

## A NOTE ON THE SCHEDULE and RAFFLES

We have included breaks in the morning and afternoon to allow additional time to visit our vendors and literature tables, socialize, examine the MSBA library collection, and buy **LOTS** of raffle tickets.

You can get tickets at the raffle tables or from one of the strolling ticket vendors.

The annual raffles are MSBA's main fundraising event and a chance to get something you want or need while you support Maine beekeeping. Our special thanks go to everyone who donated items for the raffle. Donors are listed on the back panel of this program.

There are two chances to buy raffle tickets. The **BLUE** raffle tickets are a real bargain at **ten for \$5**, which makes it easy to "stuff the ballot bag" and tip the odds in your favor to win just what you want.

We also have a special "Mainely-Made Raffle" that has the fixin's for a starter hive. **RED** tickets for this item are **\$1 each or six tickets for \$5**.

### Mainely-Made Raffle

<p><b>Humble Abodes, Paul &amp; Melanie Dumont</b> top cover, inner cover, bottom board</p> <p><b>Bees 'n Me, Rick Cooper</b> hive stand, entrance reducer, deep box, hive tool</p> <p><b>R B Swan &amp; Son, Harold &amp; Hilda Swan</b> ten deep frames and foundation</p> <p><b>Cronkhite Apiaries, Roy Cronkhite Sr &amp; Jr</b> smoker, helmet &amp; veil</p> <p><b>Western Maine Beekeepers Association</b> Beekeeping Basics book</p> <p><b>Swan's Honey, Lincoln &amp; Karen Sennett</b> bees (nuc)</p>
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We thank the donors below for their generous support of Maine beekeeping and beekeepers and regret that those who brought donations along with them couldn't be included in this list.

*Thank You!*

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Abenaki Apiary, Skowhegan, ME  
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Western Maine Beekeepers Association

*NOTE: Catalogues and price lists from many donors and vendors are available on the catalogue table.*

# PROGRAM 29<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING 2006 MAINE STATE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION



## Celebrating the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of MSBA

Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>  
8:00 to 4:30  
Le Club Calumet  
Augusta

M O R N I N G	COFFEE and REGISTRATION	8:00 – 9:00
	WELCOME	9:00 – 9:15
	<i>Skip Strong, President Maine State Beekeepers Association Peter Merrill, President Western Maine Beekeepers Association</i>	
	SPEAKER: MIKE PALMER	9:15 – 10:15
	<i>A Management Plan for Sustainable Beekeeping in VT</i>	
	BREAK	10:15 – 10:30
SPEAKER: LARRY CONNOR	10:30 – 11:30	
<i>What you should Know about Drones and Queens</i>		
MSBA BUSINESS MEETING	11:30 – 12:00	
<i>Annual Reports, New Business, Election of Officers, MSBA awards</i>		

LUNCH  
12:00 to 1:15

A F T E R N O O N	SPEAKER: MIKE PALMER	1:15 – 2:15
	<i>Producing Queens &amp; Wintering Summer Nucs in VT</i>	
	BREAK	2:15 – 2:30
	SPEAKER: LARRY CONNOR	2:30 – 3:30
	<i>Setting Up a Drone Saturation/Mating Area for the Sideline Beekeeper</i>	
	RAFFLE AND DOOR PRIZES	3:30 – 4:30
ADJOURN	4:30	

## WESTERN MAINE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION WELCOMES YOU

The host chapter for this year's Annual MSBA Meeting is the Western Maine Beekeepers Association. Our club started in 1993 with a small group of local beekeepers meeting "to discuss bees" at the Franklin County Extension Office. In 1994 the group began holding an annual Bee School in Farmington to encourage more people to take up the hobby of beekeeping and to continue their own education in the art and science of keeping bees. Today the club continues its educational mission with an annual school for beginners and periodic classes on advanced topics of interest.

WMBA is pleased to have been chosen as the host for this year's MSBA Annual Meeting. We welcome you and hope you have a wonderful day.

### A NOTE ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS

**Michael Palmer** is the President of the Vermont Beekeepers Association and chairman of the VBA's Educational Committee. He is a commercial beekeeper, queen breeder and the owner of French Hill Apiaries. He currently operates and winters 800 colonies in the northern Champlain Valley of Vermont and New York and plans to increase his colony count to 1,000 hives in the next year or two.

**Lawrence (Larry) Connor** established Beekeeping Education Service in Connecticut, offering educational programs for beekeepers. He owns Wicwas Press, and has published over a dozen titles dealing with bees, beekeeping, queen rearing and pollination. He is currently a regular contributor to Bee Culture Magazine, with emphasis on queen and drone biology and general bee colony management. He is currently writing a series of books of his own, called Beekeeping Essentials.

## ABOUT MSBA

The Maine State Beekeepers Association was founded in 1976. Our principal goals are to educate and inform Maine beekeepers on the theory and practice of sound beekeeping, to represent the interests of beekeepers before the state legislature and in the statewide agricultural community, and to provide information about bees and beekeeping to the public. Our membership, both hobbyists and professional beekeepers, represent every level of experience and expertise.

A web site has been created for MSBA: [MAINEBEEKEEPERS.org](http://MAINEBEEKEEPERS.org). It includes information on MSBA as well as links to local chapters.

### MSBA NEEDS YOU!

The MSBA Board of Directors wants to continue to improve communication and build community among beekeepers statewide. One of the ways we accomplish this is through our statewide newsletter ~ *The Bee Line*. We encourage all members to submit articles for this publication.

We have a list of beekeeper speakers and would welcome others. Please share your thoughts on how MSBA can better serve Maine beekeepers. A questionnaire is included in your registration packet. Please take the time to complete it and share your thoughts on how we can continue to improve the MSBA!

During today's Business Meeting, nominations will be taken for several positions. Board meetings are generally held once a month at the Farm Bureau building located in Augusta. This is your chance to help MSBA serve the beekeepers in the state of Maine.