

**Thursday March 16**

**12:00-7:00** Vendor Set Up

**Friday March 17**

**7:00-9:00** Vendor Set Up

**8:00-12:00** **Master Beekeeper Program Testing: Brood Nest Room**

West Virginia Beekeepers Association

**9:00** **Doors Open to the Public**

Registration and Vendors Open (Pre-Conference Specials: 9-12)

Contests/Silent Auction Entries, Quilt Raffle, and Kids Art Contest Voting Open

**9:30-11:30** **Beginner Beekeeper Pre-Conference Workshop: Breakout Room 2**

Mountaineer Beekeepers

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**12:00-12:15** **Friday Opening Ceremony: Main Ballroom**

Welcome and Announcements: Honey in the Hills Committee

**12:15-1:15** **Keynote Speaker #1: Main Ballroom**

Dr. Humberto Boncristiani: The Challenges of Honey Bee Research and Educating Beekeepers

**1:15-1:30** **15-Minute Break**

**1:30-2:30** **Breakout Session #1**

Main Ballroom:

Panel Discussion: The ABC's of the Appalachian Beekeeping Collective

Mark Lilly, Jay Cox, and Lisa Eads (Justin King, Moderator)

Breakout Room 1:

Paul Kelly: Managing Single Brood Chamber Colonies in Ontario

Breakout Room 2:

Greg Burns: Hard Lessons Learned: Growing a Bee Yard

Honey House Room:

Andrew Connor: Inspecting Colonies from Outside of the Hive

Brood Nest Room:

Beekeeper in Training (BIT) Youth Program

8 and Up: A Look Inside the Hive/Lighting a Smoker

Under 8: Beekeeping Story Time

**2:30-3:00** **30-Minute Break**

**3:00-4:00** **Breakout Session #2**

Main Ballroom:

Dr. Robyn Underwood: Spotted Lanternfly and Beekeeping

Breakout Room 1:

Dr. Dewey Caron: Anticipatory Beekeeping

Breakout Room 2:

Frederick Dunn: Honey Bees Up Close

Honey House Room:

Jerry deGroot: Strategies for Overwintering Nucs

Brood Nest Room:

Beekeeper in Training (BIT) Youth Program

8 and Up: All About Queens

Under 8: The Importance of Pollinators

**4:00-4:30** **30-Minute Break**

**4:30-5:30** **Keynote Speaker #2: Main Ballroom**

Kent Williams: What I Would Do Differently: Improving Your Beekeeping Operation

**5:30** **Conference Closes for Friday**

Contests/Silent Auction Entries Close

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**7:00** **Doors Re-Open to the Public**

**7:30-9:30** **Beekeeping After Dark Social Event**

Kids Art Contest Voting Closes

**Saturday March 18**

**6:30-7:30 Vendor Set Up**

**7:30 Doors Open to the Public**  
Saturday Registration and Vendors Open  
Contest Voting and Silent Auction Bidding Open  
Kids Art Contest Winners Announced

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**8:30-8:45 Saturday Opening Ceremony: Main Ballroom**  
Welcome and Announcements: Louisa Householder, WVBA President

**8:45-9:45 Keynote Speaker #3: Main Ballroom**  
Dr. Robyn Underwood: Practical Implications of Different Beekeeping Philosophies

**9:45-10:15 30-Minute Break**

**10:15-11:15 Breakout Session #3**  
Main Ballroom: Panel Discussion: Social Media and Beekeeping  
Dr. Humberto Boncristiani, Greg Burns, Frederick Dunn, Paul Kelly  
(Mike Lamp, Moderator)  
Breakout Room 1: Dr. Dewey Caron: How to Read Deadout Colonies  
Breakout Room 2: Shanda King: Common Misconceptions with Varroa Mites  
Honey House Room: Jay Cox: Salve Making Demonstration  
Brood Nest Room: Beekeeper in Training (BIT) Youth Program  
8 and Up: Jobs of the Hive and Candle Making  
Under 8: Candle Making

**11:15-1:00 Lunch Break: Main Ballroom**  
11:30 Lunch Served  
12:45 Door Prizes Winners Announced  
1:00 Contest Voting Closes

**1:00-2:00 Breakout Session #4: West Virginia Speaker Spotlight**  
Main Ballroom: Panel Discussion: Commercial Beekeeping  
Bill Barbe, Roy Funkhouser, Paul Poling, and Kent Williams  
(Shanda King, Moderator)  
Breakout Room 1: Wade Stiltner: Successful Backyard Beekeeping  
Breakout Room 2: Mark Lilly: Spring Management  
Honey House Room: Curt Shade: Mind Your Beeswax: Candle Making with Curt  
Brood Nest Room: Beekeeper in Training (BIT) Youth Program  
All Ages: Q&A with Natalee Summers  
Components of the Hive Demonstration  
Youth Door Prize Drawings

**2:00-2:30 30-Minute Break**  
2:15 Contest Winners Announced (Main Ballroom)

- 2:30-3:30      Breakout Session #5**  
Main Ballroom:      Kent Williams: Methods for Queen Rearing  
Breakout Room 1:      Greg Burns: Homestead Beekeeping: Making Ends Meet and Creating Abundance  
Breakout Room 2:      Mountaineer Beekeepers: Beekeeping Hacks A to Z  
Honey House Room:      Jay Cox: Lip Balm Making Demonstration  
Brood Nest Room:      Beekeeper in Training (BIT) Youth Program  
   8 and Up: Bee Painting Class  
   Under 8: Bee Craft Project
- 3:30-4:00      30-Minute Break**  
4:00 Silent Auction Bidding and Quilt Raffle Close
- 4:00-5:00      Keynote Speaker #4: Main Ballroom**  
Paul Kelly                      Queen Rearing and Bee Breeding: Buckfast and Low Varroa Growth Programs
- 5:00-5:30      Closing Ceremony: Main Ballroom**  
WVBA Master Beekeeper Results and 2023 Association of the Year Winners  
Beekeeper in Training (BIT) Participant Recognition  
Silent Auction and Quilt Raffle Winners Announced  
Closing Remarks
- 5:30              Conference Closes**

**PLEASE NOTE: SCHEDULE IS TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE**