

FLORIDA STATE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

89TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

NOVEMBER 5-7 2009

Come enjoy the company of beekeepers and the friendly atmosphere of Monticello, Florida. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monticello,_Florida. It is hosted by one of Florida's newest beekeeping groups, the Apalachee Beekeepers Association <http://apalacheebee.googlepages.com/home>. Programs will be located at the Monticello Opera House 125 West Washington St and North Florida Community College/ Green Industries campus 2729 West Washington St in Monticello. The Opera house built in 1890 and listed on the National Register of historic Places has seating for 300 and is still in use for the performing arts.

Thursday Nov 5: Dr Jamie Ellis and staff will offer training and testing for the Florida Master Beekeeper Apprentice and Advanced levels at North Florida Community College/ Green Industries campus. See details at <http://ufhoneybee.com>

Thursday Evening 6:00PM Sit down Barbeque dinner at the Monticello Opera House 125 W Washington St Monticello . Free if pre-registered otherwise \$10 per person at the door. FSBA general meeting will follow immediately after dinner.

Friday Nov 6: FSBA Convention, Banquet and Auction

Tentative Speakers for the Friday program include Dr. Rosalind James, ARS, Logan Utah; Dr Peter Teal, ARS, Gainesville; Dave Mendes, ABF; Nancy Gentry; Dr Jamie Ellis, UF; Jerry Hayes, Florida Dept of Agriculture; Mike Page, Florida Dept of Agriculture Bureau of Entomology and Pest Control; and Dr Joanne Brown, Florida Department of Agriculture. Friday evening come participate in the awards ceremony and auction that benefits the activities of the Association.

Florida folk artist Janet Moses will offer classes in "bee" themed folk art painting on Friday and Saturday. Class size is limited to 15. The fee for the class is \$45 and includes all materials for your artwork. We can also arrange crocheting classes with fiber artist Melanie Mays. Please contact Becky Hogg at 850-997-3974 or rjhogg@earthlink.net for more information or to reserve a space for these classes.

Saturday Nov 7 "Day in the Bee Yard" will begin at 8:30AM. For those only attending the Bee Yard workshop the cost is \$30. Events will include candle making, hive inspections, apiary economics, apiary safety, beginning beekeeping, and apiary management. Speakers will include award winning honey producers Carl and Virginia Webb of Clarksville, Georgia. The day will also feature local agricultural enterprises for our area and showcase the educational facilities at NFCC/Green Industries.

Sunday Nov 8

In addition to the FSBA meeting, The North Florida Fair will host a Welsh Style Honey Show, the day after the Convention,. All beekeepers are encouraged to enter and help make this a premier honey show for our region. Details should be up shortly on the North Fl Fair website at <http://www.northfloridafair.com/>.

Discounted hotel reservation are available at

Quality Inn	Exit 217 I-10	850 997 0020
Super 8	Exit 225 I-10	850 997 8888
Days Inn	Exit 225 I-10	850 997-5988

For RV's there is a discounted rate at the KOA campground at Exit 225 850 997 3890

<http://koa.com/where/fl/09213/>

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