



# Massachusetts Beekeepers Association

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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MASS BEE FALL MEETING – NOV 4, 2023

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**8:30 – 9:00 AM**      **Registration and Morning Coffee**  
Meet and greet and have some coffee and tea!  
Check out raffle items and vendors.  
Submit your honey show items for judging

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### MORNING SESSIONS

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**9:00 – 9:15 AM**      **Opening Remarks**      John Cheetham, Mass Bee Vice President

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**9:15 – 10:15 AM**      Deborah Klughers      **Get Your Sting On!**

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**10:15 – 10:30 AM**      **Break**

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**10:30 – 11:30 AM**      Paul Kelly      **Single Brood Chamber Management**

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**11:30 – 12:00 PM**      Dr. Kim Skyrm      **MDAR Updates**

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**12:00 – 12:45 PM**      **Lunch**  
(Lunch provided for those who have ordered and paid in advance.)  
Don't forget to check out raffle items and vendors!  
Raffle tickets sold until 2:30 PM.

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**12:45 – 1:15 PM**      **Mass Bee Membership Meeting**

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### AFTERNOON SESSIONS

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**1:15 – 2:15 PM**      Deborah Klughers      **Mind Your Own Beeswax and Propolis Too!**

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**2:15 – 2:30 PM**      **Break**

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**2:30 – 3:30 PM**      Paul Kelly      **Breeding for Low Growth Varroa**

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**3:30 – 4:15 PM**      **Contest and Auction winners announced.**  
**Vice President's Conclusion**

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## GUEST SPEAKERS



### DEBORAH KLUGHERS

Deborah is the owner of Bonac Bees, a full-service apiculture company based in Hampton Bays, New York. She manages over 100 honey bee colonies at 40 locations for both her own honey and hive products, and for clients who would like to have bees without any of the work.

Deborah is an EAS Master Beekeeper who has given several talks at EAS and ABF. She offers lectures and demonstrations and presented original research at Apimondia in 2019. Deborah mentors beekeepers of all levels, and especially enjoys working with children. A strong advocate for honey bees, she is an avid swarm catcher and cut-out artist.

Deborah holds a master's degree in Marine Conservation and Policy, and a bachelor's degree in Environmental Studies, both from Stony Brook University.



### PAUL KELLY

Paul began beekeeping as a sixth-grade science project which led to working with bees in Alberta, British Columbia, Nova Scotia, and New Zealand before settling in Ontario.

Paul has managed the Honey BeeResearch Centre (HBRC) at the University of Guelph since 1987. His primary role at the center is to care for honey bee colonies used in research projects and teaching purposes.

Paul has produced over 75 beekeeping videos for the HBRC YouTube channel which have been translated into 12 languages and have been viewed over 12 million times.

In 2017 Paul received the EAS Roger A. Morse Extension Award and in 2022 he was inducted into the Ontario Agriculture Hall of Fame.



### DR. SKYRM, KIM

Dr. Kim Skyrms is currently the East Director of the Apiary Inspectors of America and the Chief Apiary Inspector for the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources. Prior to this appointment, Kim was a Post-Doctoral Researcher at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst working with bumble bees in cranberry pollination. Dr. Skyrms is a scientist by training and a hobby beekeeper.

Having experience in academia, industry and now government, Kim has been working with native and managed bees, beekeepers, farmers, and pesticide applicators for the past 14 years through outreach education, research, and extension.

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