"Separating Beekeeping Myths, Beliefs and Reality"
Featuring Dr. Jose Villa, Cottonwood Creek Apiaries, and John Gagne, San Juan Apiaries
August 18, 2018
South Broadway Cultural Center
1025 Broadway SE, Albuquerque, NM 87104

DRAFT AGENDA

9:30 – 11:30 Workshop at the Bee Yard, and Monitoring for Varroa. Open Space Visitor Center with Dr. Jose Villa and Craig Noorlander. Reserved for students of the NMBKA Certified Beekeeper Program. Limit 20. Contact msommer@somware.com to confirm your attendance.

11:30 – 12:30 Lunch on your own

12:00 - 1:00 Registration, South Broadway Cultural Center

1:00 - 1:15 Welcome and Introductions—Dr. Frank Gibbons, Moderator

1:15 – 2:00 John Gagne, San Juan Apiaries, “Establishment and Management of Nucleus Colonies for the Sustainable Apiary”

2:00 – 2:30 Jose Villa and John Gagne, “How Our Region Can Stop Being a Net Importer of Bees”

2:30 – 3:00 Break

3:00 – 3:45 “Varroa Mites and Treatment Options” Results and analysis of Bee Yard Mite Test, presented by Jose Villa, followed by the ABQ Beeks Mite Panel:
- Craig Noorlander, Papa Bears Honey, Edgewood
- Chris Ewer, Sandia Foothills Honey Farm, Albuquerque
- John Feuerherd, A Bee Q Honey, Corrales
- Anita Amstutz, Think Like a Bee, Albuquerque
- Mark Sommer, Sommer Computer Services, Placitas

3:45 – 4:30 Open Dialogue: Audience Q and A with Jose Villa. Possible topics but bring your own questions:
1) Genetics - promises, promises, promises
2) The pitfalls of natural beekeeping after CCD and the increase in backyard beekeeping
3) Local queen production - costs, benefits, stocks, mating control
4) Where IPM fits and does not fit in beekeeping
5) Varroa, varroa, varroa

4:30 – 5:00 Adjourn, Wrap-up and Social Meet and Greet

6:30 – 9:00 Dinner and presentation by Dr. Jose Villa at El Pinto: “How Genetics of Honey Bees Can Be a Valuable Resource towards Sustainability.” Limit 20 people. Contact kathy.grassel@gmail.com to reserve your space.