

**WV Beekeepers Association**  
Fall Meeting September 24-25, 2010  
Jackson's Mill State 4-H Camp  
**AGENDA**

**Friday** September 24

- 12:00 – 1:00 REGISTRATION, HONEY SHOW ENTRIES, HONEY SWAP ENTRIES....West Virginia Building
- 1:00 – 1:20 PRESIDENT'S WELCOME
- 1:20 – 2:20 Report on SEVEN STATE STATIONARY HIVE STUDY by Nancy Ostiguy
- 2:20 – 2:50 STATE OF THE STATE & LABELING AND MARKETING TIPS by Jeanie Smith
- 2:50 – 3:05 BREAK
- 3:05 – 3:40 WHAT GOES BUMP IN THE NIGHT by Dave Rectanwald
- 3:40 – 4:15 HOW HONEY BEES SENSE THINGS by Tom Kees  
Master Beekeeper Presentation
- 4:15 – 5:30 BREAK and FREE TIME, Honey Show Entries, Honey Swap Entries  
Vendors Open
- 5:30 – 6:30 SUPPER
- 7:00 – ? Ice Cream SOCIAL, Honey Swap and Honey Tasting, History of WVBA by Aretha Kees, and Area Vendors (EEC Building)

**Saturday** September 25

- 7:30 – 8:30 BREAKFAST
- 8:30 – 9:30 SUSTAINABLE BEEKEEPING by Nancy Ostiguy...WV Building
- 9:30 – 10:30 Awards, WVBA Business Meeting...WV Building
- 10:30 – 10:55 BREAK Vendors & Honey Show Viewing...EEC Building
- 10:55 – 11:55 Break Out Session I....**see workshops and locations below**
- 11:55 – 1:15 LUNCH (Serving 12:15 – 1:15)...Dining Hall
- 1:20 – 2:20 Break Out Session II....**see workshops and locations below**
- 2:20 – 2:35 BREAK EEC Building
- 2:35 – 3:35 ORGANIC BEEKEEPING by Nancy Ostiguy...WV Building
- 3:35 – 4:00 AUCTION
- 4:00 CLOSING

**Break Out Session I**

- \_\_\_ How to Prepare for a Honey Show and Judging Criteria by Joe Kovaleski, ....EEC
- \_\_\_ Nosema Testing and 2009 preliminary results on FSU study by Don Trisel ....**WV Building**
- \_\_\_ What Goes Where in a Hive, Beginning Beekeeping by Wade Stiltner and Rebecca Moretto..**Apiary..Bring Veil**

**Break Out Session II**

- \_\_\_ Checkmite and Apistan in the hive by Nancy Ostiguy....**WV Building**
- \_\_\_ Hive manipulations for the advanced beekeeper by Paul Poling..**Apiary..Bring Veil**
- \_\_\_ How to Prepare For a Honey Bakery Show and Judging Criteria by Debbie Copenhaver....EEC

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Registration and all activities will be in the **West Virginia Building** unless otherwise identified in the agenda. Additional locations we will be using include the **EEC Building** and an **apiary** set up next to the West Virginia Building. Follow the signs. If you plan to attend one of the session at the apiary, be sure to bring your veil.

**Dr. Nancy Ostiguy**, Associate Professor of Entomology at Penn State University is our featured speaker. Her main interests include: Honey bee and native pollinator health, Integrated Pest Management; Impact of pesticides on non-target species; and Sampling strategies. Her interests are in the area of sustainable and organic agriculture which she will be talking about at the meeting. The current focus of her research is in the area of environmental consequences of pest control strategies, including non-pesticidal approaches to pest control (IPM), pesticide residues in foods and other products, risk communication, and sublethal effects of pesticides on non-target organisms.

**Tom Kees** will be completing his master beekeeper certification by conducting a presentation on How Honey Bees Sense Things. It makes sense for beekeepers to know how bees sense things - how they see, hear, smell, taste, and feel things. This presentation will include some Practical Applications for beekeepers.

WVBA Vice President, and Master Beekeeper **Dave Rectanwald** will be conducting an interesting presentation on nightly visitors to his apiary.

Marketing and Development Director **Jeanie Smith**, WV Department of Agriculture, will be giving us the basic requirements for labeling our honey, the short version and an update on what is going on in the Ag Department.

Saturday afternoon we will be having some breakout sessions in which you will be able to select the workshop you would like to attend. Hopefully we found something for most of you. Workshop presenters include: Master Beekeeper **Debbie Copenhaver**; Master Beekeeper **Joe Kovalski**; **Dr Nancy Ostiguy**, Professor Penn State University; **Dr Don Trisel**, Professor Farimont State University; State Department of Ag Apiary Staff, **Rebecca Morreto**, **Paul Poling** and **Wade Stiltner**.

Vendors **Reid's Apiary** (740-643-2929), **Dadant** (VA 1-800-220-8325) and **WV Honey Producers** (304-269-7943 store, 304-452-8508 home, 304-517-8426 cell) will be again attending our meeting. This year you will have plenty of time to check out their wares during the Friday evening social and extended breaks on Saturday. All will take prior orders for delivery at the meeting. Reid's needs orders placed by Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. Dadant (VA) needs orders placed by the week prior to the meeting.

### **Honey and Bake Show**

See the state website for show rules. Entries must be submitted to the lower level of the EEC Building by 5:30 PM on Friday. Participants may have their entries submitted by someone else but must attend the meeting at least one day.

### **Fall Meeting Honey Swap**

At the Fall Meeting this year we will be having a night of Tasting the Sweetness of WV. Plan to come and enjoy the fun. Of course you know the primary sweetness we are talking about, Honey. If you harvested a unique natural flavor of honey you would like to share with our members please bring some for sampling (example: Japanese knotweed, Tulip Poplar, Locust, etc). We will also be conducting a honey swap. Bring a pint of honey and get a ticket for a pint of someone else's honey. If you would like to bring an extra pint, we will auction it to help offset meeting costs. Please include your name on the jar.

### **Jackson's Mill—Meeting Location and Directions**

Jackson's Mill is a special-mission campus of West Virginia University – owned and operated by the WVU Extension Service – Jackson's Mill represents the historic home of 4-H camping in the United States as site of the first statewide 4-H camp in the nation; today, Jackson's Mill continues to serve thousands of 4-H'ers each summer and throughout the year. For more information on our meeting location visit:

<http://jacksonsmill.ext.wvu.edu/>

**Traveling South on I-79:** Taking Exit 105, turn right toward Jane Lew, and travel approximately 1/2 mile to the intersection of Route 19. Turn left and follow Route 19 South for approximately 7 miles to Jackson's Mill Road. (The Hickory House Restaurant is a landmark.) Turn right onto Jackson's Mill Road and go approximately 2.5 miles. After you cross the bridge, the WVU Jackson's Mill grounds are on your right.

**Traveling North on I-79:** Using Exit 99, turn left toward Weston onto Route 33 West and travel approximately 2 miles. At the fourth traffic light, turn right onto Route 19 North. Follow Route 19 North for approximately 4 miles to Jackson's Mill Road. (The Hickory House Restaurant is a landmark.) Turn left onto Jackson's Mill Road and travel approximately 2.5 miles. After you cross the bridge, the WVU Jackson's Mill grounds are on your right.

**Traveling West on Route 33:** Continue straight on Route 33 through the Interstate 79 interchange. At the fourth traffic light (approximately 2 miles), turn right onto Route 19 North. Follow Route 19 North for approximately 4 miles to Jackson's Mill Road. (The Hickory House Restaurant is a landmark.) Turn left onto Jackson's Mill Road and travel approximately 2.5 miles. After you cross the bridge, the WVU Jackson's Mill grounds are on your right.

**Traveling East on Route 33:** Take Route 33 into Weston, then follow signs for Route 19 North. After approximately 4 miles, (the Hickory House Restaurant is a landmark), turn left onto Jackson's Mill Road and travel approximately 2.5 miles. After you cross the bridge, the WVU Jackson's Mill grounds are on your right.

**Additional Accommodations**

A block of six rooms has been reserved at the Super 8 Weston since lodging is limited at the Jackson's Mill facility. Reservations must be made by September 10 or the rooms will be released. The Super 8 is located along Rt 33 at the Market Place Mall just off exit 99 on Interstate 79 near Weston. Contact information is 100 Market Place Mall, Weston, WV 26452 US (304) 269-1086.

**Other area hotels and contact info include:****Budget Inn**

1214 US Hwy 19 S, Weston, WV 26452 US (304) 269-1975

**Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites Weston**

215 Staunton Drive, Weston, WV 26452 US (877) 410-6681

**Comfort Inn**

2906 US Highway 33 East, Weston, WV 26452 US (304) 269-7000