

**Maryland State Beekeepers' Association Fall Meeting  
November 14, 2015**

**Maryland Department of Agriculture, 50 Harry S Truman Parkway, Annapolis**

8:00 am	Refreshments, Coffee, Donuts, etc.	
9:00 am	Opening and Welcome	Toni Burnham, President
9:15 am	Remarks from the Secretary of Agriculture	Joseph Bartenfelder, State of Maryland Secretary of Agriculture
9:30 am	Maryland Apiary Inspector's Report	Cybil Preston, Maryland State Inspector
9:45 am	Honey Bee Pathogens 101	Dr Michelle Flenniken, Montana State University
10:30 am	Shaking Package Bees for Fun and Profit	Lloyd Snyder, Snyder's Apiaries
11:15 am	The Beekeeping Regions of Maryland: The Eastern Shore Region	Dean Burroughs, EAS Master Beekeeper, MD Bee Inspector
12:00 noon	Lunch	
1:30 pm	Honey Bee Pathogen Detection and Discovery	Dr Michelle Flenniken, Montana State University
2:15 pm	MSBA Elections & Treasurer's Report	Paul Dill, Past President Bob Crouse, Treasurer
2:45 pm	George Imirie Education & Freestate Beekeeper Citizenship Awards Presentations, MSBA Honey Show Results	Toni Burnham, President George Wilson, Judge
3:00 pm	Ask Expert Beekeepers Your Anonymous Questions	Panel Discussion
4:00 pm	Adjourn	Toni Burnham, President

**Directions to the Maryland Department of Agriculture**

Take Route 50 towards Annapolis. Take Exit 22 (Route 665) to Riva Road. Follow the exit in the direction of Riva Road South.

Continue 4/10 miles to Harry S Truman Parkway and turn right at the light.

Go straight 1.2 miles to 50 Harry S Truman Parkway; the Maryland Department of Agriculture building is on the right. Look for yellow "BEE MTG" signs and the cows at the entrance to the drive. Take the second entrance. You may park in the lot.

Enter at the front of the building; meeting is one floor down in the auditorium.

**Photo: The Dancing Bee marking the entrance to MDA helps to welcome and amuse members and guests of the Maryland State Beekeepers!**



## Fall 2015 Meeting to Feature Dr. Michelle Flenniken

At print time, Maryland Secretary of Agriculture Joseph Bartenfelder will offer remarks at the beginning of our November 14 meeting at MDA in Annapolis. This is the first time MSBA has welcomed the Secretary to one of our meetings, and we are honored to have him.

Dr. Michelle Flenniken is keynote of our Fall meeting. Michelle Flenniken is an Assistant Professor in the Plant Sciences Department, as well as an Institute on Ecosystems Affiliate, at Montana State University. She is a previous recipient of the Haagen-Daz Post doctorate Fellowship at UC Davis.

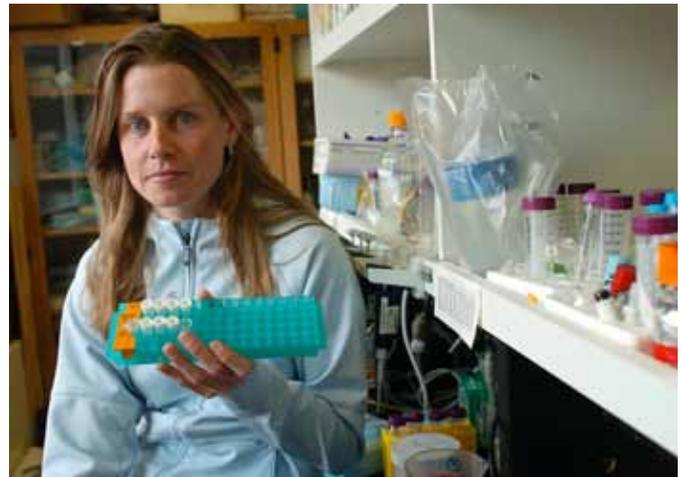
Dr. Flenniken is a virologist, currently investigating the role of viruses and other pathogens on recent honey bee colony losses, and antiviral responses in insect and plant hosts. Michelle has over 10 years of experience in virology, during which time she has utilized virus capsids as anticancer delivery agents, investigated mammalian antiviral responses, and discovered a new virus family that infects honey bees.

Michelle enjoys talking about important scientific topics with learners of all ages; she teaches Genetics and Virology at MSU, and a molecular biology course for 5th-7th graders called "Honey Bee Investigators (H.B.I.)" each summer; she gives numerous lectures to beekeepers, and the general public each year.

Dean Burroughs will complete the series on *Honey Regions of Maryland* with *The Eastern Shore Region*. He has kept bees for over 30 years, and is a commercial beekeeper managing 450 beehives. Dean is also a Certified



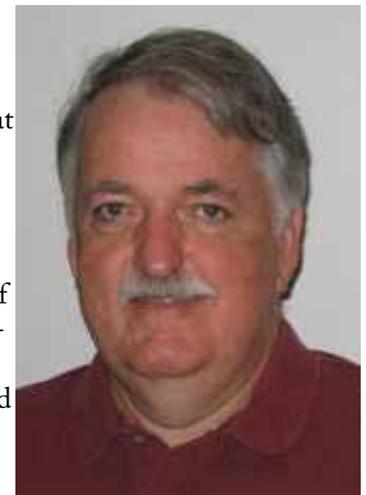
Master Beekeeper, Maryland State Apiary Inspector, and Past President of the MSBA! These days, he rents bees to pollinate strawberries, and vine crops for



local farms, and recently was the founder and Past President of Lower Eastern Shore Beekeepers Association.

Lloyd Snyder is president of Snyder Apiaries, and presented your president with her first package of bees at Oregon Ridge Nature Center in 2005 (*Editor's note: so Lloyd, this is all pretty much your fault*). Lloyd's talk will give us all a great deal more information about how those package bees are prepared for us.

Snyder's Apiaries is a family owned beekeeping operation, located in White Hall Maryland, that started out in 1980 with 3 hives purchased at a farm auction. The business has since added many more hives and added the sale of beekeeping supplies, package bees, queens, candles and many other bee related items. Many beekeepers from across the state have also worked with Lloyd and the Snyder family through their perennial role as Honey Managers at the Maryland State Fair.



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## Dadant and Mann Lake to Have Reps, Bring Deliveries to Fall Meeting

Two vendors popular with MSBA members are sending sales representatives to the November 14 meeting. It is possible to place pre-orders with them, and potentially to benefit from savings on shipping and discounts. Please note deadlines for orders!

Patrick Ferrer of Dadant Lynchberg is coming is offering a 5% discount on all preorders. Email [pferrer@dadant.com](mailto:pferrer@dadant.com), Phone: (434)432-8461, (434)432-8463

Mann Lake will be taking pre-orders for pickup at the meeting, the last day to pre-order is November 12th. Placing a pre-order will give members an opportunity to order items that would normally not qualify for the free shipping; items like glass and bulky items. If there is anything specific a member would like us to bring please contact us at (800)880-7694. Danielle Mislinski, [daniellem@mannlakeltd.com](mailto:daniellem@mannlakeltd.com).