



## Susquehanna Beekeepers' Association

*Serving Beekeepers of N E Pennsylvania*

Volume 20

September 2014

Number 4



[Local Artist at Work](#)

Beginners' Beekeeping Classes & Field Day begins Tues., Sept. 16th

### **“Buzzer” Table of Contents**

Page 2 Guest Speaker for Annual Dinner

Page 3 Snapshots / Beekeepers at Work

Page 4 Minutes for July Meeting

Page 5 Fair Workers / Minutes continued/

Note from James

Page 6 More Harford Fair Snapshots/

Note from Ginny

Page 7 Schools, Field Days & Sponsors

Page 8 2014 Honey Show

Page 9 Contacts / Membership/

Website & Facebook

## **SCHEDULE - 2014**

**September 12, 7:00 PM**

**Claverack Building**

**Preparations for Winter**

**Sept. 16 Tue. 7:00 PM**

**First Beekeeping Course**

**Montrose Area Adult Education**

**October 10, Fri. 6:00 PM**

**Board Meeting**

**at home of James & Ginny**

**November 1, Sat. 6:00 PM**

**Annual Dinner**

**Election of Officers**

**and Speaker**

**Maryann Frazier**

**PA Sr. Extension Associate**

**November 14th and 15th**

**PA State Beekeepers Conference**

**Country Cupboard, Lewisburg, PA**



### **GOOD NEWS**

Maryann Frazier will be our annual dinner speaker on November 1st. Maryann is a beekeeper, researcher, teacher, writer, friend and co-worker with beekeepers around the world. She's always welcome here, and a blessing to Pennsylvania beekeeping!



*In case you haven't guessed, the "local artist on the cover of this issue is our President James Wood with help from his friend Bill Taggart.*



**Guard Bees Deployed**





2014 PA Honey Queen, Kaylee Kilgore, visited with us at the Harford Fair on Friday



Davia, our youngest beekeeper, visiting with Kaylee, our PA Honey Queen

*Photo by Cheylyn Adams*

From a member: "I find that it pays to print out the newsletter so I can look at it during TV commercials"



John Reagen's bee removal set-up for this situation



## July 2014 SBA Meeting Minutes

Meeting opened with Welcome by James Wood, followed by Pledge of Allegiance

Treasurer Report: bank balance of \$3379.40

Expenses: \$237.93 paid for Mats/

Chairs for the Honey Booth

\$305.82 paid for Honey Straws

\$99 paid for expenses incurred making the website.

\$163.52 paid for expenses incurred doing the school programs

Financial Report: Deposit of \$40 – a donation from Binghampton Elementary School.

Facebook Report: up to 264 likes

Harford Fair books containing entry forms were available at the front table for members who needed one. **ALL FAIR ENTRIES ARE DUE BY AUGUST 1ST.** Entry can be done online or mailed in using the entry forms in the books. Members are encouraged to enter.

Next Meeting: Work Day at the Harford Fair. August 9<sup>th</sup> at 11 am. The club will provide Sloppy Joes and dishes\utensils. Bring a dish to pass, and your own drinks. This year is in the new building, so should be quick work to get it ready for the fair.

Thank You: SBA says “Thank You” to Joe and Arlene T for volunteering to bag the candy for the Harford Fair.

Honey Straws: sold out of honey straws last year, so bought 6 Thousand straws for this years fair. With the honey shortage, straws are hard to come by this year. If we do not sell out, any leftover straws will be available to club members for purchase.

Mentor Program: Still looking for volunteers to mentor new members and a coordinator for the program.

Nominating committee: Dick Chapin to replace Dave Taylor on the Committee

Club Requests: received request from Troy Fair to run a program there. Request tabled until next year due to need for more information. Dave Taylor to get more information, such as: do they want an informational display only or do they want honey sales too, do we have enough honey \manpower to run another booth.

Kathy Swepston donated posters for the new Honey Booth at the the fair. Club voted to accept them, and the decision was made to frame them so they stay cleaner. Kathy also suggested having a sandwich board in front with possible title of “How I use my Honey” that people can write down their own uses\suggestions. Aubrey offer the use of his Sandwich board and paper.

Fair Handout: It is getting costly and time consuming for Ginny to print out the Brochures for the fair. Question was asked about getting them printed professionally. Aubrey offered use of printing and folding machine, if he can get an electronic copy.

*continued on page 5*





minutes continued

Honey Booth: Sold out last year of all but the candles. All products are welcome. Members are encouraged to bring their products to be sold this year. Club gets 20% of sales, and the member gets 80%.

SBA clothing: SBA polo shirts are available for \$20, light weight shirts are \$10, hats are \$10. Discussion of whether club has a sales tax license to be able to sell merchandise at the honey booth. Treasurer Kathy Swepston says she has paperwork stating we do have a sales tax license.

Honey Booth Prices: Club passed motion to tentatively decide to raise the price of honey to \$8\pound at the Harford Fair. This can still be overridden at the Work Day. If you want an input on how much we sell the honey for, please make sure to show up at the fairgrounds on August 9<sup>th</sup>.

Program: Queen Rearing by Jim Perkins

Cheylyn Adams, Secretary



NOTE OF THANKS

The 2014 Harford Fair week for SBA was a really good week all way around. Sales were great, all the volunteers were there whether rain or shine, the honey house décor was nicely done, the fairgoers were out in plenty and we can be glad for another successful year.

Less honey was sold but the bottom line was more than years past, due to price hikes voted on at the last meeting.

This year being my last year as SBA president during the fair, I want to thank all of you for your hard work and commitment. Plus we need to thank the honey bees for giving their all for us that we can reap their harvest.

Thanks, James

Thank You Beekeepers and Bee  
LOVERS  
for helping at the Harford Fair

Davia Adams  
Lanny Adams  
Lynnie Anderson  
Jim Barber  
John Brunner  
Dick Chapin  
Audrey Elbrecht  
Sandy Elbrecht  
Sue Garing  
Laura Grosvenor  
Rod Grosvenor  
Catherine Hynes  
Fred Hotchkiss  
Valerie Hotchkiss  
Jim Mislevy  
Sharon Mislevy  
Jim Perkins  
Marcia Perkins  
Dan Petrolaci  
Ed Ronstadt  
Rich Sheldon  
Kathy Swepston  
Sara Swepston  
Arlene Taiariol  
Joe Taiariol  
Dave Taylor  
Lucinda VanVleck  
Earl Villecco  
James Wood  
Tina Wood





Rich Sheldon and Dave Taylor at the Fair



Dick Chapin and James Wood  
"working" at the Harford Fair



### THANK YOU

From Ginny: thank you to all who signed on to help during Fair week at the honey house. There are the ones who wait and "fill in the slots" at which I am grateful, but no matter when you signed on, your presence is always needed.

Whether or not I can help with the scheduling next year, I'm hoping you will be still be more than willing to step right up and put your name on the dotted line...

Thank you sincerely, Ginny



**Our School Program**  
Report-to-Date for 2013 - 2014  
**Jim Barber, James Wood,**  
**Dick Chapin, Coordinator**

10/1 Sullivan Co. Elem. 4-6th grades  
 10/8 Blue Ridge Elementary 2nd grade  
 10/15 Roslund Elementary 4th grade  
 10/22 Lackawanna Trail Middle 5th grade  
 10/29 Mehoopany Elementary 4th grade  
 11/13 Lathrop Street Elementary 4th grade  
 11/19 Mt. View Elementary 4th grade  
 1/28 Choconut Valley 5th grade  
 2/25 Elk Lake 2nd grade  
 5/20 Forest City 3rd grade  
 5/27 Horace Mann School, NY

[with help from Earl Villecco and  
 Tina Wood]

**Keeney and Ziegler**

Dennis C. Keeney  
 9351 Old 22  
 Bethel, PA  
*Honey Producer / Packer*  
*Supplies, Queens*  
*Honey Jars & Caps*  
 BREEDER of  
 NORTHERN QUEENS  
 717-933-8565



**Bee Culture Magazine**

Box 706  
 Medina, OH 44258  
 800-289-7668

Bee Culture has a free  
 e-mail newsletter  
 called "Catch the Buzz"



**FIELD DAYS & PARKS 2014**  
**James Wood, Coordinator**

4/23 Sayre Elementary School  
 4/24 Elk Lake Science Fair  
5/8 & 5/9 Wyoming County Conservation  
District  
 Lackawanna Trail & Tunkhannock  
 5th grades  
 5/17 Salt Springs State Park  
Bradford Conservation District  
 5/23 Athens Elementary School  
 5/29 Wyalusing Elementary School  
 5/30 NE Bradford Elementary School  
 6/6 Troy Elementary School  
 7/9 Tunkhannock Library - Children  
 7/15 Montrose Park - Foster Grandparents  
 7/16 Keystone College - Children  
 (with help from Jim Barber, Dick Chapin,  
 Jackson & Jessica Fiore)

**American Bee Journal**

51 South 2nd Street  
 Hamilton, IL 62341  
 888-922-1293

<http://www.americanbeejournal.com>

Or subscribe through our  
 association  
 for a discount

Ginny at 570-934-1166  
 Also, ABJ has a free e-mail newsletter



## Honey Beeswax

### Winners

#### Candles, Fancy

1st & Best of Show-  
Kathy Swepston

#### Light Extracted Honey

1st-Dave Taylor  
2nd-Kathy Swepston  
3rd-Ray Adams

#### Amber Extracted Honey

1st-Kathy Swepston  
2nd-Jim Perkins

#### Dark Extracted Honey

1st-Katherine Swepston  
2nd-Dave Taylor  
3rd-Catherine Hynes

#### Honey Spread

1st-& Judge's Delight-  
Tina Wood  
2nd-Catherine Hynes

#### Chunk Honey

1st-James Wood

#### Light Comb Honey Sections

1st-Jim Perkins

#### Cut Comb

1st-James Wood

#### Frame of Honey

1st-Marcia Perkins  
2nd-Jim Perkins  
3rd-Ray Adams  
HM-Davia Adams

#### Single Piece Beeswax

1st-John Reagen  
2nd-Kathy Swepston  
3rd-James Wood

#### Molded Candles

1st-Ray Adams

#### Dipped Candles

1st-Kathy Swepston

#### Collective Exhibit

1st-Sara Swepston  
2nd-Jean Grube  
3rd-Marcia Perkins



## Honey Cookery Winners

### Honey Cinnamon Buns

1st & Best of Show-Jeralyn Adams

### Cookies

1st-Kristen Burkhart  
2nd-Ray Adams  
3rd-Jean Grube

### Cake, Small

1st-Mary Jane Bullock

### Bars, Brownies

2nd-Jean Grube

### Yeast Bread, Rolls

1st-Jean Grube  
2nd-Kristen Burkhart

### Quick Bread

1st-Sara Swepaston

### Muffins

Hon. Mention-S J Casey

### Pie

1st-Cheylyn Adams

### Candy

1st-Cheylyn Adams

### Honey/Beeswax and Honey Cookery Judges

Jim Barber, Dick Chapin & Sue Garing,  
along with steward Tina Wood  
want to thank everyone who entered  
the show this year.

It was a success  
and your support is appreciated!

### *Editors note:*

*In this issue there are "thank you" notes from President James and Financial Secretary Ginny, in which they thank the many active and working members of our association. It is time for us to thank them for their leadership, work and enthusiasm which has sparked our very impressive association.*

## **Officers & Directors 2014**

**President: James Wood**

934-1166 [jimnginw@epix.net](mailto:jimnginw@epix.net)

**Vice Pres. Dave Taylor**

378-3728 [drt105@aol.com](mailto:drt105@aol.com)

**Recording Sec: Cheylyn Adams**

965-2289 [cheylina@live.com](mailto:cheylina@live.com)

**Financial Sec. Ginny Wood**

934-1166 [jimnginw@epix.net](mailto:jimnginw@epix.net)

**Treasurer: Kathleen Swepston**

675-8306 [kathyswep@yahoo.com](mailto:kathyswep@yahoo.com)

### **Directors:**

**James Barber, Past Pres.**

767-1312 [jbeekeeper@hotmail.com](mailto:jbeekeeper@hotmail.com)

**John Brunner, Past Pres.**

278-1774 [elsejohnmolly@gmail.com](mailto:elsejohnmolly@gmail.com)

**Richard Chapin, Past Pres.**

432-4007 [oldbeekeeper83@gmail.com](mailto:oldbeekeeper83@gmail.com)

**Aubrey Elbrecht**

879-4733 [aubrey.elbrecht@gmail.com](mailto:aubrey.elbrecht@gmail.com)

**LeJune Ely**

278-2170 [jlely8@frontiernet.net](mailto:jlely8@frontiernet.net)

**Jim Perkins**

967-2634 [perkmar@stny.rr.com](mailto:perkmar@stny.rr.com)

**Richard Sheldon**

727-2045 [sheldon@nep.net](mailto:sheldon@nep.net)

## **MEMBERSHIP FORM**

**Local dues-**

**1 yr. \$10.00**

**3 years \$25.00**

**Lifetime \$100.00**

**Members age 70+ free  
(includes newsletter)**

**PA State Assn. dues - \$20:00**

**(Optional)**

**(includes state newsletter)**

**Name:**

**Address and Zip:**

**Tel. #**

**E-mail:**

**Payment Method:**

**( ) check or ( ) money order**

**Check payable to  
Susquehanna Beekeepers  
Association**

**Send to Ginny Wood  
4466 State Route 367  
Montrose, PA 18801**

**Required by law if you have bees:**

**PA State Registration \$10.00 / 2 years**

Bureau of Plant Industry – Apiary Section 2301 North  
Cameron Street Harrisburg, PA 717-110-9408 Phone  
717-772-5225 Fax

717-705-6518 forms at meetings or online: [http://  
www.pastatebeekeepers.org/inspection.htm](http://www.pastatebeekeepers.org/inspection.htm)

### **The Buzzer Staff:**

**Editor: Richard Chapin**

**Production Manager: Valerie  
Hotchkiss**

553-2086 [valeriehotchkiss54@gmail.com](mailto:valeriehotchkiss54@gmail.com)

## **Our Website**

**Dave Taylor, Webmaster**

**[www.susquehannabeekeeping.com](http://www.susquehannabeekeeping.com)**

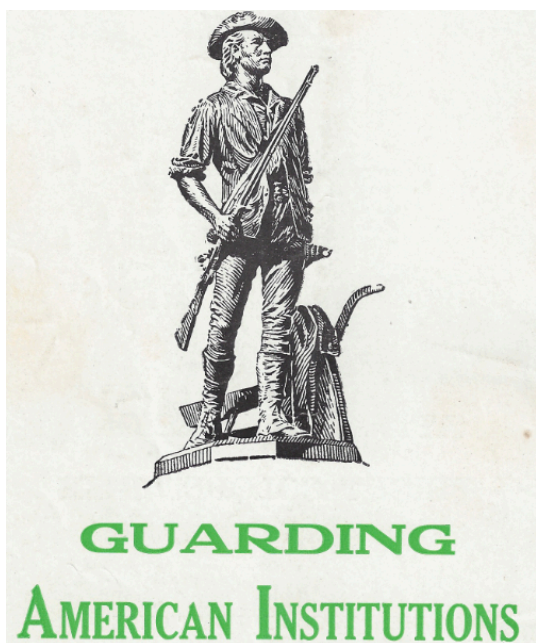
**+**

## **Our Facebook Page**

**Cheylyn Adams, Manager**

**[www.facebook.com/  
SusquehannaBeekeepersAssociation](http://www.facebook.com/SusquehannaBeekeepersAssociation)**

When you log onto your Facebook account you can search for Susquehanna Beekeepers Association and it will take you to our page. Then you can “Like” our page.



Gleanings in Bee Culture, August 1942



“We are not weak if we make a proper use of those means which the God of Nature has placed in our power... the battle, sir, is not to the strong alone it is to the vigilant, the active, the brave.”

-Patrick Henry