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In the past couple of months there have been some major changes in the Executive Team of EAS. Kathy Summers, Vice Chairman and Susan Fariss, Secretary have both resigned.

Kent Williams has been nominated to complete the Vice Chairman term which will expire at the end of the conference in 2015. This has to be voted on by the Board of Directors to complete the process. We thank Kent for being willing to step in. At the time of this writing a new secretary has not been chosen or nominated.

The Executive Board consists of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, Past Chairman, Past President, Current President and Vice President.

As your new president, I am excited to be coordinating next year’s EAS conference at Eastern Kentucky University. Much of my life was shaped by this university and this region. My parents met while playing tennis on the EKU courts. My father, after graduating, served in the Marine Corps, then Peace Corps, retired from Job Corps. Just 15 miles south, I followed in my beekeeper-grandmother’s footsteps by attending Berea College and returned to teach there for several years before creating Coal Country Beeworks at EKU in 2007. The more I plan for this conference, the more I realize how much both EKU and Berea College can continue to add to the beekeeping communities.

Because several of you approached me after the “Invitation to KY” presentation at EAS, I will follow the tradition of Apimondia International Congress and arrange a “pre-tour” of Eastern Kentucky mine sites. I had not intended to do a pre-tour, so I’ll need some more time to arrange the details. Participants who are interested will need to be prepared to meet me at a pre-arranged location. This pre-tour will include a visit to one of my beeyards on a surface mine site and a tour of an underground coal mine in Harlan County. For those who would like more details about the underground tour, see http://www.portal31.org/. The “mine tours” will be Saturday, July 26, 2014. More details will be forthcoming.

The other pre-tour will include Western KY. Walter T. Kelley’s located in Clarkson, KY, is open July 26, 2014, from 7:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Central Standard Time. This day can also include a lunch at the Whistle Stop Café in Sonora, KY, and a visit to the Green Palace Meadery run by John and Debbie Pace in Glasgow, KY. More details on that forthcoming too.

Reg and John Campbell, who attended EAS for the first time in West Chester, frequently told people to, “Come Early, Stay Late.” This is good advice for those wanting to experience more of KY’s natural beauty than what can be
I would like to say thanks to all of the volunteers, speakers, EAS Master Beekeepers, EAS directors, EAS officers, vendors, bee wranglers, judges, donors, families, and friends who made EAS West Chester such a fantastic success – nearly 800 registered for EAS 2013. The convention was a financial success (the budget break-even point was 375 attendees). Educationally, the Short Course offered 86 sessions; the Conference offered 104 talks and workshops. And, everyone was greeted with Pennsylvania hospitality – local foods, honey beer, and entertainment.

If you were not able to attend, or only attended a few days, here is what you missed.

**EAS Pennsylvania**

First, I would like to thank Linda Betlejesky, EAS President, for organizing and leading all of the evening and volunteer activities during EAS week. Linda started off Monday night with an option of movies or a night in West Chester at Iron Hill Brewery and Restaurant – a percentage of each meal Monday night was donated back to EAS. Tuesday night was Bee Olympics and then Pennsylvania State Beekeepers’ Association (PSBA) special honey ice cream social. Wednesday was honey beer, Philly cheese steak, and local music at a nearby picnic park – some are still raving about the honey beer (made from Chester County honey) and the special mead that Paul Niemczura shared. Jeff Bryer organized a catered Thursday night meal with tasty hors d’oeuvres and birch beer (a favorite of mine); Jarl Mork filled the room with donated items for the auction.

Of course, no bee event is complete without bees. A special thanks to Lee Mauger and Paul Niemczura for setting up and securing the bees for the Apiary. This year there were several top bar hives, Warré hives, and a swarm for hiving.

Second, we must thank Penelope Malish and Ed Pieters for the beautiful, color program booklet. Ed sold 23 ads, which more than paid for 800 copies of the program booklet and left over $1000 which could be used for breaks. The booklet was 52 pages and included detailed descriptions of each session offered, a request that had been made every year since I have been Chairman. Penelope, a professional graphic designer, donated her time and expertise to produce the booklet.

As for the educational component of EAS 2013, Maryann Frazier planned the conference program. She was able to piggy-back the West Chester event with the International Conference on Pollinator Biology, Health, and Policy, held the following week at Penn State University; she was able to share the costs for international speakers. Don Coats planned a week-long microscope experience. New this year, Vince Aloyo and Mark Antunes provided a written and field test for those attending the Short Course – over 60 beekeepers took the exam. EAS is extremely grateful to PSBA for their donation of $10,000 to provide top-level speakers for the week.

Also new this year, Bill Mares, David Tarpy, Carol Cottril, and Dewey Caron led a one-day Train-the-Trainer session. Originally intended for 25, there was such demand for this session, that the course was opened to 75. Feedback for this course was extremely positive – everyone recommended that the session be repeated again at future conferences.

Back after a year hiatus, Thursday was filled with apitherapy classes and workshops. The event was so popular that the event had to be moved from a 80-seat classroom to a much larger auditorium.

No one provided more of an impact on EAS than Suzanne Matlock, Presi-
Chairman ... Cont. From Page 2

I had the vision to tie all of EAS 2013 together with common graphics – the registration forms, program booklet, campus signs, name tags, and web site all used the same graphics. Suzanne was also responsible for marketing EAS and providing articles for newsletters and press releases.

I hope that you did not miss the Honey Show this year. Brian Marcy provided the most beautiful honey show layout that I have ever seen. It took a team of six to carry the truck/train into the Student Union Building. The honey was all backlit. The entire room glowed.

The break and lunch food had a special Pennsylvania twist this year. Tastykakes, Philly soft pretzels, honey granola, sticky buns, honey ice cream, and birch beer were offered for breaks. Grace Crawford worked with the caterers to provide honey in meals and breaks.

For those who missed the observation hive with bees walking up the stairs to an abandoned warehouse, the artwork will be on display at the Tyler Art Gallery at Temple University now through March, 2014.

Sharon McDonald led the team at the registration desk this year. She assembled envelopes for nearly 700 registrants so that those who preregistered could easily pick up their packets, programs, and bag of goodies – then quickly head off to class. During the week, there were just over 100 walk-ins, which Greg Fariss, EAS Treasurer, and David Meldrum, EAS Webmaster, handled. This was the first year that walk-ins could register online, on computers around the corner from the registration desk.

Also new this year EAS offered a Life Membership banquet, complimentary photos with friends (and Langstroth), Gamber Container-sponsored free lunch, and student pricing.

No EAS can be complete without the EAS Master Beekeepers – they are an integral and important part of our conference. The EAS Master Beekeepers had a record number of exams this year, and successfully administered and graded the exams on schedule. The effort is tremendous and I am impressed with the professionalism and organization that is required to complete so many individual oral exams. The entire Master Beekeeper group should be thanked for their accomplishments this year.

An equally important part of any EAS Conference, are the vendors. Bob Talkiewicz, EAS New York Director, coordinated the vendors at EAS 2013. Thanks, Bob, for a job well done.

EAS Kentucky

No sooner was EAS West Chester over, than Tammy Horn jumped into EAS 2014 planning. She had several volunteers at EAS 2013 and Tammy reported that the volunteers were so excited that they couldn’t stop talking about what they planned to do next year.

EAS Ontario

Doug McRory and EAS Ontario are also moving forward. The Ontario Tech-Transfer team will be running the Short Course at EAS 2015. More on EAS Kentucky and EAS Ontario in upcoming EAS Journals.

EAS Vice Chairman

Our EAS Vice Chairman, Kathy Summers, resigned on August 16. Kathy has been a valuable member of our team for six years and has served EAS for well over 14 years. Tammy has asked Kathy to help her with EAS Kentucky – so when you see Kathy at EAS Kentucky, please thank her for her many years of service. Kent Williams, EAS Director from Kentucky, has been appointed EAS Vice Chairman, until the EAS Board can vote on a Vice Chairman. Kent was the President last time the convention was in Kentucky, at EAS 2008, and is already an advisor for Tammy for EAS 2014.

EAS Chairman

There are less two years left in my service as your chairman. Nominations for the next EAS Chairman will be accepted at the EAS 2014 Summer Board of Directors’ meeting. The nominee must have previously served on the Board of Directors, as either an officer or director. If you have any nominees, please let me know.

Future Conferences

We are seeking host sites for future EAS conferences. Now is a great time to talk with your state organization to generate interest. If you would like to consider a bid, please let me know and I would be happy to answer questions or help you generate interest. EAS has already accepted the following sites:

- EAS 2014: Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, Kentucky
- EAS 2015: University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario

See you next summer in Kentucky!

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The Natural Bridge State Park is a wonderland of arches, hiking trails, rock-climbing, kayaking, and now zipline canopy tours (see http://www.redrivergorgezipline.com/). The park sits among Red River Gorge, and rock climbers from around the world come to Red River Gorge to train and stay in shape through the winter. A word of caution: easy climbs can go to dangerous climbs in two hand-holds, much like life. The kayaking trails tend to be class 2-3, but we have had a lot of rain this year, so the difficulty may reflect weather. During droughts, I have “walked” the Red River so check the water levels. The Gorge has been my back yard – and my salvation – in many ways.

Now back to bees and the theme of this year’s conference. The Smith-Lever Act was passed in 1914, and so EAS 2014 will celebrate 100 years of federalized extension programs. (For an excellent overview, see M.E.A. McNeil’s article “Happy Birthday To The USDA, And The Land-Grant Colleges,” in Bee Culture 2012). Kent Williams and Phil Craft, two old hands at EAS conferences, are in charge of the Short Course. And the social event for Monday evening will be a Quilting Bee, although in what form remains to be worked out. The Social event for Tuesday evening will be an Authors’ Event with Lexington mystery writer, Abigail Keam, reading from Death by Honeybee.

Wednesday’s plenary speakers will be Dr. Nicola Bradbear, founder of Bees for Rural Development, and Lt. Colonel Benny Richardson, team leader of KY National Guard Ag Team, who oversaw the beekeeping aspect in Afghanistan.

Thursday’s Off-Campus Tours on July 31, 2014, are coming together nicely. Here they are in short order:


b. Frankfort, KY – Capitol Gardens, Dadant’s Bee Supply, Serafina’s for lunch, Ashford Stud Farm, Rebecca Ruth candies. [self-guided, and lunch reservations at Serafina’s need to be made in advance]

c. Shakertown at Pleasant Valley, KY – lunch and tour of beehives. Da-
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Greetings from Northeast Ohio. I hope this finds all of you happy and well.

This issue of the journal is filled with mostly pictures and wrap up from EAS 2013 in West Chester. Hope you were there.

All in all it was a good conference. I believe the final number was well over 700. Linda Betlejeski and her team did an excellent job. I hope Linda and many of her folks make it to Kentucky next year and just relax and enjoy the conference.

There is also a word here from Tammy Horn, who is our EAS President for 2014 to be held at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond. It is a beautiful campus. I've visited there and met many of Tammy's key people. It should be a great meeting. The new Science Building where a large portion of the conference will be held, is absolutely wonderful, with lots of parking very close by and the beeyard just outside the building. Thank you Tammy for taking on this huge task.

I have also visited the University of Guelph, the site for EAS 2015. Also a beautiful campus with all that we need to hold a great Short Course and Conference. Keep in mind that there will be a few complications because you will be travelling outside the United States. First of all, you absolutely have to have a passport. So if you don't have one start the process now so you'll be ready. There are also some limitations as to what and how much you can take back and forth. I'll be checking into all of this and giving you more information in the next journal. But please don't wait for me. Start planning and checking now.

EAS lost a good friend this year, Don Chirnside passed away this past July. Don was the EAS Treasurer for about 15 years. Kim and I had the pleasure of spending most of day with Don and his wife Joan, two years ago when we had EAS in RI. EAS honored Don that year during our opening ceremony.

We also lost another one dear to EAS. Paul Desilets passed away in August after a battle with cancer. Paul and Claire were at EAS every year for many years. Dan Conlon has written a personal note about Paul in this journal. We will miss them both.

I hope that many of you got to meet Peggy Garnes while you were in West Chester. Peggy is our new Director from Ohio. She is the President of our Medina County Beekeepers Association and has been a beekeeper for about 15 years. Peggy is now working with us at Bee Culture Magazine selling advertising. Please welcome her when you get a chance. She will be a definite asset to the Board.

No EAS Conference would be complete without our vendors. This is often the most popular spot of the week. I just want to thank all of them. There was a bit of shuffling around and confusion with some, but everyone handled it gracefully and had a great time. This year I spent more time in the vendor area than I have in many years and it was a real treat. I think you get to see every single attendee when you hang out there. It was great to talk with each of you and see all of the new things that show up each year. We had all of our regulars – you know who you are. And we really couldn't make it without you, so a huge thank you. And we also had several vendors that were new to EAS. They had a great time, I hope they did well and will come back next year. Thank you for all you do for EAS.

On a more personal note it is with much sadness that I tell you I have resigned as Vice Chairman. This was a very hard decision for me, but one that I felt had to be made. Please know that it was made after much thought, prayer and consideration. An abrupt philosophical change has occurred. One which I do not agree with. Life is always changing and although that is not a bad thing sometimes it creates vast differences in how people see things. So I apologize to you for not completing my second term as Vice Chairman.

I have been deeply committed to EAS for many years, even before becoming Vice Chairman. It has been a huge part of my life, you all have been a huge part of life and who I am. I will still be around, just not in the leadership role that you are accustomed to. I hope to continue being editor of journal for a while.

A special thank you to Ray Hicks. Most of the photos in this journal, unless otherwise noted were taken by him. Each year about a week after the conference ends I can count on receiving two, sometimes three CDs filled with photos.

Life is good here in Ohio as we head toward Winter. Our bees are doing well. We had more honey this year than we have ever had. The chickens are doing well. They are so much fun.

I wish you all the best for the upcoming holidays. Enjoy family and friends. See you soon!

Kathy Summers
EAS 2013, West Chester University, West Chester, PA

There has not been a Historian’s report since Richard Chapin retired toward the end of 2011 and was not replaced until after the 2011 meeting. This report encompasses a summary of EAS Conferences and work from late 2010 to the present.

Highlights From 2010-2013

2010

One $5000 HBR Award offered, $42,000 in Research fund.

The Board declined to financially assist Bob Brachmann after losing his breeding apiary used by EAS at the summer meeting in a flood.

EAS 2010 had the Wednesday afternoon workshop sessions at Brushy Mountain followed by a catered BBQ. SC Registration $100, Conference Registration $125. 530 attended, 241 in SC.

Obituary for David Dodge, long time Ontario Director published.

Spring 2010 meeting cancelled due to snow, and held exclusively by web.


2010 Awards

Hambleton – Dr. David Tarpy, NCSU
Roger Morse/Weiss – Dennis vanEngelsdorp, PSU
Divelbiss – Ann Harman, VA
Student – none

Obituary of Alan Fiala, long time EAS member, conference attendee and Master Beekeepers published.

Current list of MB has 150 members.

Everett Zurlinden elected President for EAS 2011, Bill Mares Vice President for EAS 2012

Dave Tarpy received a $23,000 grant to help the EAS Conference, and NC Beekeepers donated $7000 to the Organization.

2011

EAS 2011 at, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Warwick, RI, July 25 - 29

EAS 2011 SC Level 1 – From Now to Next Year, and SC Level 2 – Growing Your Business.

Obituary for George Payne published.

Fall Board meeting: One $5000 Research award funded. David Meldrum assumed duties as web page administrator, replacing retiring long time admin Rick Hough.

2011 Award winners

Hambleton – Jay Evans, USDA
Roger Morse/Weiss – Maryann Fraizer, PSU
Student – Elina Lastro Nino, PSU
Divelbiss – Billy Davis, VA
Bill Turnbull, UK BBC TV Morning Show Host banquet speaker

Several authors present for discussion session and signing

Chairman’s Award, From Chairman Emeritus Kim Flottum to Don Chirnside, RI (retired Treasurer)

As an aside, Don passed in July, 2013

Appreciation Plaque to Loretta Suprenant, retiring Secretary.

Dick Chapin retires at this meeting, Historian for eight years, and Clarence Collison retires as Master Beekeepers Advisor.

Jim Bobb reelected as Chairman, Kathy Summers Vice Chairman, Susan Fariss, Secretary, Bill Mares, President, Vince Aloyo Vice President.

EAS 2013, West Chester University, West Chester, PA

2012

KY invitation accepted for EAS 2014, and EAS reincorporated itself in DE, moving from the District of Columbia.

Honey show rules modified for 2012, and extra energy put into the program, which has languished for several years, with Mike Palmer in charge.

Diana Sammataro takes over as Master Beekeeper Advisor.

One $500 Research award voted on

First report from West Chester site given

Obituary of Enoch Thompkins, past EAS President and VT President reported.

EAS Education committee formed in early 2012, Bill Mares, Chair


EAS 2012, Burlap Goodie bag, 500 made by Diane Meyer, Wednesday night gathering at Shelburne Farms, conference theme Bees and Beyond

2012 Award Winners

Hambleton – Lilia de Guzman
Morse/Weiss – Doug McRory
Research – Tom Seeley, Carter Loftus
Divelbiss – Bill Mares

2013

EAS 2013 Conference, August 5 – 9, 2013, West Chester University, West Chester, PA, with Linda Betlejeski, President. Plans include Life Member luncheon, Train the Trainer session, top bar session, off site evening socials, warre hive, and apitherapy session and microscopy session, PA State beekeepers summer picnic event on the Saturday after
Don Chirnside passed away July 7, 2013 in Kingstown, RI. He was 80 years old. Don was a U.S. Army Korean War Veteran. He was a graduate of Bryant College and a self-employed businessman for many years before retiring.

He leaves behind his wife, Joan and three sons, Jeffrey, Jay and Jon and their families.

Don Chirnside stepped up to the plate for EAS back in about 1986 when we really needed a friend. Because of an issue with audits and missed audits and misunderstandings, both the Chairman and the Secretary/Treasurer (it was one position then) unexpectedly resigned mid-term, leaving an unprepared Board to figure out what to do next. Cooler heads got together and at that Board meeting during that Conference in PA in 1985, picked the NC Director, Bob Cole, to fill out the remaining tour of the Chairman, asking him to heal the wounds, lead the Society, and to fix the problems. Little did they know the challenge of healing, leading and fixing, but Bob was the perfect choice and after a couple of years managed to do all three, with a professional touch that did EAS well.

Two of his fixing issues were to find people to fill the now two positions of Secretary and Treasurer. Loretta Surprenant from upstate NY raised her hand for the Secretary position, and Treasurer of the Rhode Island Beekeepers and longtime EAS member Don Chirnside said OK to managing our funds. Don was a businessman... he ran a landscaping company... so understood the requirements of running a business, and our growing EAS was, essentially, a business. And he stepped in when we needed those skills like never before, did the job that needed doing, and saved our collective butt.

Don knew budgets, planning, especially negotiating, the history of the Society, many of the members, how to deal with banks and investment organizations, understood contracts and spreadsheets and when to speak up, and when not to. He was I am sure for Dewey, and for the Society, a resource of profound value. I knew him all those years, and got to see a side of him that many others didn’t I think because we were on the Board for years together. He was the easiest going, smartest guy in the room. We were very lucky.

He remained in that position for Bob, then for the 10 years Dewey was Chair, but decided to retire a year after I became Chair. It was time, he said, to relax and tend to his other passion... his antique car group that almost every year met at the same time EAS did in the summer. As so often happens, the folks running the meeting that year were rookies to the Society with no history or appreciation of Don’s contributions, and ignored his announcement and retirement. As it turned out, Don stayed long enough to fix all the problems that were left after that particular Conference, saved us thousands of dollars, and with a friendly wave and his contagious smile, returned to Rhode Island – not to return until EAS returned to Rhode Island a couple of years ago.

While I was Chair I instituted an award recognizing EAS members who have served the Society long and well without recognition or fanfare because it is necessary for any Society to do so (an event unfortunately no longer practiced) and Don was to receive that award the year he retired. It didn’t happen that year, and because he was busy for several years after it didn’t get done – but it wasn’t forgotten. I was honored, and proud, to present him with The Chairman’s Award at the Rhode Island meeting – long overdue – but worth the wait.

After the Rhode Island meeting Kathy and I got to spend a day with Don and his wife Joan at their home.

Because he was a landscaper we toured his property and talked plants, looked at that antique car of his, toured local beaches, ate local food and had a fantastic day.

If you didn’t get the chance you would have liked Don. If you did I know he was your friend too.

Thanks Don.

Kim Flottum, Chairman Emeritus
A Wrap-Up Of EAS 2013 –

– Speakers
– Familiar Faces & New Faces
The very first EAS Honey Show was held right here in Pennsylvania at Penn State University in August 1957. Fifty-six years later, the EAS Honey Show was featured front and center at another great PA institution, West Chester University. An all-time EAS attendance record was broken in West Chester this year with nearly 800 documented attendees. Forty-seven (47) participants from 16 states and New Zealand (!) prepared and submitted a total of 118 unique entries for the honey show. The following list shows the number of exhibitors from each state (and NZ).

- New York 7
- California 1
- Massachusetts 4
- Illinois 1
- Vermont 2
- Maine 1
- Georgia 2
- Pennsylvania 9
- Virginia 1
- Connecticut 1
- New Hampshire 1
- Maryland 6
- New Jersey 5
- South Carolina 1
- North Carolina 1
- Delaware 1
- New Zealand 2

With thanks to West Chester University, we had ample space to spread our wings this year, which granted easy access to all of the incredible entries. I was disappointed that we could only show off our efforts during the scheduled 1½ days of the Honey Show, as known photographs only hint at the beautiful works that we were fortunate to stage and display in the Common Grounds room at the Sykes Student Union Building.

Special thanks are due to Dennis Keeney, Wayne Myers, Heidi Crager, Karen Roccasecca and everyone at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex whose most generous contributions of time, effort and staging/display units made this year’s EAS Honey Show a first class benchmark for all future shows. Back-lit ‘honey steps’ and display cases added interest and focus to filled honey jars, mead bottles and selected Best-of-Show awards. The Farm Show’s Farm Truck display was our show’s central ‘vehicle’ for showcasing the rest of the Best-of-Show awards — congratulations to all of our award winners and sincere thanks to all who submitted entries! If you are fortunate enough to return to Pennsylvania in January, make plans to visit the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg, home of the largest indoor agricultural show in America.

Heartfelt thanks are also due to the many Pennsylvania and EAS beekeepers who volunteered their time, talents and/or experience to support a honey show newbie like me and to help make our Honey Show such a great success. Thank you Alice Marcy, Mike Palmer, Harold Jenkins, Maryann Frazier, Jim Bobb, Bill Earl, Bob Talkiewicz, Peter Lane, Robin Kugler, Kathy Summers, and generous others to whom I apologize for not naming.

Tremendous appreciation and gratitude are acknowledged for each of our hard working judges. Their helpful and necessary advice, guidance and experience were the foundation of our show. Thanks to Gus Skamarycz for accepting a late minute invitation to judge and for the great stories on EAS history. Another special thank you goes out to Honey Show judge, Ann Harmon, who provided essential operational guidance to me and important advice and direction to one of our first-time Show judges. Another special thank you goes out to Florida Master Beekeeper and Welsh Honey Judge, Roy Smith, who provided invaluable help to me and to the honey judges during entry judging. Each of our judges are experts in the categories they judged and are identified below. Again, thanks to all!

Finally, a profound thank you goes out to each of our Honey Show sponsors. Each sponsor is named on the respective silver plate award noted in our list of Best-of-Show winners. Gamber Container, Inc is another important sponsor and supporter of the EAS Honey Show. Gamber Container, Inc. awarded $50 & $100 gift certificates to each Second and First Place winner, respectively, who used Gamber containers for their Honey Show entries. Please thank our Honey Show sponsors by generously supporting their business or organization whenever you can.
Plans are already underway for the 2014 show at Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, Kentucky. It’s not too early to start planning your own entries for EAS 2014. Enter a honey sample, at least, in the Black Jar (best tasting honey) category! Help to make the EAS 2014 Honey Show the biggest and best one yet - Good Luck!

Winning entries in each show category were awarded engraved Reed & Barton silver plates. An additional plate was awarded to the exhibitor who received the most ribbon points. A beautiful engraved silver bowl in the Revere tradition and premium ribbon were awarded for the overall Best-of-Show award. Our First Place and Best-of-Show winners and the respective category judges are listed below:

Dutch Gold Honey Award Best of Show, Extracted Honey – Michael Willard (Fairfax, VT)
Judges – Ann Harmon, Robert Wellmeyer, Bart Smith
Blues:
H1 (White) - Brian Vinstead
H2 (Light) - Michael Willard
H3 (Lt Amber) - Jim Gross
H4 (Amber) - Pat Bono
H5 (Dark) - John Baker
H9 (Creamed) - Mary Cahill-Roberts

Walter T. Kelley Company Award Best of Show Comb Honey – Bill Mondjack (Whitehall, PA)
Judge – Ann Harmon
Blues:
H7 (Cut Comb) – Bill Mondjack

Montgomery County Beekeepers Award Best of Show Black Jar Honey – Pat Bono (Rochester, NY)
Judge – Ann Harmon

Bee Culture Magazine Award Best of Show Beeswax – David G Smith (Church Hill, MD)
Judge – Gus Skamarycz
Blues:
B1 Single Piece (2 Lb) David G. Smith
B2 Candles (Dipped Taper) Paul Menard
B3 Candles (Molded Taper) Paul Menard
B4 Candles (Novelty) Mary Cahill-Roberts

Allagash Brewing Company, Inc. Award Best of Show Mead & Honey Beer – Steve Genta (Simpsonville, SC)

J udges – Carolyn Smagalski, Jay White, Dave Houseman
Blues:
M1 Mead (Dry) - Steve Genta
M2 Mead (Sweet) - None
M3 Mead (w/ Fruit Juice) - Steve Genta
M4 Mead (Sparkling) – Jack Grimshaw
HB1 Honey Beer - Maggie Mills

Maine State Beekeepers Association Award Best of Show Arts & Crafts – Petrusia Kotzar (Towaco, NJ)
Judge – Andrew Snyder
Blues:
A1 Gift Arrangement – Lucinda Van Vleck
A2 Sewing/Needlework – Lucinda Van Vleck
A3 Novelty Beeswax – Maggie Mills
A4 Misc Arts & Crafts – Petrusia Kotzar

American Bee Journal Award Best of Show Photography – Mike Standing (Holden, MA)
Judge – Susan Curtain
Blues:
P1 Close-up / Macro – Mike Standing
P2 Scenic – Fiona O’Brien
P3 Portrait – Edward Karle
P4 Essay - Fiona O’Brien

Brushy Mountain Bee Farm Award Best of Show Gadgets – The Italian Bee/John Landreneau (Morrisville, PA)
Judges – Shane Gebauer, Bob Wellmeyer
Blues:
G1 Large Device – None
G2 Small Device - The Italian Bee / John Landreneau

B etterbee Award Best of Show Honey Cookery – Lucinda Van Vleck (Kirkwood, NY)
Judges – Michael Coble, Stephen Quici
Blues:
C1 Cookies - Lucinda Van Vleck
C2 Bars or Brownies - Lucinda Van Vleck
C3 Cake - Lucinda Van Vleck
C6 Muffins - Lucinda Van Vleck

Eastern Apicultural Society Sweepstakes Award – Lucinda Van Vleck (Kirkwood, NY)
Silver Bowl Award (Best of Show)
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Paul R. Desilets
June 2, 1942 – August 2, 2013

Beekeeping lost one of our best on August 2, 2013 with the passing of Paul Desilets. With his loving family by his side, Paul lost his battle with cancer. He was 71. Paul was born on June 2, 1942 in Fall River, MA. He was the only child of Jeannette A. (Lamarre) Desilets and Adelard J. “Whitey” Desilets. Paul was a patriot and proud to have served in the Army during the Vietnam War, followed by 20 years in the MA Army National Guard. He always flew the flag to show his support to those serving and those who had served. He met and married Claire while attending the MA College of Pharmacy in Boston. They raised three children; Jean-Paul, Andrea, and Danielle. As a pharmacist for over 40 years, he worked on Cape Cod and the South Shore, most recently at Adams Pharmacy in Provincetown. Paul’s life was centered on his family with involvement in the Boy Scouts, the Sandwich High School marching band, and beekeeping. Paul also loved the time that he spent volunteering with the Senior Environmental Corps, especially when sampling water quality in the salt marshes of Sandwich. Paul also represented Amsoil products and owned Cape Synlubes.

A devoted family man, a proud veteran, a pharmacist, and small business owner only touch the surface of Paul’s many accomplishments and interests. To many of us he was a beekeeper, the bee man, a mentor, an educator and sometimes a political lobbyist. It is difficult to list all that Paul did for beekeeping. He was active in the Barnstable County Beekeepers Association and the MA Beekeepers Association, elected to nearly all the offices in each organization. He was a past representative for MA on the EAS board of directors and a life member. He participated in many state agricultural and environmental groups keeping honey bees and beekeeping a part of their agendas. He and Claire organized bee schools, mentored hundreds of new beekeepers, and hosted educational events to raise awareness and public support for bees and beekeeping.

The Cape Cod Times, in one of many interviews, wrote “Desilets and his wife, Claire, are considered the deans of Cape beekeeping, with nearly 30 years of experience”. If there were a college degree for beekeeping outreach, and education Paul had earned his PhD. He and Claire have been on countless radio and television programs, and the subject of numerous news articles. Always careful to state the facts and give informed opinions, never making the interview about them, but keeping the honey bee, and beekeepers as the focal point. This was a reflection of Paul’s true character. Being in the lime-light was never comfortable to him, but he was never able to sit out, or leave to others, work that needed to be done.

Paul was an accomplished beekeeper. Along with Claire they started Rocky Bottom Apiaries in 1985. Located in the East Sandwich area of Massachusetts they managed 50 colonies for honey, beeswax, and cranberry pollination. They produced cranberry bog honey, and Paul made pure beeswax candles – beeswax was a passion for him. Paul enjoyed the state honey show and would always enter his beeswax, candles and do so with a healthy competitive spirit. For many years three or four of us became rivals in the annual beeswax competition and I can hear Paul, with his I got you smile, warning me that he had the winner this time. And many times he did. In recent years Paul had not entered, but was training to become a future judge for our honey shows. This was again Paul’s character; he saw that we would be in need of qualified judges, and sacrificed his personal enjoyment of entering the competition, and hearing the speakers, to insure the show maintained high standards and recognized our best efforts as beekeepers.

Few of our state members know one of Paul’s most important and selfless acts to the MA Beekeepers Association and its legacy to our current success. Paul inherited the office of President during a time when many others had walked away from MBA. He had been serving as the Vice President when the President and others resigned. He stepped up as President. These were difficult years as Paul kept the association going – almost single-handed. He planned the meetings, invited the speakers, found the money to pay our bills, and he reached out to new members. This was an extraordinary accomplishment and I have never heard Paul mention or take credit for (my words) saving our association. Again Paul was being Paul. Quietly confident, not arrogant, with a strong internal sense of service and doing what was right.

Paul’s tenacious and contagious spirit would eventually convince me to accept the MBA President’s office. I did so under one condition that Paul stay on to support me, and as I have learned guide me away from trouble. Paul kept his promise and continued to be the backbone of our association as a trusted advisor, great detail person, and always filling in what had been forgotten by me, or our board of directors. In simple terms he answered the phone and always responded to emails. He once told me after I had asked when my term was up; “Well first you find a replacement, then we decide if they can handle the job”. Paul stayed on as corresponding secretary after I found the acceptable replacement, and he would still be supporting our new President today as was his habit. MA Beekeepers recognized Paul’s contributions in 2013 by presenting him “The MBA President’s Award”.

The inscription read: “In recognition of 20 years of continued service and leadership to county, state, and national beekeeping associations. Your effort and high standards have contributed to all aspects of the beekeeping community, earning the respect and appreciation of our members.” MA Beekeepers’ Association

My relationship with Paul has been rewarding and I will miss his friendship. Paul and I would have disagreements and I would get a call. There were times I would hear Paul’s argument and change, and sometimes I would insist we do something that Paul wanted to change. But once we were in agreement Paul would work to make things happen and put MBA’s interests first. I learned a great many lessons from Paul – the most important is the meaning of service. Paul’s service was to do the work and this was demonstrated by his commitment, loyalty, sticking to the plan, and above all finishing the work that builds the future. Paul was an exceptional man, sensitive to others, passionate for what he believed, and did so much for so many people. Horace Mann wrote “Be ashamed to die before you have won some victory for humanity”. Paul leaves us having won many victories for his family, friends and beekeepers. Paul will be missed.

Paul is survived by his wife, Claire (Canning) Desilets, his son and daughter-in-law Jean-Paul and Kathryn Desilets of Punta Gorda, FL, his daughter and son-in-law Andrea and Chris Agostino of Ayer, MA, his daughter Danielle Desilets of Weymouth, MA, and his grandson Vincent Agostino.

Private Services were held at the National Cemetery in Bourne, Massachusetts. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Paul’s name to the Wounded Warrior Project, www.woundedwarriorproject.org.

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Ted & Becky Jones being presented with the 2013 Divelbiss Award by Ann Harman.

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Bee Olympics. Photo by Paul Niemczura.
Congratulations to our new Master Beekeepers. The following are those who passed all or part of the Master Beekeeping testing process to become new Master Beekeepers for 2013: Warren Graham, Media, PA; Todd Harding, Reston, VA; Andrew Jones, Huntington, PA; Frank Licata, Brodheadsville, PA; Buddy May, Greenville, SC; Richard McLaughlin, Springvale, ME; Brian Pride, Lebanon, ME; Cybil Preston, Jarrettsville, MD; Gary Ranker, Palmetto, FL; Chris Rogers, Windham, ME; Bob Sears, St. Louis, MO; Corey Stevens, Dexter, MO; Frank Wyatt, Eden, NC.

An impressive group of EAS Master Beekeepers were in attendance at the 2013 Banquet at West Chester, PA. (photo by Bill Mondjack)
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MARYLAND STATE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION will hold their Fall meeting November 9, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Maryland Department of Agriculture, 50 Harry S. Truman parkway, Annapolis. Kim Flottum, editor of Bee Culture is the speaker.

For information contact Liz Filter, secy@mdbeekeepers.org.

The Empire State Honey Producers Association will hold their annual meeting November 15-16 in Syracuse.

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Featured speakers are Jerry Bromenshenk and Beth Holloway.

For information visit www.ESHPA.org.

Beekeeping for The Future at the Pfeiffer Center, Chestnut Ridge, November 16.

Beekeepers with one or two year’s experience will also find this workshop a useful opportunity to ask questions and share insights. Presenters are Megan Durney and Bill Day.

For visit www.pfeiffercenter.org/workshops or call 845.352.5020, ext. 20.

Tri-County Beekeepers’ Association will hold their 36th Annual Beekeeping Workshop February 28 and March 1 at the OARDC in Wooster. For information watch these pages and visit www.tricountybeekeepers.org.

Vermont Beekeepers Association will host a Pot Luck January 9, at 7:00 p.m. at the Crispe Center, Chestnut Ridge, November 16. Guest speaker is Dan Conlon, President of MA Beekeepers’ Association.

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