towards the end of the conference I came upon him at the bees and spent time with him taking photographs of small hive beetle larvae. I was able to spend time with him garnering his wisdom and advice with techniques to improve my photos.

PAT COGAN: My experience at this years EAS was really fantastic; the number of speakers, timing was good, although I couldn’t get to everyone I wanted to see or hear ie: the movies started a bit late I think my favorite speaker was the bloke from England (Wed night). He put a great spin on some of the great characters he’s come across in his travels. I heard many great comments on how & what we’re doing here in Vermont (raising hardy Vt stock queens). I was pleasantly not surprised at the number of those whom attended our EAS conference & state. What a great group of people WE beekeepers & those that support us are. This is just my second conference and I may be a little bias, but I think, if PA can do half as good as we did, theirs will be great too.

However, I think the vendors missed out on an abundance of business, by not being at the conference during the first two days. (I think they were set up Monday through Wed last year in)

GREG SMELA: I suppose the highlight of EAS 2012 (for me) was talking a bit with Tom Seeley and hearing [most] of his presentation. (I wonder if any of the VT volunteers heard an entire presentation!)

He told us to “slow down” and those two words couldn’t have had a greater impact than if they had come from a rant by Howard Beale. I used to fly and one of the cardinal rules of piloting is that no matter what happens you must “fly the plane.” To me, being told to slow down while keeping bees reminded me of that flight instruction I took long ago and the need to concentrate on the task at hand so that it doesn’t get out-of-hand.

One of the reasons I decided to keep bees was to get a bit closer to the outdoors after spending so much time cloistered in the artificial environment of an office. And as I get older it would seem I would find more time to relax, keep bees, learn new things, and slow down but it hasn’t worked that way. Instead time seems shorter and sometimes an event like EAS comes along at just the right time to jog the senses.

So, even though it was interesting to meet all the people in attendance (and all of them were interesting as well as friendly) and even though I would have liked to sit through a number of the sessions with conflicting times I am happy that I re-learned the need to “slow down”. Those two words were worth the price of admission.

MIKE PALMER: Well, that was something, an EAS conference to remember, and one for the record books. For me, the whole week went by so fast it was a bit like dust in the wind. Here one minute and gone the next.

Walking back to the parking garage Friday evening after the banquet, I felt a huge letdown: decelerating from overdrive to idle. The singing crickets, and that VT sky with all her stars, cleared my mind and made me think. What had I just witnessed? Something truly magical happens to me at these gatherings. My batteries get so charged up my hair should stand on end and my eyes glow in the dark. Trying to remember all that had happened during the week, so many friends old and new, so many conversations in the hall: Something made me laugh out loud. I had an elevator moment riding up to the fourth floor of the Davis Center, on my way to lunch. A gentleman shared the elevator ride. He noticed I was from the 70s when they served together in the military, but lost contact over the years. Something made me laugh out loud. I had an elevator moment riding up to the fourth floor of the Davis Center, on my way to lunch. A gentleman shared the elevator ride. He noticed I was from St. Albans, and asked if I knew a Willard Mahoney. They were old friends back in the 70s when they served together in the military, but lost contact over the years. I didn’t, and told him so. But, wait a minute. I have one of them smart phones. Not that I know how to use it, but it does have a White Pages app on it. How hard can that be? I enter the name, and up pops a Willard Mahoney in Enosburg Falls, not 20 miles from home. I dialed, Willard answers, and I hand the phone off to my elevator com-

Congratulations!

The winners of the first annual Vendor Bingo Event at EAS 2012 are Ted and Roxane Papagianopoulos. They won family registration to EAS 2013 in PA.
“Catch up to me later with the phone,” and I go off to lunch.

Among all the great memories from our Eastern Api-cultural Society conference, it’s the small ones that will last longest for me.

**STEVE PARISE:** This was my first opportunity to attend an EAS Conference. I was impressed to see the great attendance and to have a chance to meet and talk with beekeepers. The small groups I had the chance to interact the most with were those taking part in the beeyard workshops. I enjoyed all of the conversations, observations and the great questions that were generated as we looked at colonies and talked bees, the universal language of the conference.

**John Bisson:** As a ‘NewBee’ I was very impressed with the organization, content and presentation at the conference. Most memorably, I was able to sit with Tom Seeley at the low key author meet and greet and get some great insights.

I would encourage plenty of courses etc. for the beginners as they are the backbone of the future. Hands on instructional sessions were particularly useful.

I would like to single out John Z for exemplary work and fine presentation materials. For me, personally, I was able to establish significant contacts and was particularly interested in the higher tech motoring systems.

I would be very interested in seeing:

1. Stats of the age and geographic distributions (at the final session)
2. A listing (at the time of the conference) of participants by geographic origin to see whether friends and acquaintances might be in attendance.
3. Online availability of lecture outlines and references.

**Patricia Ferreira:** There we were, members of the Vermont Beekeepers Association, surrounding Bill Mares at our table the night of the auction. We knew Bill wanted the photograph by Paul Yanus of his apiary in Underhill, signed by all the EAS presenters. So we started bidding for it. It would be our present to him, something to give him that would also pay him tribute and show our love and affection. Bill had his back to us and started bidding too. Every time we bid, he’d up the anti. We tried to tell him that he was bidding against himself, but he either couldn’t or wouldn’t hear. Diana, earlier in the conference, had to buy new batteries for his hearing aid, but sometimes Bill doesn’t even wear it. Eventually we gave up, leaving Bill delighted to win the photograph. I’m still not sure though, he understands how he won it.

**Bill Marcinkowski:** EAS 2012 was a first for me and though I have nothing to compare it with it seemed to be very well attended. I noticed standing room only in most of the lectures. It was a fun event with lots of interesting people. I find that beekeepers are quirky, personable types and always have an interesting story to tell. I met beekeepers from New Zealand and Bermuda as well as Great Britain. My only regret is that I didn’t stay on campus to allow more time to meet other interesting beekeepers. I plan on taking the whole family to EAS 2013 in PA as a family vacation.

There were many great speakers and presenters but a few of the workshops that really stood out for me are Landi Simone and her workshop on value added products. I haven’t ventured into soaps and hand crams, but it sounds like a fun thing to do even if I just make them for friends and family and not for retail. Recipes and demonstrations showing how she does things were invaluable. Simon Croson’s bee photography talk was wonderful and his pictures are extraordinary.
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Hello everyone! I hope this finds all of you well and happy and enjoying this wonderful time of the year!

First of all I'd like to apologize for being a little slow with this issue. Kim and I have suffered from bad backs for quite some time and those backs sort of jumped up and got us this past summer. You probably noticed both of us limping a bit at EAS. Well Kim is now recovering from back surgery and I’m in the process of receiving injections for my back, so it slowed me down a bit.

A great time was had by all in VT. A huge thank you to Bill Mares and his amazing team of over 70 volunteers. It was my extreme pleasure to work with Bill and all of his folks. And the university staff was also very pleasant and helpful to all of us. Over 700 - can you believe it! That’s the biggest attendance we’ve had in years. It was wonderful.

I only have room for a few photos this time, but in the winter journal I’ll show you a lot more of what went on and the people that were there in Vermont. Just in case you missed it.

One happening of the week in Vermont is that we said good-by to our Treasurer, John Tulloch. John has been our money guide for 10 years and he has done a wonderful job. I’ll miss John a lot and hope that he comes back to EAS just to have fun and attend the sessions which he never got much time to do. I consider John a friend for life. I pushed his buttons a lot when it came to budgets and handling money. I’m not nearly as structured as John would have liked me to be, but he’d still give me a hug when I saw him and call me “Kiddo”, when we talked on the phone.

Now our new treasurer, Greg Fariss, takes over and I want to thank Greg for taking on this task and I will try and not make his life too difficult. Greg’s wife Susan is our secretary, and after just one year seems to have a pretty good handle on things. They’re a good team and work well together. These were good choices for our future.

Speaking of the future. In a couple of years it will be time to select a new Chairman. That Chairman will then appoint a new Vice Chairman. Jim and I have enjoyed being your leaders, but it will be time for new blood. So if you’d like to be considered for either of these roles please let one of us know and we can fill you in on the details.

Happy Holidays! See you in PA.

Kathy Summers, Editor & Vice Chair
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The 2012 EAS competitive show is in the books. After years of half-hearted attempts, I’m here to report the show is back. And what a show it was. None of us really knew how much interest there was in a show, and if many exhibitors would enter their wares. To say I was pleased with the results is an understatement. The room given to us by the University was overflowing with honey, beeswax, mead, and all the other entries in the nine shows comprising thirty nine classes. So many photographs were entered in the show that the bulk of the entries were displayed in the hall of first floor Davis Center.

In total, 72 exhibitors entered 260 items in the show. They came from 17 states and two countries. Represented were:

- New York: 8
- Massachusetts: 5
- Vermont: 8
- Maine: 17
- Georgia: 3
- Pennsylvania: 3
- Virginia: 4
- Connecticut: 2
- New Hampshire: 4
- Maryland: 4
- New Jersey: 1
- Ohio: 1
- Alabama: 1
- West Virginia: 1
- Florida: 1
- North Carolina: 1
- Delaware: 1
- Ontario: 2
- New Zealand: 4

Plans are already underway for the 2013 show at West Chester, Pennsylvania. Do plan on exhibiting if you plan on attending. Now that the interest has been peaked among our members, I expect the show to grow in size and excitement over the next number of years. I would like to see the Eastern Apicultural Competitive show become the premier honey show in North America.

Before announcing the winning entries, I have to give a huge thank you to all those who helped make this show a success. Michael Young from Northern Ireland was always ready with encouragement, and helpful advice.

And, without Anne Frey, researching the rules, making the display shelving, and keeping me on track, the show would not have gone on.

I tried to find judges who were experts in their field. All stepped up eagerly and made the show a pleasure for me. Thank you so much.

Judges:
- Honey Show: Tony Jadczak, Bob Wellemeyer, Steve Parise
- Mead/Honey Beer: Michael Young
- Arts and Crafts: Ann Harmon
- Gadgets: Shane Gerbauer, Dr. Larry Connor
- Beeswax: Mike Bayko, Martin Marklin
- Honey Cookery: Jeff Hamelman, Patty Ferria
- Photography: Simon Croson, Claire Waring
- Black Jar-Best Tasting Honey: Honey Judges

Winning entries in each show were awarded silver plates. An additional plate was awarded to the exhibitor who received the most ribbon points. A beautiful silver bowl in the Revere tradition was awarded for Best of Show.

Photos by Ray Hicks.
The Charles Mraz Award for extracted honey: **Virginia Webb**, Clarkesville, GA

The Walter T Kelley Award for Comb Honey: **Karen Thurlow-Kimbball**, Yarmouth, ME

The Allagash Brewery Award for mead/honey beer: **Brian Pride**, Lebanon, ME

The *Bee Culture* Magazine Award for beeswax: **Joe Kovaleski**, Steubenville, OH

The King Arthur Flour Award for honey cookery: **Sara Rath**, West Pawlet, VT

The Maine State Beekeepers Award for arts and crafts: **Wendy Booth**, Nottingham, NH

The Brashy Mountain Award for gadgets: **Dave Meldrum**, Andover, MA

The American Bee Journal Award for photography: **Grai St. Clair Rice**, New York, NY

The Southern Adirondack Beekeepers Award for best tasting honey: **Michael Willard**, Fairfax, VT

Ribbons were awarded to the first six places in each class. Not all the classes in the honey cookery show had entries: Hint, Hint! In many cases, ribbon winning entries were separated by only a point or two. As an example, class H-11, one frame of comb honey, the top three entries were separated by only four points: A very close competition indeed. As there were 39 classes, with six ribbons being awarded for each class, only the blue ribbon winners will be posted here.

**Extracted Honey**

Class H-1, white: Dorinda Priebe, Raymond, NH
Class H-2, light: Michael Willard, Fairfax, VT
Class H-3, light amber: David G Smith, Church Hill, MD
Class H-4, amber: Virginia Webb, Clarkesville, GA
Class H-5, dark: Charles Mraz Award, Virginia Webb, Clarkesville GA
Class H-6, section comb: Virginia Webb, Clarkesville GA
Class H-7, cut comb: Bryan Shanks, Uxbridge, ON
Class H-8, circular sections: Walter T Kelley Award, Karen Thurlow-Kimbball, Yarmouth, ME
Class H-9, creamed honey: John McCaig, Dalkeith, ON
Class H-10, chunk honey: Virginia Webb, Clarkesville, GA
Class H-11, frame comb honey: John McCaig, Dalkeith, ON
Class H-12, best tasting honey: Michael Willard, Fairfax, VT

**Mead/Honey Beer**

Class M-1, dry: Sam Comfort, Pompano Beach, FL
Class M-2, sweet: Bob Talkiewicz, Windsor, NY
Class M-3, Allagash Brewery Award: Brian Pride, Lebanon, ME
Class M-4, mead: sparkling w/wo fruit juice: Bob Talkiewicz, Windsor, ME
Class HB1, honey beer: Tim Fry, Arlington, VA
Class HB2, braggot: no entry

**Beeswax**

Class B-1, single piece: Virginia Webb, Clarkesville, GA
Class B-2, dipped tapers: Dan Phillips, Kensington, NH
Class B-3, molded tapers: *Bee Culture* Magazine Award, Joe Kovaleski, Steubenville, OH
Class B-4, novelty candles: Joe Kovaleski, Steubenville, GA

**Honey Cookery**

Class C-1, cookies: no ribbons awarded
Class C-2, bars or brownies: Michael Willard, Fairfax, VT
Class C-3, cake, frosted/unfrosted: no ribbons awarded
Class C-4, yeast bread: no ribbons awarded
Class C-5, yeast bread fancy: no ribbons awarded
Class C-6, yeast rolls: no ribbons awarded
Class C-7, quick bread: no ribbons awarded
Class C-8, muffins: no ribbons awarded
Class C-9, candy: King Arthur Flour Award, Sara Rath, West Pawlet, VT

**Arts and Crafts**

Class A-1, gift arrangement: Carol and Steven MacLaury, Weston, VT
Blue Ribbon Recipes:

**Honey Almond Granola Bars**
- 1 cup old fashioned oats
- 1/3 cup dried apricots, chopped
- ¼ cup slivered almonds
- 1/3 cup golden raisins
- ¼ cup sunflower seeds
- ¼ cup almond butter
- 1 tbl flax seeds
- 1/3 cup honey
- 1 tbl sesame seeds
- 3 tbl brown sugar
- 1 cup puffed cereal
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1/3 cup dried cherries
- 1/8 tsp salt

Preheat oven to 350°F. Spread on a 9”x13” baking pan oats, almonds, sunflower seeds, flax seeds, and sesame seeds. Bake until oats are lightly toasted, about 10 minutes. Stir after five minutes.

In a large bowl, mix cereal, cherries, apricots, apricots, raisins. Add oat mixture and stir well.

Combine almond butter, honey, sugar, vanilla extract, and salt in a small saucepan. Heat over medium-low heat, stirring frequently, until the mixture bubbles lightly (two to five minutes).

Immediately pour almond butter mixture over dry ingredients and mix with a spoon until there are no dry spots. Transfer to an 8x8 baking pan coated with cooking spray. Press mixture down to make an even layer. Refrigerate until firm. Cut into squares.

**Baklava**
- 3 cups finely chopped walnuts
- 2 tsp ground cinnamon
- ½ tsp ground nutmeg
- Ground cloves
- 1 to 1 ½ cups clarified butter* divided
- ½ cup honey
- 1 package (16oz) filo pastry sheets

Honey Syrup
- 1 cup honey
- ¾ cup water
- ½ tsp grated lemon peel
- 3 whole cloves
- 1 cinnamon stick, 3 inches long
- 1-1/2 tsp lemon juice

Combine walnuts and spices in medium bowl. Reserve ½ cup clarified butter for brushing top and bottom layers; stir honey into remaining one cup butter. Brush bottom of 13x9x2 inch baking pan with clarified butter. Cut filo sheets in half crosswise; trim to 13x9 inch rectangles. Cover filo with waxed paper and damp towel to keep from drying out. Line pan with 10 sheets of filo, brushing each with clarified butter; stir honey into remaining one cup butter. Brush bottom of 13x9x2 inch baking pan with clarified butter. Cut filo sheets in half crosswise; trim to 13x9 inch rectangles. Cover filo with waxed paper and damp towel to keep from drying out. Line pan with 10 sheets of filo, brushing each with clarified butter; stir honey into remaining one cup butter. Brush bottom of 13x9x2 inch baking pan with clarified butter. Cut filo sheets in half crosswise; trim to 13x9 inch rectangles. Cover filo with waxed paper and damp towel to keep from drying out. Line pan with 10 sheets of filo, brushing each with clarified butter; stir honey into remaining one cup butter. Brush bottom of 13x9x2 inch baking pan with clarified butter. Cut filo sheets in half crosswise; trim to 13x9 inch rectangles. Cover filo with waxed paper and damp towel to keep from drying out. Line pan with 10 sheets of filo, brushing each with clarified butter; stir honey into remaining one cup butter. Brush bottom of 13x9x2 inch baking pan with clarified butter. Cut filo sheets in half crosswise; trim to 13x9 inch rectangles. Cover filo with waxed paper and damp towel to keep from drying out. Line pan with 10 sheets of filo, brushing each with clarified butter; stir honey into remaining one cup butter. Brush bottom of 13x9x2 inch baking pan with clarified butter. Cut filo sheets in half crosswise; trim to 13x9 inch rectangles. Cover filo with waxed paper and damp towel to keep from drying out. Line pan with 10 sheets of filo, brushing each with clarified butter; stir honey into remaining one cup butter. Brush bottom of 13x9x2 inch baking pan with clarified butter. Cut filo sheets in half crosswise; trim to 13x9 inch rectangles. Cover filo with waxed paper and damp towel to keep from drying out. Line pan with 10 sheets of filo, brushing each with clarified butter; stir honey into remaining one cup butter. Brush bottom of 13x9x2 inch baking pan with clarified butter. Cut filo sheets in half crosswise; trim to 13x9 inch rectangles. Cover filo with waxed paper and damp towel to keep from drying out. Line pan with 10 sheets of filo, brushing each with clarified butter; 

**Gadgets**

Class G-1, large devices, Billy Davis, Round Hill, VA
Class G-2, small devices, David Meldrum, Andover, MA

**Photography**

Class P-1, close-up print, Tonya Watson, Raymond, ME
Class P-2, scenic print, Fiona O’Brien, Te Awamutu, NZ
Class P-3, portrait, American Bee Journal Award, Grai St. Clair Rice, New York, NY
Class P-4, essay in prints, Anita Deeley, Beverly, MA

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At EAS 2012 we had nine people successfully complete the Master Beekeeper Exam.

Congratulations to Peter Richardson, Virginia Stephens Webb, Phil Gaven, Michael Chick, Eric Smith, Mark Cooper, Larry Peiffer, Jacky Hildreth, Mary Duane.

MASTER BEEKEEPERS

John Hildreth, Mark Cooper, Virginia Webb, Larry Peiffer, MB Director Brenda Kiessling and MB Coordinator Diana Sammataro. (Ray Hicks photo)

BEE With Us In Hershey!

Plans are underway for the 2013 North American Beekeeping Conference & Tradeshow, January 8-12, in Hershey, PA. The annual meeting of the American Beekeeping Federation will host more than 600 beekeepers from all over North America and beyond. In addition, the 2013 conference will be very special because the ABF will celebrate its 70th anniversary.

The conference promises to offer something for everyone, including multiple opportunities for learning, networking and socializing. From the new small-scale beekeeper to the seasoned professional, conference organizers have planned a schedule to incorporate educational sessions at all levels. The tradeshow will feature the must-have tools of the trade, the latest and greatest deals and new product ideas.

The conference will be held at the Hershey Lodge®. The ABF has negotiated a discounted group rate for all conference attendees of $119/night single/double occupancy plus tax. The ABF is excited to be in Hershey, home to the best-selling chocolate in the world. Hershey is an unforgettable town where the scent of chocolate will follow you wherever you go!

The conference begins on Tuesday evening with a complimentary Welcome and Honey Queen Reception for all attendees. Wednesday morning kicks off with the Opening General Session followed by Shared Interest Group meetings. The 2013 American Honey Show will take place Wednesday. The tradeshow opens Wednesday afternoon and remain open during conference hours.

Back again this year is the American Bee Research Conference, which starts Thursday morning, Thursday and Friday are dedicated to general sessions, as well as the Serious Side-liner Symposium, which will focus on “How I Do It.” Workshops will be Saturday morning, and ABF will host its annual banquet Saturday evening, as well as the coronation of the 2013 American Honey Queen and Princess. The week culminates Sunday in an informative field trip to the commercial beekeeping operations of Brushy Mountain Bee Farm and Hackenberg Apiaries.

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For additional information and to register for the conference, please visit www.nabeekeepingconference.com
EAS BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING
October 20, 2012
Elluminate Live Online Meeting

Call to order: Chairman Jim Bobb called the Autumn Board of Directors Meeting of the Eastern Apicultural Society of North America to order at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 20, 2012.

Roll Call: Jim Bobb, Chairman; Kathy Summers, Vice Chairman; Gregory Farris, Treasurer; Linda Betlejeski, President; Tammy Horn, Vice President; Kim Flottum, Chairman Emeritus; David Mendes, FL; Jennifer Berry, GA; Carol Cottrill, ME; Janet Bardzik, MD; Mary Duane, MA; Jeff Burd, NJ; Joe Kovaleski, OH; Julie White, ON; James Blasko, PA; Billy Davis, VA; Brenda Kiessling, MBK; Dave Meldrum, webmaster; David Tarpy, Education Committee; Susan Fariss, Secretary.

Guests Attending: Bob Talkiewicz

Absent: Bill Mares, President Emeritus; Bill Miller, AL; John Baker, CT; Paul Dill, DE; David Burns, IL; Art Potter, MS; Wendy Booth, NH; Will Hicks, NC; Everett Zurllend, RI; Steve Genta, SC; Mike Palmer, VT; Charles Walter, WV.

Secretary’s Report: The minutes of the August EAS BoD meeting were distributed by email to all Board members. Carol Cottrill made a motion to accept the secretary’s report as distributed. Tammy Horn seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved as distributed.

Randy Fair was presented as the nominee from the state of Louisiana, an email having been received by the secretary of EAS from Louisiana Beekeepers Association. Jeff Burd seconded. Randy was accepted as the Louisiana Director by a vote of 12 yeas, 0 nays and 7 abstaining.

Treasurer’s Report: The balance sheet and profit and loss statements were distributed by email previously. David Tarpy moved to accept the treasurer’s report, pending audit. This was seconded by Joe Kovaleski. The vote to accept passed with 6 ayes, 0 nays and 7 abstaining.

The 2013 overhead budget was distributed by email. The chairman would like to increase line item 6600, board of directors meeting expenses from $500 to $1000 to offset some of the housing costs for those who travel to West Chester, PA in the spring and Kentucky in the fall.

EAS is expected to have deficit of $11,450 This is the amount that the conference will have to profit next year.

The conference budget is not available yet. Both budgets will be presented at the next board meeting to be voted on at that time.

Past President’s Report EAS 2012:
Bill Mares was not present. The chairman reported that EAS 2012 was a very successful conference. There were 750+ in attendance and the conference profited $70,000.

President’s Report EAS 2013 Pennsylvania: Linda Betlejeski reported that the theme of the conference is Honeybee Connectivity. Maryann Frazier is arranging speakers. The plan is to connect beekeeping with agriculture, particularly sustainable agriculture, native pollinators and native plants. All of the facets of the conference are a short walking distance from each other on the campus, including dorms. A good price has been obtained for housing and meals. Tours and activities are being planned, such as a picnic, hive crawl and mead tasting. Jim Bobb is working with Maryann on the short course.

Vice President’s Report EAS 2014 Kentucky: Tammy Horn reported that the theme will be Bee Boots on the Ground, highlighting 100+ years of extension. The conference will be held at East Kentucky University. Dr. Nicola Bradbear has tentatively agreed to serve as keynote speaker. With Dr. Bradbear being director of Bees for Rural Development and the troops being scheduled to come home from Afghanistan in 2014, it seems appropriate. Some of the beekeepers from KY National Guard Agricultural Development will be speaking. The site selection team is scheduled to visit EKU on November 12, 2012.

Future Sites: EAS possible future sites include Ontario and Virginia. Julie White reported that this was brought up at Ontario’s beekeepers meeting and the response was very positive. There was not a quorum, so Ontario is not able to make a bid at this time, but she feels certain that a bid will be made for EAS 2015. Billy Davis had not yet joined the meeting to give a report on Virginia.

Committees:
Membership: A chair is needed for this committee. This committee is responsible for retaining and growing the membership.

Awards: Jim Bobb reported that letters requesting nominations for the Hambleton, Morse and Student Awards will go out in early January. There were no nominations for the student award last year. Everyone was encouraged contact land grant and other colleges and to make people aware of this award. Susan Fariss reported that in early January, a call for nominations will also go out for the Divelbiss award.

Foundation for Honeybee Research: David Tarpy moved that, Whereas providing grants for research are one of the three stated goals in the EAS Constitution and Whereas EAS has $5,000 available in the Honey Bee Research Fund, Therefore be it resolved that, EAS offer one $5,000 grant for 2013, with an application deadline of April 1, 2013, and funds becoming available May 1, 2013. This motion was seconded by Jeff Burd and passed by a vote of 14 ayes, 0 nays and 5 abstentions.

Resolutions: A resolutions committee is needed.

Historian: Jim Bobb reported that Kim Flottum will be doing the Historian report at EAS 2013.

Nominations: There is one pending nomination, but the state beekeepers association will not meet until November, at which time the nomination is expected.

Life Members: The chairman reported that Wendy Booth, chair of the Life Members Committee, has been mailing certificates and pins to new Life Members from the past two years who have not been able to make it to the Friday night banquets. She will also place a notice in the EAS Journal asking Life Members who have not received their pins and certificates to contact her.

Webpage: Dave Meldrum reported that he plans to upgrade the website either this fall or next, since this is the quiet season. The website may go dark for a
day while this is being done. Dave Meldrum and the Vermont web team were commended for streamlining the content of the conference website and for the video that was placed on the website promoting EAS 2012. Dave spoke of plans to do the same for 2013. In order to use paypal on the website to facilitate donations to EAS the treasurer must register EAS as a non-profit with paypal.

Education Committee: Bill Mares was not present. Dave Meldrum and Dave Tarpy reported that they continue to work on ideas that could lead to presentations on how to teach, mentor and form a bee school. They are looking for topics, speakers and also feedback from the board.

Master Beekeeper Certification Committee: Carol Cottrill reported that the committee worked very hard and got a lot of beekeepers through the testing process at EAS 2012. She thanked everyone involved in the process.

Master Beekeeper Advisor Search Committee: Diana Sammataro will probably not return next year. Carol Cottrill will chair a committee to find her replacement. The committee is being formed. Erin Forbes has agreed to join the committee. Other committee members will not be named until they have been asked and have agreed to serve. Carol asks that all board members help by suggesting possible advisors.

Active Master Beekeepers: Brenda Kiessling reported that there are nine new EAS Master Beekeepers as a result of the testing in VT.

Policy and Procedure Committee: A policy and procedure manual was developed by the chairman and by Janet Bardzik. It is unchanged from the policy and procedures that were emailed to all board members September 9 and October 1. Kim Flottum moved to accept the policy and procedure manual today, with three exceptions, as outlined by the chairman:

1. Update the Master Beekeeper Certification Committee section as distributed to the board.
2. Approve one of the proposed civility clause to include in the manual.
3. Include the Directors section as distributed to the board.

Kathy Summers seconded the motion for the first exception. The motion passed with 16 yeas, 0 nays and 4 abstentions. Dave Meldrum made a motion on the second of the exceptions, to accept the shorter of the two clauses. Jeff Burd seconded the motion. Janet Bardzik made motion to amend the previous motion by striking the last sentence of the short version prior to accepting it as our civility clause. Brenda Kiessling seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 10 yeas, 4 nays, with 6 abstaining. On the issue of including the amended civility clause, the vote carried by 17 yeas, 1 nay, with 2 abstaining. On the issue of the third exception, Janet Bardzik moved to include the directors section. Jeff Burd seconded the motion. On the issue of the third exception, the chairman moved to change the first sentence to say, ‘Before being nominated to the role of director, each individual should provide a signed letter from the president of the state beekeeping organization from which he comes, authorizing him as that state’s Director Representative.’ Dave Tarpy seconded this motion. After discussion, the chairman withdrew his motion to change the first sentence and moved to strike the entire first paragraph under the heading, ‘Duties and Authority.’ Dave Meldrum seconded this motion. Regarding the third exception, the issue of striking the first paragraph under the heading, ‘Duties and Authority,’ the motion passed with a vote of 13 yeas, 0 nays, with 7 abstaining. Julie White stated that she is uncomfortable with the section regarding directors and moves to table this section for further review. Carol Cottrill seconded this motion. With a vote of 16 yeas, 0 nays and 4 abstaining, the vote passes. The chairman asked for volunteers to form a committee to review the Directors section. Those volunteers are Julie White, Tammy Horn and Billy Davis. Janet Bardzik made a motion to remove any ‘wordage,’ or references to the policies and procedures being revisions of previous policies and procedures. Janet states she will also draft a statement saying that these supersede any previous policies or procedures. Billy seconded the motion. The chairman would like to amend the motion so that page four of the document records the first approval date (today). During discussion, Brenda Kiessling and Billy Davis each stated that they had not received a copy of the P&P manual. After further discussion, it was decided that the secretary will mail both Brenda and Billy a hard copy of the manual. A motion was made to table the P&P manual and meet again in a month to address the P&P. With no second, this motion is lost. The chairman withdrew the motion to make changes to page four to reflect the date of approval of the P&P. The motion to remove wordage or references to revisions passes by a vote of 15 yeas, 2 nays and 3 abstentions. Janet Bardzik made a motion to change the P&P manual to require the chairman to publish the agenda at least two weeks in advance. With no second, this motion is lost. Kim Flottum made the motion to halt discussion on the P&P manual since it is a working document, and give it to the directors to vote on its acceptance. Kathy Summers seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 14 yeas, 1 nay and 4 abstentions.

Continuing Business:
Young Beekeeper’s Award: Brenda Kiessling reported that $65 was collected at the master beekeepers’ vendor table at the EAS RI. She agreed to discuss with the treasurer what to do with the funds collected.

New Business:
David Mendes made a motion that EAS take the first step toward possibly making a bid to bring Apimondia to the US in 2019 by joining Apimondia. Jeff Burd seconded the motion. There was discussion as to whether ABF was considering hosting Apimondia and whether or not Apimondia could be jointly hosted. ABF is collecting information and considering hosting it. The motion to join Apimondia passed by a vote of 15 yeas, 0 nays and 5 abstentions.

Next Board of Director’s Meeting:
The chairman offered the date January 13 for the next meeting in West Chester, PA. Dave Meldrum moved to accept this meeting date. Susan Fariss seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 12 yeas, 3 nays and 5 abstentions.

Adjournment: Carol Cottrill moved to close the meeting. Billy Davis seconded. 16 voted in favor. There were 0 nays, with 3 abstaining. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m..

Respectfully submitted by
Susan H. Fariss EAS Secretary
Have you become a life member in the past few years but never received your certificate or pin? Please email or call Wendy Booth at wendy_booth@comcast.net or 603-679-1971 to let her know.

Wendy is the new Life Member Chair and has taken over the duties of sending out Life Member information and is planning a Life Members luncheon for EAS 2013 in PA.

We value our life members and hope that you will consider becoming one as well.

Wendy Booth
NH Director

Did you bring some of your honey this year for the EAS annual Honey Exchange? I didn’t have mine bottled yet so didn’t get to bring any, but once in a blue moon being a gopher for the folks running the meeting had a distinct advantage. The turnout for the Exchange this year was tremendous, and there were maybe hundreds of jars in the mix. On Friday, everybody that brought honey, came and took some one else’s honey home – bring three, take three is the rule. Unfortunately, some folks who brought some didn’t take some and as usual, there were a few jars left – a gift to the gopher. I picked up a jar donated by J & J Honey, from Jax, NC. It was a beautiful extra light amber, and I took it home. Let me tell you – I think it is almost pure sourwood. It sure tastes like it. It’s one of the best honeys there is, and I got it for free. This year, get your own sourwood honey – bring three and take three, at the EAS Annual Honey Exchange.

Kim Flottum
Chairman Emeritus & Historian

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News • Events • Gossip From The EAS Beeyard

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**West Virginia Beekeepers All Conference**

will be held September 21-22, 2013 at Jackson’s Mill 4-H Center, Weston. Main presenter Jamie Ellis.

For information contact Susan Perkins, 304.368.0813 or wvba.susanp@yahoo.com.

**Alabama – The 18th Annual Auburn Univ. Beekeeping Symposium** is February 2, 2013 at the Lowder business Building.

Program includes information for beekeepers of all experience. Vendors will be on site. Lunch is provided. Weather permitting outside demos will be held.

Visit [www.onetewbee.com](http://www.onetewbee.com) or Tewbee2@gmail.com.

**Connecticut – The Back Yard Beekeepers Association** will host Michael Palmer January 29 on Sustainable Beekeeping.

Meetings at 7:30 p.m. in the Norfield Congregational Church in the Community Room on Norfield Rd in Weston. At 6:30 there is a NewBees meeting for beginners.

For information [www.backyardbeekeepers.com](http://www.backyardbeekeepers.com).

**Massachusetts – The Worcester County Beekeepers Association** will hold its 71st Annual School beginning March 7 for eight consecutive Thursdays from 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. at the UMass Medical School in Worcester.

The school is for beginner or experienced, $30/single or family. Topics include hands-on and outdoor workshops, getting started, hive management and safety equipment.


**The American Beekeeping Federation** will hold the 2013 North American Beekeeping conference and Tradeshow, January 8-12 at the Hershey lodge in Hershey.

For registration and additional information visit [www.nabeekeepingconference.com](http://www.nabeekeepingconference.com).

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