

EAS 2017 UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE, NEWARK, DELAWARE, JULY 31-AUGUST 4, 2017

The Eastern Apicultural Society of North America was established in 1955 with the purpose of promoting honey bee culture, the education of beekeepers, and excellence in bee research. Every summer, EAS organizes an annual conference in one of the member States/Provinces. About 500 people from around the world, attend this conference every year. Delaware beekeepers host the 2017 conference.

University of Delaware, Clayton Hall Conference Center



The 60th Annual EAS Conference and Short Course will be July 31-August 4 at University of Delaware, Clayton Hall Conference Center (Laird Campus), Newark, Delaware. This is conveniently located about 2 miles north of I 95, west of Wilmington, DE adjacent to MD state line.

Beekeeping Short Course & Conference lecture sessions will be conveniently located in the Clayton Conference Center

and connecting Pencader Hall. Participants may stay in University dorms or in full-service Courtyard by Marriott Hotel, both immediately adjacent to the Center or at over 20 motels in the immediate region. We will post a [Lodging list](#) on the EAS website.

The Short Course includes several one or two day mini-courses appropriate for beginner/hobbyist, intermediate Sideliner and for Advanced beekeeper interest. The presenters will include Larry Connor, popular author and Wicwas Press Publisher, Mike Embrey, Univ of Maryland Eastern Shore, Maryann Frazier, retired from Penn State University, Clarence Collison, Allan Hayes, Maryland MB, Landi Simone, New Jersey MB and a host of local experts and EAS Master beekeepers.

The **EAS Conference** begins on Wednesday, with Short Course participants included, extending through Friday afternoon. There will be keynote presentations to begin our daily programs followed by multiple tracks of presentations continuing through the afternoon. Speakers include Tom Seeley, Marla Spivak, Michael Palmer, Michael Young, Northern Ireland beekeeper extraordinaire and chef, popular author James Tew, our Hambleton and student award winners, Clarence Collison our 2007 Roger Morse Extension/regulatory award winner, Jay Evans, USDA, Beltsville, Past EAS President Tammy Horn and many more. [Full program will be posted](#) by the beginning of 2017 to the EAS website. <http://easternapicultue.org>

A special feature will be opportunity to take bee practice at the University of Delaware Apiary. In addition an EAS apiary will also be just outside the Conference Center. Our Bee Wranglers, retired DE Apiary Inspector Bob Mitchell will be assisted by Don Hopkins, NC Apiary Supervisor, Jennifer Keller, bee tech of NC State University and several current and former apiary inspectors from NJ, DE and MD.



The EAS Conference is all about Fun too. We will have a Honey/Bee Products Competitive Show, the popular Honey Exchange (bring your honey to swap for another), and social events arranged for each evening -- swapping of bee tall tales Monday night in the apiary; Beeopardy Tuesday with Beekeeping for Dummies author Howland Blackiston followed by delicious DE watermelons on the cafeteria/dorm mall; Wednesday we will be Dancing with the Bees orchestrated by Cliff Sunflower of Kutztown, PA; on Thursday there will be a buffet with auction following [many unique one-of-a-kind Bee Items will be featured]; and our closing Banquet and Awards ceremony will be Friday. In between there will be lots of opportunities to meet and chat with beekeepers from near and far.

The EAS meeting Field trip will feature an intense bee-flower field experience to one of the finest 18th Century French style Mansion and Garden's, A.I DuPont's Nemours estate and /or to Mt Cuba gardens. The interactions and interdependence of bee and nectar/pollen producing flora with honey bees and pollinators will feature explanations/identifications by photographer, author and beekeeper Peter Lindtner and ecologist/author Doug Tallamy (*Bringing Nature Home*), plus MB experts.

Our vendors will have the latest gadgets and gizmos. Bee authors will be on hand (bring your personal copies or purchase new) to get your bee books signed. The Short Course and Conference features many opportunities to have a one-on-one conversation with the brightest bee scientists/extension specialists, as well as the most accomplished practioners of bee colony stewardship.

EAS is one of the largest, and we think you will agree, the bee-friendliest conference of the entire year. If you have never attended an EAS conference you are in for a treat. YOU WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED!!

On behalf of the Delaware beekeeper hosts, Dr Debbie Delaney, University of Delaware Bee Specialist, Bob Bauer, EAS 2017 President, we want to SEE YOU at EAS 2017, July 31-August 4 in DELAWARE.