Massachusetts Beekeeper's Association Spring Meeting
March 30, 2013
9:00AM - 4:00PM
207 Boston Street, Topsfield, MA 01983

Speakers: ·

- **Dan O'Hanlon** - Dan's energy and leadership have gone far beyond the local club. On a state level he was instrumental in passage of the immunity law for beekeepers, founded and implemented the West Virginia Queen Producers Program serving as president from its conception, has written grants and acquired funding for its survival, invited the WVBA to have its Spring Meeting for the year 2010 at Heritage Village in the Huntington area, and in 2008 he was instrumental in bringing HAS (Heartland Apiary Society) for the first time ever to our great state. However, after stating all these elements of Dan's service it is important to say that he is first and foremost a beekeeper.

References:
West Virgina Best Management Practices
West Virginia Beekeeper Imunity

- **Mary Canning -** owner of Follow-the-Honey (Cambridge, MA) will be talking about her recent adventures in Africa helping to start a national honey production system.

"Show Us The Asali Pesa [*honey money]*: Adventures On Nyuki *[bee]* Safari in Tanzania "

Mary Canning, proprietress of Follow The Honey in Harvard Square, shares anecdotes from her recent sojourn to Africa by invitation of Prime Minister Pinda of Tanzania, himself a beekeeper trained by local entrepreneur and apiarist David Camara; protecting wildlife, cultivating eco-tourism and developing integrative social enterprise through honey production.

Follow The Honey's social justice mission locally & globally is defending the price of honey and the bees cultivating this elixir with their stewards; raising awareness as to its hard won properties and value. Being in Harvard Square, they are situationally in the embrace of a vibrant eclectic hive mind who know we need to act locally, yet think planet-wise about bees.

Photo Contest

Spring Meeting Reservation Form

We will have commercial exhibitors as well as a raffle and a silent auction to benefit the association.· Silent auction contributions are welcome as always.

The meeting is free to members and 2013 bee school students.· Non-member attendance is $10.· Lunch is $10.

A Saturday deli luncheon buffet will be provided and must be reserved in advance by March 19.· There will be coffee and tea available Saturday morning.·· We are asking for contribution of Honey-baked goods for the morning break.· Thank you!

There is a **Speaker's dinner at Bertucci** Rte 1A Newbury St, Peabody 7PM Friday March 29th Please email david.meldrum@verizon.net if you plan to attend… we need a head count.

Agenda

8:30 – 9:15 AM / Registration & Lunch Tickets

9:15 – 9:30 AM / Welcome - Rick Reault, President MBA

9:30 – 10:30 AM / "Legal Protection for Beekeepers" Judge Dan O'Hanlon.

10:30 – 10:50 AM / Morning Break – visit the vendors, purchase raffle tickets

10:50 – 12:50 AM / "Spring Management" – Ken Warchol Massachusetts Bee Inspector

12:00 – 1:00 PM / LUNCH

1:00 – 1:15 PM / “Beekeeper of the Year” – Paul Desilets Secretary MBA

1:15 – 2:00 PM / “Follow the Honey” – Mary Canning owner of Follow the Honey, Cambridge, MA.

2:00 – 2:15 PM / Afternoon Break – Silent Auction closes at 2:15 PM.

2:15 – 3:15 PM / “West Virginia Queen Project” – Beekeeper Dan O’Hanlon

3:15 – Door Prize Drawings & Auction Winners – Paul Desilets

3:30 PM Clean up & meeting of Directors (front of room).

Thank you Essex County Beekeepers for hosting the Massachusetts Beekeepers Spring meeting.