

Congratulations to Lloyd and Nancy Postlethwait - 2010 WVBA Beekeeper of the Year.



Lloyd and Nancy are both fascinated with the bees and their many benefits. While they both enjoy the honey, Lloyd takes pollen for his allergies and they both use bee sting therapy for arthritis. Nancy uses beeswax in making lotions, lip balms and lye soap. They both enjoy baking with honey and are always trying new recipes to enter in the Honey Show at the Fall Meeting. In 2007 and 2009 they won Best of Show in 3 categories and the Sweepstakes Award.

Tending the bees is a joint effort – they always work together in the hives – one is rarely there without the other. Being true hobbyists, they keep 10 hives – for now. Their greatest joy is showing their 2 grandsons what goes on in the hive. Pappap just likes to sit out by the hives with them and watch the bees fly in and out and answer the many questions posed by 2 curious little boys.

They are very active with the Marion County Beekeepers where they both serve on the Executive board and teach classes at the Beekeepers Short Course. Lloyd hosts a workshop for assembling woodenware for the hive bodies for the beginning beekeepers. Nancy serves Marion County as Newsletter editor and Secretary and is also the Secretary of the WV Beekeepers Association.

Nancy served as Chairwoman for the 2009 Spring Meeting held in Fairmont and Lloyd was very instrumental in many details behind the scenes. The attendance of 210 beekeepers was said to be the largest assembly of this type in the state of West Virginia.

They credit their interest in beekeeping to the late Milford Bragg who mentored them and helped them beyond expectation.