

**Registration
is open!**

**Central Iowa
Beekeepers Association**



2023 Winter Seminar

**Saturday, March 18, 2023
Iowa Arboretum & Gardens
1875 Peach Ave, Madrid, IA 50156**

Dr. Judy Wu-Smart

- *Spring management basics--for places with real winters*
- *Beekeeping tips for minimizing injury and disruption*

Dr. Mike Simone-Finstrom (via Zoom)

- *Breeding Bees at the Baton Rouge Bee Lab:
Integrative approach to control Varroa and improve colony health*

Andy Joseph

- *Iowa Apiary update*

Kurt Rueber

- *Recent changes in marketing honey*

Pat & Peggy Ennis

- *Introducing colonies: Packages vs Nucs*
- *What to do with your beeswax*

Shelby Kittle

- *The Basics Of Comb
Honey Production*

\$35 registration fee; \$30 for CIBA members
\$20 for students (College and K-12)

Seminar occurring rain or shine; Registration limited to first 160
No registration at the door on the day of the seminar
Registration deadline (received by) 3-15-2023

Registration includes luncheon and snacks at break
Luncheon catered by Smokin' Big Dawg BBQ (Ames, IA)

Visit the CIBA website (www.centraliowabeekeepersassoc.org)
for more information and registration options

Questions, contact Dr. Don Sievers:
(515) 460-6004 or dwsievers4@gmail.com

Dr. Judy Wu-Smart, Associate Professor & Extension Specialist
University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE

Dr. Wu-Smart leads the UN-Lincoln Bee Lab where she and her team have been developing a robust pollinator health program focused on the Great Plains region to help beekeepers, scientists, policy makers, and land managers understand the underlying stressors challenging bee health, such as exposure to pesticides.



Dr. Mike Simone-Finstrom, Research Molecular Biologist
Agricultural Research Service, US Dept. of Agriculture, Baton Rouge, LA

Dr. Simone-Finstrom has been at the USDA Honey Bee Breeding, Genetics and Physiology Research Unit since 2015. He earned his PhD at the University of MN, where he pioneered a line of work devoted to understanding the impacts of antimicrobial resin use by honey bees on colony health. Mike earned a post-doc position and fellowship jointly with NC State University and the Univ. of PA on topics ranging from queen quality to migratory beekeeping to social immune defenses in honey bees. His current work aims to understanding how honey bees can be made stronger, healthier and more productive using their own natural defenses and how these traits work in concert in order to promote them within the beekeeping industry and identify components of viral resistance in honey bees

Andy Joseph, IA State Apiarist

Entomology & Plant Science Bureau, IA Department of Ag. and Land Stewardship, Ankeny, IA

Andy has been with IDALS as the State Apiarist for 15 years. As such, he oversees the Apiary program which is a combination of regulatory certification, beekeeper education efforts, and promotion of the beekeeping industry. He travels the state working with beekeepers. Additionally, with his family, he runs about 270 bee hives in the Des Moines area as Meadow BlazingStar Honey. Andy enjoys leading a beginner beekeeper class annually in Central Iowa, is the Apiary Superintendent at the IA State Fair, and serves on the Board of the IA Honey Producers Association.



Kurt Rueber, Senior Environmental Specialist

Food and Consumer Safety Bureau, IA Department of Inspections & Appeals, Des Moines, IA

Kurt serves as the Small Food Processing Lead for his bureau. Kurt has spent most of his career working with food safety, quality control and good manufacturing practices.

Pat & Peggy Ennis, P&P Honey and Bee Supply, Goodell, IA

Pat and Peggy own and operate P&P Honey from their home in Goodell, IA and work over 500 hives as part of their apiary business. Pat is a long time beekeeper, initially starting with bees in Wisconsin. He has worked commercial bees in Hawaii and Iowa before starting his own commercial beekeeping business in north central Iowa. Peggy is experienced in many facets of turning products of the hive into saleable items--winning several blue ribbons at the IA State Fair for those products. Pat is a former IA Honey Producers Association President and for many years has taught a beginning beekeepers class in the Mason City area. P&P Honey sells package bees, nucs, queens, honey and beekeeping supplies, including hive equipment of their own design and manufacture.



Shelby Kittle, Master Program
University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE

Shelby is a former NE Beekeepers Association Youth Scholar and State Honey Queen (2018). She has 9 years of beekeeping experience. Shelby took part in the undergraduate creative activities and research experience (UCARE) program studying the effect of foundation ratios on comb honey production. She's now assistant apiary manager overseeing production for roughly 100 research/teaching hives, including comb honey production.

