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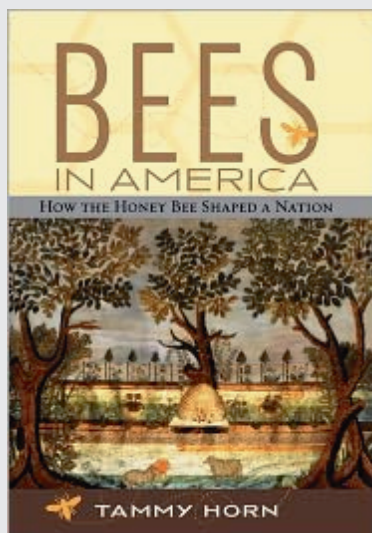
2013 is the Year of  
Enchantment!

September 11-14, 2013

Santa Fe, NM

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## Meet the Author!



New Mexico beekeepers are friendly and helpful, always ready to lend a hand to introduce new beekeepers to the many facets of apiculture. Outgoing NMBKA Vice-President Joe Wesbrook demonstrates honey extraction here.

## NMBKA Annual Meeting 2013

Join us for our Annual Meeting in January! Admission is free, but we encourage family membership to the NMBKA for \$30 for per year.

Special Guest Speaker is Tammy Horn who was an English professor for ten years until, as 2006 NEH Chair of Appalachian Studies, she began to study the potential impact of surface mining on honey bees. In 2007, unemployed, she began writing grants and working with coal companies to create Coal Country Beeworks. In 2013, she is now working the third book of her "bee trilogy": *Bees in America: How the Honey Bee Shaped a Nation* (2005);

*Beeconomy* (2012); and *Apiforestation, The Future of Beekeeping* (forthcoming). She will be speaking two times. The first session will be "Honey Corridors in the Appalachians," and the second session will be "Beeconomy: What Women and Bees Teach Us About Local Trade and Global Markets".

*Where:* Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 114 Carlisle Blvd. SE

*Please don't park in the parking lot West of Carlisle. You might get towed. Parking can be found on street, behind the church and off of Hermosa and Silver.*

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## CALENDAR

### January 2013

NMBKA Annual Meeting

Friday, Jan. 25, 12:00 noon –

Saturday, Jan. 26, 3:00 p.m.

### March 2013

6th Annual Organic Beekeepers Meeting

Friday, Mar. 1 – Sunday, Mar. 3

Oracle, AZ

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## New Mexico Beekeepers Association

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## NMBKA Board Member Nominations

2013 Annual Meeting

### For the position of President:

*Les Crowder:* Les is willing to serve as President of the NMBKA once again this year. He served last year as the Association's President, and has served as President in the past. Les has been beekeeping all his life and has served in many capacities in the "industry". He and Heather Harrell just recently completed their book, *Top-Bar Beekeeping: Organic Practices for Honeybee Health*. See their website: [www.forthe loveofbees.com](http://www.forthe loveofbees.com)

### For the position of Vice-President:

*Craig Noorlander:* Craig is willing to serve as Vice-President of the NMBKA Board. Craig has worked with bees for several years, and mentors newbies in the East Mountains where he lives. He manages the Edgewood farmers market, and will once again this year be bringing package bees to New Mexico from California in the spring. See his website: [papabearshoney.com](http://papabearshoney.com)

### For the position of Secretary:

*Jessie Brown:* Jessie is willing to serve another year as Secretary of NMBKA. Jessie is an incredibly organized and diligent member of the New Mexico beekeeping fraternity (sorority?). She mentors new beekeepers, posts many of her exploits on her blog ([brownsdowntownbees.blogspot.com](http://brownsdowntownbees.blogspot.com)), does trapouts, catches swarms, raises girls, and throws a great party! See her website: [brownsdowntownbees.com](http://brownsdowntownbees.com)

### For the position of Treasurer:

*(Please note that this is the first year NMBKA has separated the Secretary and Treasurer positions. Jessie Brown served as Secretary-Treasurer in 2012; she is willing to serve as Secretary again, but not Treasurer.)*

*D.J. Nickles:* D.J. has been nominated to serve as Treasurer for NMBKA for 2013, and he is willing to do the job if elected. D.J. and his wife live in the Altura Park section of Albuquerque. They have been NMBKA members and amateur beekeepers for four years. D.J. is semi-retired and has financial experience in both the for-profit and non-profit business worlds. He is fluent with many current software packages and would have no problem keeping the Association's books in Quickbooks.

### For the position of Board Member-At-Large:

*(Some folks have asked me what a "Member-At-Large" does, or what is the purpose of the position. I sum it up as: commitment without specific duties. At-Large Board members are expected to participate in all Board activities, just like any other Board member; they just aren't expected to: keep minutes at meetings or write Association correspondence (Secretary); keep the Association's financial records (Treasurer); interface with other organizations and set the direction of the Association (President); or set meeting agenda and run meetings, and substitute for the President when necessary (Vice-President). Members-At-*

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## NMBKA Board Member Nominations *(continued from page 2)*

*Large should be willing to carry the ball on special projects, assist the Board with any functions it sponsors or runs, and provide general knowledge and experience to the operation of the Association.)*

**Craig Noorlander:** Craig is willing to serve again as a Member-At-Large on the NMBKA Board. Craig has worked with bees for several years and mentors newbies in the East Mountains, where he lives. He manages the Edgewood farmers market, and will once again this year be bringing package bees to New Mexico from California in the spring. See his website: [papabearshoney.com](http://papabearshoney.com)

**Rob Shepler:** Rob Shepler is willing to serve as a Member-At-Large for 2013. Rob lives in southern NM and has been

instrumental in getting the Southern NM Beekeepers organized. He says: "What do I believe? I believe that bees are an indicator species, and I think that things are changing in the beekeeping world. I believe that agriculture will get smaller and more local, and as a result more people will need to learn about bees. I believe that we need to develop and promote genetic diversity in the honey bee to counter decades of genetic loss. I believe that information and knowledge is the Association's best asset, and I believe that it must be shared or it is worthless. I believe that I have met a fine group of folks that I want to be a part of, and I would be delighted and honored to serve you in the next year."

**Phill Remick:** Phill Remick is willing to serve as a Member-At-

Large for 2013. Phill lives in the Los Ranchos area of Albuquerque, where he keeps lots of bees. Phill has been beekeeping since the 1970's, when he owned and worked thousands of hives in California. He has served as a seasonal apiary inspector for the Fresno County Agricultural Department, which encompassed the entire San Joaquin Valley. He currently runs NewBeeRescue ([www.newbeerescue.com](http://www.newbeerescue.com)) assisting new and experienced beekeepers here in New Mexico in their efforts for healthy bee management.

*The NM Beekeepers Association would like to extend a great big THANKS to Joe Westbrook, outgoing NMBKA Vice-President, and Carl Soderburg, outgoing Board Member-At-Large!*

## NMBKA Annual Meeting 2013 *(continued from page 1)*

**Fri, Jan 25th, 2013 12-5:00 pm**

12-1 pm.....Registration  
1-1:45 pm.....Les Crowder, Introductions, Bylaws  
1:45-2:15pm.....Greg Watson- Beekeeping around the State  
2:15-2:30 pm....Break  
2:30-4:00 pm....Demos and Classes  
4-5 pm.....Movie, "Strange Disappearance of the Bees"

**Sat., Jan 26th, 2013 8:30 am-3:30 pm**

8:30-9:30 am....Swap meet/ Registration  
9:30-10:30 am..Treasurers Report, Nominations and Elections, Auditors Report  
10:30-11:30 am  
Tammy Horn, "Honey Corridors in the Appalachians"  
11:30-1 pm.....Lunch  
1-2:30 pm.....Tammy Horn, "Beeconomy: What Women and Bees Teach Us About Local Trade and Global Markets"

2:30-3:30 pm....Stump the Beekeeper: Questions and Problems

### Two new studies show why biodiversity is important for pollination services in California almond

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The researchers presenting the studies are Alexandra-Maria Klein and Claire Brittain from Leuphana University of Luneburg, Claire Kremen from UC Berkeley and Neal Williams from UC Davis; Brittain, C., Williams, N., Kremen, C. and Klein, A.M. (2013) Synergistic effects of non-Apis bees and honey bees for pollination services. Proceedings of the Royal Society B. doi: 10.1098/rspb.2012.2767; Brittain, C., Kremen, C. and Klein, A.M. (2012) Biodiversity buffers pollination from changes in environmental conditions. Global Change Biology, 19, 540-547. doi: 10.1111/gcb.12043

### No Potluck Lunch This Year!

We'll have food trucks outside on Saturday and many wonderful restaurants within walking distance. So relax and enjoy!

## Bylaws of the New Mexico Beekeepers Association

### Article 1 – Name

The name of the Association shall be the New Mexico Beekeepers Association.

### Article II – Purpose

The purpose of the New Mexico Beekeepers Association as a non-profit organization is to promote a standard of excellence in beekeeping; assist members and all others interested in bees with essential beekeeping skills; disseminate the latest beekeeping information; encourage new beekeepers; facilitate the exchange of bees, bee products, and beekeeping equipment; to provide those interested in bees the opportunity to share the ‘bee story’ on an occasional basis; and be an advocate for bees and beekeeping.

### Article III - Membership

The New Mexico Beekeepers Association is a non-profit organization of private beekeepers, commercial beekeepers, persons interested in promoting the importance of the honey bee in the environment, and businesses related to the honey industry. Representing all regions of New Mexico, the Association maintains a close affiliation with the State of New Mexico’s Department of Agriculture. Membership in the Association is open to all interested persons upon payment of annual dues, regardless of race, religion, or national origin.

Honorary and Life memberships may be awarded to a member of the Association having given significant service to the organization.

### Article IV – Association Meetings

The Annual Meeting of the association shall be during the month of January each year, at which members of the Board of Directors shall be elected, a financial statement of the Association received, budget for the upcoming year approved, and reports of officers and appointed committees provided to the members. The meeting may include a program(s) of general interest to members.

A called meeting of the Association will be held upon the request of five members made to the Board of Directors.

A quorum of all Association meetings shall be ten members.

An agenda of all Association meetings shall be available to the general membership at least ten days prior to the date of the noted meeting.

### Article V – Board of Directors

A Board of Directors will plan programs, recommend the establishment of working committees, and the development of the Association in accord with its statement of purpose, and consider the general health of the organization.

The Board of Directors shall include; President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and two Members at Large. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined into one position.

Regular meetings of the Board of Directors will be held on the even months of the year and/or called by the President or two members

of the Board.

Vacancies in the Board may be filled by the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors may act on business by electronic means between meetings.

### Article VI – Duties of Officers

**President.** The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and at all meetings of the Board of Directors. The President will create and provide the Secretary with agendas for all meetings.

**Vice-President.** The Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President upon request or absence of the President.

**Secretary.** The Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings of the Association and the Board of Directors, have charge and maintain records of all minutes, prepare documents of the Association, maintain the Association’s web site, and perform such other duties as may be required pertaining to correspondence and records of the Association.

**Treasurer.** The Treasurer shall collect the annual dues from members of the Association, pay out such funds approved by the Association or its Board of Directors, and keep complete and accurate records of all monies received and expended. It shall be a standard procedure to present a financial report to the Association’s annual meeting.

### VII - Terms of Office

Officers will serve a term of one year and may be reelected for three consecutive years.

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Members at Large. Two members of the Association elected at the Annual Meeting shall become members at large serving a term of one year.

### VIII– Committees

Committees may be created by action of the Association or the Board of Directors will plan programs, recommend the establishment of working committees and the development of the Association in accord with its statement of purpose, and consider the general health of the organization.

The work and life of each committee will be established at the time of its creation.

**Auditing Committee:** There shall be an Auditing Committee, appointed by the President, whose duty shall be to audit the financial records of the Association, reporting to the annual meeting.

**Nominating Committee:** There shall be a Nominating Committee, appointed by the President, whose duty shall be to obtain nominations for Officers and Members at Large.

### Article IX – Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the New Mexico Beekeepers Association shall be the calendar year.

### Article X – Parliamentary Authority

All procedural questions not resolved by Articles of the Bylaws shall be determined in accordance with the most recent edition of *Robert's Rules of Order (Revised)*.

### Article XI – Amendments

Amendments to these Bylaws may be proposed by the Board of Directors, any member of the Association in good standing, or by a committee created for the purpose of bylaw review.

Any Amendment(s) to the Association's bylaws will take effect immediately upon passage at the Annual Meeting, or a meeting called for the specific purpose of bylaw change, unless otherwise provided for in that Amendment.

### XI - Dissolution

Dissolution of the New Mexico Beekeepers Association may be accomplished by a majority vote of members present at the Annual Meeting, or a special meeting called for that purpose, only after the membership has received appropriate notice of the meeting.

Upon dissolution of the Association, the Association shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all liabilities of the Association, dispose of all the assets of the organization, in such manner as feasible, to organizations or agencies organized and operated for purposes similar to the purpose of the Association.

*Approved by the Board on November 9, 2012, for members' vote at the 2013 Annual Meeting*

## A New Year, Time for an Audit

In order to become accountable to you our members, and to our donors and state agencies, the Board of the NM Beekeepers Association has elected to have an active and functioning Audit Committee. We have invited NMBKA member Mike Griffin to help us establish a program and lead us through our first review with Jessie Brown, Secretary-Treasurer. They will report their findings for the 2012 fiscal year at the Annual Meeting on Jan. 25-26th, 2013.

Mike Griffin is developing a clear and systematic audit program that our organization can grow with. Some of the functions of the Audit Committee will be to meet with the Treasurer to review procedures involved in bookkeeping, accounting in appropriate financial documents and reviewing all financial documents, statements, receipts, etc. A great big thanks to Mike for all his help in the last few months.

We hope that by adopting an Auditing Committee, we can enhance our procedures from year to year and give our members confidence that dues support bees and beekeeping in our beautiful state of New Mexico.



## Bees In The News

Biologists design method to monitor global bee decline

*Data could act as warning signal for impact on food systems*

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19 – A global network of people monitoring bee populations may form an early warning system alerting scientists to dangers threatening the world's food system and economies.

*More at the San Francisco State University:*

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It might be cold now, but honey season is fast approaching. Don't forget to take advantage of the annual open house at Hays Honey & Apple Farm.

## Get Ready for WAS, New Mexico!

The Western Apicultural Society (WAS) has selected Santa Fe, New Mexico, to host its 2013 conference.

WAS represents the western states of the U.S., western provinces of Canada, Mexico, and many Pacific Islands. They are a nonpolitical organization that was established in 1978 to better support small scale beekeepers and enthusiasts.

This will be a wonderful 3-day event that will include interesting and pertinent presentations, workshops, and tours from reknowned researchers, geneticists, medical practitioners, apitherapists, artists, and beekeepers.

If you are interested in helping, email Melanie Kirby ([ziaqueenbees@hotmail.com](mailto:ziaqueenbees@hotmail.com)).



ABQ Beeks, the Albuquerque Beekeepers group, starts a new season with its first meeting on Thursday, March 7, 2013. (<http://abqbeeks.org>).

## From the Editor

As always, your suggestions and contributions are most welcome.

I've received some emails about problems viewing the previous issue. It seems Google Chrome can take a long time to load and render a PDF file. Until I find a solution to that problem,

try using Firefox or Internet Explorer; both work well.

If you come across a credible research or news article, a brief email to alert me would be greatly appreciated. Thanks.

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## Membership Form

Join us! **Dues are \$30 for the year for a family. \$15 for July-Dec.** Members receive perks like free admission to events, website listings and newsletters! If you wish to receive paper newsletters instead of email, it's an additional \$5 per year.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**All members can advertise on our website for free!** If you wish to have your information added to the Bee Services section of our website, please fill in the following information and circle yes or no:

-Do you want to be listed for swarm capture?                      yes                      no

-Do you want to be listed as a bee educator?                      yes                      no

-Do you sell queens or bees?                      yes                      no

-Do you want to be listed for selling honey?                      yes                      no

Do you sell wax, pollen or propolis? \_\_\_\_\_

-Do you sell hive equipment?                      yes                      no

What kind of equipment do you sell? \_\_\_\_\_

**How do you want to be listed in our bee services area?**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone, Email or Website: \_\_\_\_\_

City or Area of the State you are located: \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill out the above information, include dues and mail to:

**NMBKA**  
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Checks can be addressed to NM Beekeepers Association

If you have any questions, email the Board at: *informbka@gmail.com*

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