# 2026 WHPA Fall Convention

**Thursday, November 5, 2026**

3:00 p.m. – Board of Managers meeting –Upper Dells
6:00 p.m. – Board Dinner -Upper Dells
7:00 p.m. – Finance & Budget Committee -Upper Dells
8:00 p.m. – Honey Queen Committee
Other Committee Meetings if needed.

**Friday, November 6, 2026**

7:30 a.m. – Registration opens
8:00 a.m. – Exhibits open –***Room E,F,D,B***
8:00 a.m. – Honey Show entries *due by 10am* -***Laguna***
*8:30 a.m. – Call to order by WHPA President, Tracy Malterer - ***Room G-I***
8:45 a.m. – Introductions of Honey Queen & Candidates – HQ Chair
9:00 a.m. – *KEYNOTE: Dewey Caron*- How you prepare your colonies for winter?
10:00 a.m. – *Break*
10:15 a.m. – Jessica Helgen- UofM Bee Squad update & Overview of propolis research at the UMN Honey Bee Lab
11:15 a.m. – Wisconsin State Apiarist Update – Brooke Nikkila
12:00 p.m. – Lunch (meal ticket required) **Upper Dells**
1:15 p.m. – Project Apis m Update - John Miller
1:45 p.m. – John Miller: Nuts and Bolts of this Crazy Industry
2:15 p.m. – *KEYNOTE: Dewey Caron* Deadout necropsy
3:00 p.m. – *Break*
3:15 p.m. – Business Meeting
***Supper on your own***
6:30 p.m.--Honey Queen Candidate presentations
7:10 p.m. – Honey Queen Fund Auction

**Saturday, November 7, 2026**

8:00 a.m. – Registration opens
8:10 a.m. – Announcements ***Room G-I***
8:20 a.m. – Youth Beekeeping Scholarship Presentations- Stephanie Slater
8:35 a.m. – Exhibits open ***Room E,F,D,B***
9:45 a.m. – American Beekeeping Federation Delegate Report - Tracy Malterer
10:00 a.m. - Break
10:15 a.m. – *KEYNOTE: Scott McArt* **How to achieve pollinator-friendly agriculture in the U.S.**
11:15 a.m. – Presentation by WHPA Honey Queen Emily Skala
11:30 a.m. – Presentation American Honey Queen Delanie Craighead
11:50 a.m. – Announcements
12:00 p.m. – Lunch on your own - Silent Auction Closes
**1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Kids-N-Bees Expo Room: A/C**
**1:15 Registration Desk Closes**
1:15 p.m. – *KEYNOTE: Scott McArt* **How to limit disease in bees**
2:15 p.m. – American Honey Producers Delegate Report – James Hillemeyer
2:30 p.m. - Eric Walgren Norroa™: A New Approach to Varroa Control
3:00 p.m. -Trade Show and General Session Closes
3:15 p.m. – Executive Committee Meeting

5:30 p.m. – Cocktail Hour- **Grand Ballroom**
6:00 p.m. – Banquet (ticket required)
7:00 p.m. – WHPA Awards Presentation, Crowning of Honey Queen, Then Dance...Get down and boogie!!