

**Maryland State Beekeepers' Association Fall Meeting
February 15, 2014
Howard County Fairgrounds, West Friendship, MD**

8:00 am	Refreshments, Coffee, Donuts, etc. .	
9:00 am	Opening and Welcome	Toni Burnham, President
9:15 am	Maryland Apiary Inspector's Report	Jerry Fischer, Maryland State Inspector
9:30 am	Selecting Local Queens	Gary Reuter, University of Minnesota
10:30 am	From Hobbyist to Commercial and Beyond!	Larry Welle
11:30 am	Update on Black Locust Propagation	Dr. Wayne Esaias
12:00 Noon	Lunch	
1:15 pm	Q&As on Pollinators and the Three Ps	EPA Team Presentation: Dr. Thomas Steeger, Thomas Moriarty, Reuben Baris, Meredith Laws
2:15 pm	The Experimental Process For Beekeepers	Gary Reuter, University of Minnesota
3:15 pm	Ask Expert Beekeepers Your Anonymous Questions	Panel Discussion
4:00 pm	Adjourn	Toni Burnham, President

Directions to the Howard County Fairgrounds

Via I-70: Get off I-70 at Exit 80 (Rt. 32 Exit); go south on MD Rt. 32 for 1/8 mile to first traffic light; turn right (west) onto Rt. 144; turn right at crest of hill onto Fairgrounds Road; turn into second entrance; meeting is in the Dining Hall, second building on left

Via Rt. 32: Stay on Rt. 32 to West Friendship; turn west (left, if coming from the south) onto Rt. 144, at the traffic light within sight of I-70; turn right at crest of hill onto Fairgrounds Road; turn into second entrance; meeting is in the Dining Hall, second building on left

From Eastern Shore & Annapolis Area: From Rt. 50, just west of Annapolis, take I-97 North toward Baltimore; exit onto Rt. 32 toward Columbia; follow directions above, via Rt. 32

From NE MD: Proceed to Baltimore Beltway (I- 695); take I-70 west toward Frederick; follow directions above, via I-70 Lunch / Refreshments at the Winter Meeting:

MSBA will provide Coffee and Donuts, Sodas and Water as refreshments during the winter meeting.

There will be an opportunity to order a Subway sandwich on a cash-only basis for those who register before 10:00 AM for this meeting. Members/attendees are welcome to order upon registration or are advised to bring their own lunch or to make plans to dine at a local establishment.

VENDORS: PLEASE RESERVE YOUR TABLES

At our largest event of the year, space is limited. We cannot promise a table unless you reserve, first come first served: email thehayeshouse4@aol.com or call (443) 803-8245. Please note: vendors are asked to contribute a door prize item.

MSBA WINTER MEETING WEATHER POLICY

In the event of a major winter storm, please listen to WBAL (AM 1090) or WTOP (FM 103.5) for announcements. If a Snow Emergency Plan is in effect for Howard County, the meeting is cancelled.

Winter 2014 Meeting to Feature University of MN Bee Scientist and Educator Gary Reuter

A long time hobby beekeeper trained in technology education, keynote **Gary Reuter** began working with Dr. Marla Spivak at the University of Minnesota when she moved there in 1993. Without his hard work, the program would not be what it is today.



He maintains the research colonies, helps train and work with students, designs and builds specialty equipment and speaks to beekeeping, student and civic groups. He plans the Extension short courses and together with Marla teaches beginning as well as experienced beekeepers. He is a past president of both MN Hobby Beekeepers Association and WI Honey Producers Association and director of the American Beekeeping Federation. He still finds time to manage his own colonies while learning to blacksmith, maintaining an orchard, and helping his wife raise sheep.



Larry Welle is well known to many MD beekeepers. He is retired from serving as Director of Finance for the Md. State Prison System, and now lives in South Carolina. He travels, works for Habitat for Humanity, tends his bees

and...works with Kutik's Honey Farm, a commercial beekeeper who is located in both NY and SC. He's also President of OxaVap LLC..

Because it is increasingly important for beekeepers to understand the regulations and organizations around the use of pesticides and their impact, and we also need to

make sure that we are understood, this meeting includes a team discussion from the EPA titled *Q&As on Pollinators and the Three Ps*. Risk assessors and risk managers from the EPA Office of Pesticide Programs will discuss activities related to pollinators and the three Ps (pesticides, pathogens and poor nutrition) and government efforts to addressing honeybee declines. EPA will provide an overview of how it assesses the likelihood and magnitude of adverse effects to bees (i.e., risk) from pesticides and what efforts are being brought to bear toward understanding and mitigating the factors that have been associated with colony collapse disorder and the broader phenomenon of global declines in honeybee health. The audience will have an opportunity to ask EPA staff members about EPA's perspective on pollinator declines and pesticide regulation. Among presenters are **Dr. Thomas Steeger**, well known from recent sessions at ABF in Baton Rouge and their online Webinar series; **Thomas Moriarty**; **Reuben Baris**; and **Meredith Laws**.



Above: EPA staff (wearing hoods) meet with commercial beekeepers during almond pollination
Top: UMN's Gary Reuter, Left: Larry Welle.