Massachusetts Beekeeper's Association Spring Meeting
March 24, 2012
9:00AM - 4:00PM
Topsfield, Ma.

Speakers:

- **Anne Averill** PhD, U of M Entomologist - Cranberry Pollinators

- **Joe Kovaleski** EAS Master Beekeeper from Ohio -- Mechanics of Queen Production
  What does it take to raise quality queens? You will learn about the necessary steps and equipment needed as you progress through the queen rearing process.
- **Bill Mares** President of EAS 2012 Vermont

Registration 8:30AM You can print and fill out the registration form here .
Deli Lunch with Soup $10.

Location is the Coolidge Building on the Topsfield Fair Grounds Route 1, Topsfield Ma.

There will be a "Speaker's Dinner" Friday evening 7PM March 23 at Carrabbas in Peabody, Ma.
· Please let Dave Meldrum [
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] know if you plan to attend so we can arrange for seating.

Carrabbas
1A Newbury Street
Peabody, MA 01960
http://www.carrabbas.com/restaurant/locations/MA/Peabody/Peabody/

Our featured speaker will be:

Anne Averill, PhD, of UMass-Amherst, will be speaking on her research on the health of native bees.

Joe Kovaleski - Joe has been keeping bees for 19 years. This all started out as a Boy Scout Beekeeping Merit Badge project with his younger son and two hives. Joe teaches beekeeping to boy scouts, girl scouts and 4H. He also does presentations for schools, garden clubs, and other beekeeping organizations.

Joe is an EAS Master Beekeeper, West Virginia Master Beekeeper, Certified Ohio State Beekeeper, EAS director for Ohio, and Ohio State 2008 Beekeeper of the Year.

Joe, along with his wife Suzan, produce beeswax candles and honey for sale at many fairs and festivals, and have won many best of show and blue ribbons in honey and molded wax contests. Joe is currently the Crossroads Region director for the Ohio State Beekeepers Assoc. Joe is part of the new Ohio Queen Initiative, and also a member of the West Virginia Queen Producers Assoc., raising queens in the northern panhandle.

Bill Mares, 2012 EAS President, will tell us about the August EAS conference in Burlington, Vermont.

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 2012 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!··
For additional information, please contact Dan Conlon at 413-665-4513, president@massbee.org