

From the Central Iowa Beekeepers Association (CIBA) President:

This February Newscast I want to focus on two subjects that are important for our valued members. The 1st is: get your registration in for our popular annual Winter Seminar that is going to be the third Saturday in March. Which is the 18th.

We are very fortunate to have the quality of speakers lined up for this Seminar. Please refer to the agenda below for the speakers and their presentation topics. Most speakers are in-person with one via a Zoom connection. The Iowa Arboretum near Madrid is the venue for our seminar. If you have never been there, it's a destination for the plant/nature geek. It is situated near the beautiful Des Moines River valley only a few miles from Ledges State Park.

As a CIBA member you get a discount on your registration. The registration form is attached so please get it filled out and sent in soon. You can also register using the CIBA webpage -- pay by PayPal and send your registration form by email using the computer fillable form.

The 2nd is: a remember that our Annual Beekeeping Equipment (and Bees) Auction will be the third Saturday in April. Which is April 15th. This is an incredible opportunity to purchase bees and/or equipment at a reasonable price since most of the equipment is used. It also is an incredible opportunity to sell extra equipment and bees and get a decent price. The consignment fee is 10% for CIBA members that register before April 1. After that date the consignment fee goes to 15% for our members--which is what nonmembers pay no matter when they consign.

During these winter months is the time to be thinking of what you want to sell or buy. Please refer to CIBA's website for the details. The auction form that is attached is a computer fillable form but there is both this form and a manual "print and fill" form on the web site as well as additional details and registration process for both buyers and sellers.

I am bringing a bunch of brand-new hive parts that I have made that I will not use. These will be at the auction. I also know of at least 10 mature hives that will be offered by Pat and Peggy Ennis of P&P Honey, Goodell, IA. These are not nucs but hives that are established in a two deep set-up. Hive bodies, comb and brood along with the bees will be sold as a mature set-up.

This is just a sampling of what will be available. So, what an opportunity. Auction site opens at 8 AM and bidding starts at 10: AM, but register as a seller or a buyer well in advance of the Auction. You can register as a seller or buyer on the website today.

There are always opportunity for members to help CIBA. The Winter Seminar and the Auction are no exception. If you are willing to help with either (or both) events, please step forward by contacting any Board member. We are especially looking for a person with adding machine skills/10-key calculator experience who would be willing to help at the auction finance table—regardless of the weather that day you will be warm and dry helping there.

Thanks for being a member.

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Winter Seminar Speakers and Agenda (draft)

Registration

8:20 – 8:45 AM Registration

Morning session (Jamie Beyer, CIBA President, morning moderator)

8:45-9:05 AM

- 5-minute Welcome and Housekeeping (**Jamie Beyer**)
- Short introduction of 2023 CIBA Royalty and other noted guests (**Jamie Beyer and CIBA Queen Committee Chair**)
- 5-10 minute IHPA update (**Jason Foley**, IHPA President)

9:00-9:50 AM

- **Andy Joseph** (IA Department of Ag. and Land Stewardship)
 - *Iowa Apiary Update*

9:50-10:15 AM Break

10:15-11:15 AM

- Keynote Speaker - **Dr. Judy Wu-Smart** (UN-Lincoln)
 - *Spring management basics--for places with real winters*

11:15-11:45 AM

- **Kurt Rueber** (IA Department of Inspections and Appeals)
 - *Recent changes in marketing honey*

11:45 - 12:45 PM

- **Lunch** on site
 - Catered by Smokin' Big Dawg BBQ (Ames, IA)

Afternoon session (2023 CIBA Royalty/CIBA Vice President, afternoon moderators)

12:45 - 1:15 PM

- **Shelby Little** (UN-Lincoln)
 - *The Basics of Comb Honey Production*

1:15 - 2:15 PM

- Keynote Speaker - **Dr. Judy Wu-Smart** (UN-Lincoln)
 - *Beekeeping tips for minimizing injury and disruption*

2:15 - 3:00 PM

- **Dr. Mike Simone-Finstrom** (USDA, Agricultural Research Services)
 - *Breeding Bees at the Baton Rouge Bee Lab: Integrative approach to control Varroa and improve colony health (via Zoom)*

3:00 - 3:30 Break

3:30 - 4:00 PM

- **Pat Ennis** (P&P Honey, Goodell, Iowa)
 - *Introducing Bee Colonies -- Packages vs Nucs*

4:00 - 4:30 PM

- **Peggy Ennis** (P&P Honey, Goodell, Iowa)
 - *What To Do with Your Beeswax*

4:30 PM **Jamie Beyer** wrap-up and closing remarks

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IHPA = Iowa Honey Producers Association