



**SEPTEMBER
19, 2015**

**SATURDAY
9-4 PM**

Presented by Bemis Tree Farm

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*Honey Contest
&
Tasting*

*Educational
Workshops &
Childrens' Activities*

*Food
&
Live Music*

FREE ADMISSION TO ALL HONEY ENTHUSIASTS

13206 Asher Road Little Rock, AR 72206

2015 ARKANSAS HONEY FESTIVAL

9AM

CLASSROOM: Candle Making.....Melissa Mencer

KID AREA: Create A Bee Headband

10AM

CLASSROOM: Honey House Demonstration.....Jeremy Bemis

KID AREA: Paint A Beehive

11AM

CLASSROOM: Lip Balm & Lotion Making.....Melissa Mencer

KID AREA: Observation Station.....CABA

BEE YARD: Fall Hive Management.....Richard Underhill

12PM

LUNCH BREAK

LIVE MUSIC

HONEY TASTING CONTEST - Registration 9am-11:30am
Judging & Public Voting 12pm-3:30pm

1PM

CLASSROOM: How to Label and Sell Honey.....Peter Stuckey

KID AREA: Bees Knees Pollination Game

BEE YARD: Top Bar & Long Hives.....Richard Underhill

2PM

CLASSROOM: Creamed Honey Demonstration.....Larry Kichler

KID AREA: Buzz! Buzz! Buzzzzzz!

BEE YARD: Integrated Pest Management.....Jon Zawislak

3PM

CLASSROOM: Bee An Advocate.....Peter Stuckey

KID AREA: Bee Line Obstacle Course & Larry Kichler

BEE YARD: Keeping Brood Healthy.....Aman Minick

4PM

CONTEST WINNERS

ANNOUNCED.....Jeremy Bemis

2015 ARKANSAS HONEY FESTIVAL HONEY CONTEST

CONTEST GUIDELINES

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JUDGING RULES

One jar of honey (of any size) will be donated to the contest by the contestant. The entry must be checked into registration on the day of the event between 9am and 11:30am. Official judging will occur between 11:30am and 12:00pm. The honey will be graded on: appearance, clarity, cleanliness of the jar, aroma, taste, and label design. The judges will award prizes to the entries that place first, second, third, or honorable mention.

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

Once the official judging has been completed, tasting of the entries will be opened up to the general public from 12:00pm to 3:30pm. Each attendee at the Arkansas Honey Festival will have the opportunity to taste each entry and cast only **one** vote for his or her favorite honey. Voting will close at 3:30pm and the votes will be counted. A first, second, third, and honorable mention prize will be awarded to winners with the most votes.

THE SUBMITTED HONEY MUST BE PURE/ RAW BOTTLED HONEY THAT WAS PRODUCED IN ARKANSAS BY THE CONTESTANT ENTERING THE CONTEST. ONCE THE HONEY HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE CONTEST, THE CONTESTANT MAY NOT TAKE BACK HIS OR HER BOTTLE.

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ENTRY FORM SEPTEMBER 19, 2015

NAME _____

HONEY NAME _____

TYPE OF HONEY _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

I _____, have read and agree to all contest rules. The honey that I am submitting is pure/raw honey made in Arkansas. I know that once my bottle is submitted to the contest, I will not receive it back.

Signature of Contestant: _____ Date _____

PRIZES

	HONEY CONTEST	PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD
1ST	Ribbon, certificate, and \$50 gift certificate to Bemis Honey Bee Farm	Ribbon, certificate, and \$50 gift certificate to Bemis Honey Bee Farm
2ND	Ribbon, certificate, and \$25 gift certificate to Bemis Honey Bee Farm	Ribbon, certificate, and \$25 gift certificate to Bemis Honey Bee Farm
3RD	Ribbon, certificate, and \$10 gift certificate to Bemis Honey Bee Farm	Ribbon, certificate, and \$10 gift certificate to Bemis Honey Bee Farm
HM	Ribbon & Certificate	Ribbon & Certificate

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2015 SPEAKERS



AMAN MINICK

My father got me started in beekeeping at a very young age. When I was probably 3 or 4 years old I began to tag along on outings to his bee yards in CA. At the time I did not realize that it would one day lead to a career that has proven to be both challenging and very rewarding. I feel honored to be able to serve the beekeeping and agricultural communities of Arkansas as an Apiary Inspector for the Arkansas State Plant Board Apiary Section. I have held the position for 4 years. The mission of the Apiary Section is to protect honeybees in order to maintain viable honeybee populations for the purpose of pollination in Arkansas.

Owner of Peace Bee Farm of Conway, Arkansas, is an EAS Certified Master Beekeeper. He is the President of the Arkansas Beekeepers Association, former President of the Tennessee Beekeepers Association, and the Memphis Area Beekeepers Association. Writes about beekeeping on an educational blog read in 200 countries. Richard has travelled to Ethiopia three times to train beekeepers.



RICHARD UNDERHILL



LARRY KICHLER

Former President of Central Arkansas Beekeepers Association and an active member of the Arkansas Beekeepers Association. An active beekeeper, maintaining 75 hives on the Arkansas River Valley area outside Little Rock. Actively involved with the Certified Farmers Market and sells honey products at the Argenta Farmers Market in North Little Rock.

Owner operator of cattle operation. Works and maintains 75 colonies of bees. Vice president of Central Arkansas Beekeepers Association and active member of Arkansas Beekeepers Association. Co founder and President of Lady Beekeepers of Arkansas. Works part time with the Arkansas State Plant Board as Apiary Inspector.

MELISSA MENCER



LOCAL CLUBS

CENTRAL ARKANSAS BEEKEEPERS ASSOC.

Meets 1st Monday of the month @ 6pm @ Church of Christ at Levy

LADY BEEKEEPERS ASSOC.

Meets 1st Monday of the month @ 5:30pm @ Fletcher Library

GRANT COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOC.

Meets 4th Monday of the month @ 6pm @ Second Baptist Church in Sheridan

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JON ZAWISLAK

Jon conducts classes, workshops, short courses and presentations in the area of beekeeping and apiculture. He provides education and resources to both hobbyist and commercial beekeepers, with an emphasis on honey bee biology and integrated pest management. He also works with other groups to emphasize and promote the importance of protecting pollinators.

Jon has been an invited speaker for the Arkansas Beekeepers Association, The Memphis Area Beekeepers, Mississippi Beekeepers Association, Heartland Apicultural Society, Eastern Apicultural Society, and others. He is the Apiculture Instructor for the University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture

Current president of the Central Arkansas Beekeeper's Association. Peter has been a backyard beekeeper for several years maintaining a number of hives. He regularly mentors local beginner beekeepers helping them to become established and teaches them the basics of backyard beekeeping. He is an active member in his community and is a great advocate for honeybees and beekeepers of all levels.

PETER STUCKEY



JEREMY BEMIS

Jeremy is the owner of Bemis Honey Bee Farm, Bemis Tree Farm, and Bemis Stump Busters. He has worked along side his family in the tree industry for over 15 years. He has a business degree in marketing and advertising from which he recieved at the Univeristy of Arkansas at Little Rock. He is a beekeeper who maintains about fifty hives with his wife. He is the regional director of Central Arkansas for the Arkansas Beekeepers Association. Jeremy believes in educating both beekeepers and non beekeepers about the importance of honeybees.

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