



Jon Zawislak, University of Arkansas

Jon is the apiculture specialist for the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture. He has worked and played with honey bees since 1998, and is equally at home in the bee yard, the laboratory or the classroom. Each year he presents lectures, workshops and short courses for new and experienced beekeepers throughout Arkansas and beyond. His teaching emphasizes the biology and behavior of bees as the cornerstones of keeping them productive and healthy. He also spreads the word about the importance of pollinators to the non-beekeeping public. Jon has a background in botany and entomology, and is a certified Master Beekeeper through the Eastern Apicultural Society. He

and his family operate Walnut Valley Honey Farm in Little Rock, AK (walnutvalleyhoney.com) producing products from the hive and supplying pollinators for area community gardens.



Dr. Meghan Milbrath, Michigan State University

Meghan began working bees over 25 years ago, and now owns and manages The Sand Hill Apiary, a small livestock and queen rearing operation in Munith, Michigan. She studied biology at St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN, and received degrees in public health from Tulane University and the University of Michigan, where she focused on environmental health sciences and disease transmission risk. Meghan worked as a postdoctoral research associate at Michigan State University, studying nosema disease, and is currently an assistant professor in the Department of Entomology at MSU, where she does honey bee and pollinator research and extension. She is also the coordinator of the Michigan Pollinator Initiative. Meghan is active in multiple beekeeping organizations, writes for numerous beekeeping journals, and speaks about bees all over the country. She

currently runs the Northern Bee Network, a directory and resource site dedicated to supporting queen producers. She is passionate about keeping and promoting healthy bees.



Mary Reisinger, 2020 American Honey Queen

Mary is the 20-year-old daughter of Peter and Stephanie Reisinger of Parker, TX. She is a senior at the University of Texas at Dallas, studying speech-language pathology. Mary is an active volunteer in the Collin County Beekeepers Association and currently tends six hives. As the 2020 American Honey Queen, Mary serves as a national spokesperson on behalf of the American Beekeeping Federation, a trade organization representing beekeepers and honey producers throughout the United States. The American Honey Queen and Princess speak and promote in venues nationwide, so Mary will travel throughout the US in 2020.



Jennifer Lund, Maine State Apiarist and Bee Inspector

Jen earned a master's degree in entomology from the University of Maine in Orono and has almost 20 years of entomological experience. Before becoming the State Apiarist, she was a research technician in the entomology department at UMO. Jen is passionate about honey bee health and helping beekeepers succeed. In addition to managing the inspection program, she has several hives of her own on her farm in Argyle Township.