

**Maryland State Beekeepers' Association Fall Meeting**  
**November 10, 2012**  
**Maryland Department of Agriculture, Annapolis**

8:30 am	Refreshments, Coffee, Donuts, etc.	
9:30 am	Opening and Welcome	Dr. Wayne Esaias, President
9:45 am	Maryland Apiary Inspector's Report	Jerry Fischer, Maryland State Inspector
10:00 am	Practical Varroa Control Using Integrated Pest Management	Jennifer A Berry, Apicultural University of Georgia
11:00 am	University of Maryland Extension: Growing Community Engagement in Beekeeping	Elizabeth Hill, University of Maryland Extension
11:45 am	Annual Members Meeting & Elections	Nominations Committee.
Noon	Lunch	
1:15 pm	Beekeeping in China and the US: Contrasts and Collaborations	Dr. Shaokang Huang and Dr. Huo-Qing Zheng Visiting Researchers, USDA/ARS Beltsville Bee Lab,
2:00 pm	Beekeeping: Where Do We Go From Here? CCD, "Going Green" and other trends	Jennifer A Berry, Apicultural University of Georgia
3:00 pm	Ask Expert Beekeepers Your Anonymous Questions	Panel Discussion:
3:15 pm	Honey Show Awards	Dean Burroughs, Honey Show Chair
3:30 pm	Adjourn	Dr. Wayne Esaias, President

**Directions:**

- Take Rt. 50 towards Annapolis.
- Take Exit 22, Rt. 665 to Riva Rd.
- Follow exit onto Riva Road South.
- Go 4/10 miles to Harry S Truman Pkwy and turn right, at the light.
- Go 1.2 miles to 50 Harry S Truman Hwy; the MDA building is on the right.
- Look for yellow "BEE MTG" signs and the cows at the entrance to the drive.
- Park anywhere except the circular drive
- Enter through the front doors.

## MSBA Fall Meeting 2012 Speakers



In addition to serving as our November 2012 keynote speaker, **Jennifer Berry** is Apicultural Research Coordinator and Lab Manager at the University of Georgia. She's actively involved in all aspects of honey bee research and education for the state of Georgia. Her

primary areas of research have been a queen breeding program and Integrated Pest Management work for varroa mite control. The breeding project is a long term program in which resistant stock is continually selected for as well as traits for honey production, brood production and gentleness.

Besides her day job, Jennifer runs a side business selling queens and nucs. Jennifer travels extensively and speaks to local, state, national and international beekeeping associations. She was 2006 President of the Eastern Apicultural Society and successfully held that year's meeting in Young Harris, Georgia. She writes a regular column for *Bee Culture* magazine.

**Elizabeth Hill** is the Urban Agriculture and Food Systems Educator with the University of Maryland Extension. Her work involves bringing urban agriculture, including youth beekeeping



programmes, to at-risk youth and others both in Baltimore and (soon) across Maryland.

Several projects from University of Maryland Extension offer helpful resources and also opportunities to participate in community beekeeping for our members. A first brochure on the value of honeybees to Maryland agriculture and greenspaces will debut at this meeting.

**Dr. Shaokang Huang and Dr. Huo-Qing Zheng** of the USDA/ARS Beltsville Bee Lab will talk about lesser-understood practices in beekeeping in China, including the royal jelly industry there, as well as presenting the scientific and practical beekeeping ties that have brought Chinese scientists



to North America, and U.S. scientists to China, to pursue research important to the well-being of honeybees everywhere.

Dr. Zheng is a post-doctoral researcher at the Honeybee Research Lab of Zhejiang University, where his dissertation focused on "Reproductive Sharing in Honeybees." He also studied with Dr. Robin Crewe at the University of Pretoria, South Africa.

Dr. Huang received his doctorate from Fujian Agriculture and Forestry University and has published many books and articles on subjects related to pests and diseases of the honeybee in areas such as physiology, Nosema epidemiology, and wax moth behavior. He is a fellow of the Society for Invertebrate Pathology.

## 76th Honey Show and Annual Elections at November 10 Meeting

The Maryland State Beekeepers hosts the last honey show of the season with the support of the Maryland Agricultural Fair Board, and 2012 marks our 76th annual competition. Dean Burroughs of the Lower Eastern Shore Beekeepers Association has agreed to serve as Chair for this year's show, and rules for the honey show are available at [www.mdbeekeepers.org/honeyshow.html](http://www.mdbeekeepers.org/honeyshow.html)

The November gathering is also the official annual corporate meeting of the Maryland State Beekeepers Association, Inc., when the slate of officers who will serve the association in the following year are selected. Past President Paul Dill is chairing the nominating committee for all officers, and you are encouraged to

contact him at (302) 249-1866 if you are interested in serving. There are 26 local vice presidents which are up for re-election, and this is an excellent position from which to provide feedback to the state organization via participation in three annual board meetings, all of which can be attended by teleconference.

The constitution and bylaws of the Maryland State Beekeepers Association, Inc are available at [www.mdbeekeepers.org/downloads/MSBA\\_Constitution\\_Revised.pdf](http://www.mdbeekeepers.org/downloads/MSBA_Constitution_Revised.pdf)

