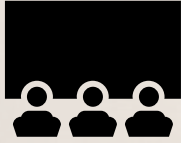


# SAVE THE DATE!



## Massachusetts Beekeepers Association *first virtual Annual Fall Meeting*

**Nov. 7, 2020 – 8:00 AM TO 12:00 PM**

As President of the Massachusetts Beekeepers Association (MBA) I want to invite you to the 2020 Fall Meeting taking place on Nov. 7th. Because physical distance continues to be needed, for the first time, the MBA Fall Meeting will be a virtual event!

The online Meeting includes two Keynote Speakers and sessions with interactive Q&A sessions. Gary Reuter, a researcher at the University of Minnesota Bee Lab will be talking about wintering in cold climates and about the U of M's research on propolis.



Dr. David Peck, a professor at Cornell University, will be giving a presentation on varroa mites.

Presentations and updates will also be given by Dr. Kim Skyrn, Hannah Whitehead, and others. Vendors will also be participating.

The Fall meeting will continue to include a Honey Show. 🍯 Details on how to enter will be posted on the [MBA website](#).

This is one virtual meeting you do NOT want to miss. Pre-registration is required. The MBA Fall Meeting will remain the privileged occasion for current MBA Members. If you are unsure of your membership status you can contact the [MBA Corresponding Secretary](#) and if you would like to join MBA or renew your membership, you can do so [on line](#).

We look forward to seeing you online on November 7, 2020!

Sincerely,  
*Pete Delaney, MBA President*

# **Mass Bee Fall Meeting Details**

**Saturday, November 7, 2020**

**8 AM – 12 PM**

***ZOOM* Meeting**

Come join us for an outstanding educational event  
hosted by the Middlesex County Beekeepers Association (MCBA).

## **SPEAKERS**

**Gary Reuter** - A long time hobby beekeeper and trained in technology education, Gary began working with Marla Spivak when she moved to Minnesota in 1992. Without his hard work, the program would not be what it is today. He maintains the research colonies, helps train and work with students in the field, designs and builds specialty equipment and speaks to beekeeping, student and civic groups. He plans the Extension short courses and together with Marla teaches beginning, as well as experienced beekeepers. His humorous style of teaching helps the class stay interested and enthusiastic about a sometimes-challenging subject. He is a past president of both Minnesota Hobby Beekeepers and Wisconsin Honey Producers Association and director of the American Beekeeping Federation and remains active in these groups. He still finds time to manager his own colonies, while learning to blacksmith, maintaining an orchard, and helping his wife raise sheep.

Gary's presentation will be on wintering hives in cold climates and the research the university is doing on propolis. He will talk about how honey bees winter and what the beekeepers should do and not do to help them make it through the winter. He will also discuss what they have learned at the University of Minnesota Bee Lab regarding propolis and how it relates to honey bees' health.

**Dr. David Peck** - Dr. David Thomas Peck is a professor at the Cornell University Department of Neurobiology and Behavior. Behaviorist interested in the behavioral interactions between parasites and their hosts, including parasite behavior, host-resistance behaviors toward parasites, and host-manipulation by parasites. He's currently focused on studying: mechanisms of naturally evolved behavioral resistance to the mite *Varroa destructor* in honey bee populations in the United States and Madagascar; and consequences of both mite and bee behavior in the transmission of *Varroa* mites between honey bee colonies in apicultural and natural settings.

Dr. Peck's presentation, "Varroa destructor – History, Biology, Transmission, and Bee Resistance", will include information about *Varroa* biology that most veteran beekeepers rarely know. The focus is on *Varroa* as an animal in its own right, with its own interesting biology, and not "just a pest" – that needs to be destroyed as quickly as possible.



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## HONEY CONTEST - *No experience necessary.*

Mass Bee and the MCBA welcome beekeepers to submit honey samples from their 2020 honey harvest for this year's honey contest. This is a great chance to show off your stuff! Ribbons are given for the judge's top three entries in each category. Modified honey contest rules and submittal instructions for the virtual Fall 2020 Meeting are posted on the Mass Bee website.



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During the business portion of the meeting, several important items will be discussed for Membership vote:

- MBA's updated Bylaws – the Bylaws have been updated to reflect current practices and to align the Bylaws with the Articles of Incorporation. A copy of the proposed version of the MBA Bylaws have been sent to Members.
- MBA Executive Board – nominations for MBA Executive Board will be up for Membership vote. Nominees include: Mary Duane – President; John Cheetham – Vice President; Treasurer – Phil Guadette; Kitty de Groot – Corresponding Secretary; and, Katherine Carlson – Registrar.
- The Beekeeper of the Year for 2020 will also be announced.

Additional details and schedule will be available soon on our web site <https://www.massbee.org>

Updates & notices will be posted on the Mass Bee web page <https://www.massbee.org/events/> and shared in our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/MassachusettsBeekeepers>

All attendees must be current Mass Bee members or current high school or UMass Amherst students.

If you are unsure of your membership status you can contact the [Corresponding Secretary](#).

If you are not currently a member or student, you can join online or by mail with payment received by **Nov 4<sup>th</sup>** (\$15 for individual, \$25 for family and \$50 for organization.) Payments by credit card are accepted on our web site via [Mass Bee's online membership](#).