

2024 WHPA Fall Conference Schedule

Thursday, Oct 31, 2024

- 3:00 p.m. – Board of Managers meeting (Timberland)
- 6:00 p.m. – Board Dinner (Salon C)
- 7:00 p.m. – Budget committee (Timberland)
Kids N Bees Committee (Lumberjacks Saloon)
- 8:00 p.m. – Honey Queen Committee (Timberland)
Other Committee Meeting if needed.

Friday, November 1, 2024 (all activities in the Salon A)

- 7:30 a.m. – Registration opens
- 8:00 a.m. – Exhibits open (Salon B)
- 8:00 a.m. – Honey Show entries due by 10am (Hearth Board Room)
- *8:00 a.m. – Call to order by WHPA President – Nick Thill MC – Nick-Thill
- 8:15 a.m. – Introductions of Honey Queen and Candidates – Mary Kettlewell
- 8:30 a.m. -- Presentation by WHPA Honey Sadie Goettl
- 8:45 a.m. – AHPA update -
- 9:00 a.m. – KEYNOTE: Liz Walsh “Hangry Bees: Pollen deprivation impacts temperament and disease state”
- 10:00 a.m. – *Break (Watering Hole)*
- 10:15 a.m. – USDA- Eric Ressel Honeybee plantings, USDA programs designed to assist beekeepers in establishing honeybee habitat.
- 11:15 a.m. – Adrian Quiney –A 2020 Vision-Dispute between the bees and beekeepers as a humorous metaphor. An overview of the problems of keeping bees alive.
- 11:45 a.m. – Wisconsin State Apiarist Update – Brooke Sommerfeldt
- 12:00 p.m. – Lunch (meal ticket required) (**Salon C**)
- *1:15 p.m. – Doug Koltermann- “A Wisconsin trial of VarroSan (extended-release oxalic acid)”
- 2:15 p.m. – James Hillmeyer- “The evolution of large scale Nuc production”
- 3:00 p.m. – *Break*
- 3:15 p.m. – Business Meeting
- Supper on your own***
- 6:35 p.m.--Honey Queen Candidate presentations
- 7:10 p.m. – Honey Queen Fund Auction – Auctioneer:

Saturday, November 2, 2024 (all activities in the Salon A unless noted)

- 8:00 a.m. – Registration opens
- 8:35 a.m. – Exhibits open
- *8:00 a.m. – Announcements
- 8:10 a.m. – ABF update -
- 8:20 a.m. – Presentation by ABF Honey Queen Kaelyn Sumner
- 8:35 a.m. – KEYNOTE: Liz Walsh “Honey Bee Foraging Choices: Food availability, viruses, and behavior”
- 9:35 a.m. - *Break (Watering Hole)*
- 9:50 a.m. – Hannah Gaines-Day- Overview of honeybee research at UW Madison and our new findings.
- 10:35 a.m. – Youth Scholarship- Stephanie Slater
- 11:50 a.m.- Announcements & Door Prizes
- 12:00 p.m. – Lunch on your own -Registration closes, Silent Auction Closes
1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Kids-N-Bees (Room –Watering Hole)

1:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. BREAK OUT SESSIONS see below

4:00 p.m. – Executive Committee Meeting (Hearth Room) -Trade Show Closes

Social/Free Time

6:00 p.m. – Cocktail Hour (**Salon A**)

6:30 p.m. – Banquet (ticket required) (Salon A) MC- Mary Kettlewell

7:30 p.m. - Awards Presentation, Crowning of Honey Queen, Then Dance...Get down and boogie!!

**** BREAK OUT SESSION SCHEDULE*****

Charlie Koenen – (Badgers Den)

1-1:45 **Bees and Beekeeping**—Beyond the Basics: Unravel the history and mystery of honey bees and their native cousins.

2-2:45 **Beekeeping in Non-Standard Hives** – Thinking Outside the ‘Stacked’ Box: Stop Lifting Heavy Supers: Compare the pros and cons of Top Bars, Long Langs, Layens, Flow Hives, AZ hives— even native bee houses.

3-3:45 **Intro to Layens and Top BarHives**- Beekeeping made easy: Detailed lecture on the Layens and Top Bar Hives. From construction to basic practice, learn about Insulated Layens hives and Top Bar Hives.

Dan Zehile (Rowe)-

1-1:45- Stephanie Slater- Honey Show Prep

2-2:45 – Wintering Your Bees

Mitchel Wayne (Eagles Lookout)

1-1:45- Adrian Quiney Queen rearing

2-2:45 -Trevor Bawden Virgin introduction

3-3:45 - 3 Person panel: Adrian, Trevor, & Mitchel Wayne