

**Maryland State Beekeepers' Association Fall Meeting
November 12, 2016**

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

8:00 am	Refreshments, Coffee, Donuts, etc.	
9:00 am	Opening and Welcome	Allen Hayes, President
9:15 am	Maryland Apiary Inspector's Report	Cybil Preston, Maryland State Inspector
9:30 am	Reducing Chemical Dependency: Feasible or Not?	Kent Williams, Master Beekeeper, Past Pres. EAS and Kentucky State Beekeepers
10:30 am	Zika and Pesticide Use in Maryland: Planning for 2017	Tracy Velasquez, VP, Bowie-Upper Marlboro Beekeepers Assoc. (BUMBA)
10:45 am	EAS 2017 Coming to Delaware!	Tim McMahon, MSBA EAS Director
11:00 am	Planting for Honeybees and Other Insects	Marie Rojas, UMD Extension
11:45 am	Lunch	
1:00 pm	Queen Rearing Techniques	Kent Williams, Master Beekeeper
2:00 pm	MSBA Elections & Treasurer's Report	Debbie Hewitt, Nominations Committee Bob Crouse, Treasurer
2:30 pm	George Imirie Education & Freestate Beekeeper Citizenship Awards Presentations, MSBA Honey Show Results	Allen Hayes, President Honey Show Judges
2:45 pm	Varroa Mites: What Are They Really Eating? Latest Insight on Their Impact on Our Bees	Dr. Samuel Ramsey, Researcher UMD/BeeInformed Partnership
3:30 pm	Ask Expert Beekeepers Your Anonymous Questions	Panel Discussion
4:00 pm	Adjourn	Allen Hayes, 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.

**Maryland Department of Agriculture
Headquarters Building
50 Harry S Truman Parkway
Annapolis, MD 21401**



Fall 2016 Meeting to Feature Kent Williams, More

Kent Williams has been keeping bees for about 28 years, and has been a valuable speaker and teacher for most of that time. He manages 800 or so colonies in western Kentucky. He rents bees for pollination, produces some 15,000 tons of honey annually, raises several thousand queens, and produces nucleus colonies for local beekeepers.



A past EAS President, Kent is also past president of the Kentucky State Beekeepers Association and president of the Lake Barkley Beekeepers. Kent not only teaches a 4 day beekeeping class on his farm every year, he also teaches a semester-long course on honey bees and beekeeping at a local college.

Kent comes at his talks from a beekeeper-friendly and informed point of view, supported by years of participating in and even trying out the latest scientific advice of the day. Among other accomplishments, he manages all of this while also (rare for a beekeeper) holding a honey supply contract with a major local supermarket.



Dr. Samuel Ramsey's enduring interest in entomology started 19 years ago and shows no signs of waning. A PhD student studying in Dr. Dennis vanEngelsdorp's lab at the University of Maryland, College Park; Ramsey tries

to maintain a focus on how insect research can benefit the public through development of IPM strategies and STEM outreach initiatives. Ramsey studied entomology

at Cornell University as an undergraduate, focusing on Predatory/Parasitic insect behavior. His current work focuses on the effects of honey bee parasites on individual and colony level survivorship specifically targeting Varroa destructor and Nosema ceranae.

Marie Rojas is a new speaker to us, but has been contributing to the beekeeping—and pollinator—community long before this. Marie has been providing Integrated Pest Management services for nursery growers and homeowners through her company, Borders & Butterflies, for over 18 years. She serves on several green industry boards, including the Environmental Program Advisory Committee for Montgomery County Public Schools, and has been a Montgomery County Master Gardener since 1994.



Tracy Velasquez is a long time member and current Vice President of the Bowie-Upper Marlborough Beekeepers Association. Among so much that she does for BUMBA, she has recently pursued research, including face to face meetings, concerning how mos-

quito and pesticide spraying is planned and communicated in Maryland. Her talk will concentrate on the outlook for 2017 and how beekeepers might want to plan for it.

Tim McMahon is MSBA's Eastern Apicultural Society Director and President of the Montgomery County Beekeepers. Tim is an avid beekeeper and student of native pollinators, including those in Latin America. Tim was the 2015 recipient of MSBA's George Imirie Award for Beekeeper Education.

