



3,4,5 January 2013

The Caribbean's Largest Educational Honey Bee Event has arrived!



Join us for the...

Caribbean Bee College

The first ever Caribbean Bee College will be offered at St. George's University School of Veterinary Medicine True Blue Campus in Grenada, West Indies!



- Classes for beekeepers of all experience levels.
- You don't have to keep bees to attend; all you need is an interest in the subject!
- EVERYONE WELCOME. We strongly encourage beekeepers, farmers, educators, entrepreneurs and employees of the Ministry of Agriculture, Health, Environment, and Education to attend.
- Lectures and hands-on workshops including live bee hive demonstrations with the experts.
- Topics cover everything from basic biology to value added hive products and more.

Brought to you by the Honey Bee Research and Extension Lab at the University of Florida, St. Georges University, Grenada Association of Beekeepers and the Association of Caribbean Beekeepers' Organisations.

SCHEDULE

Thursday, Friday, Saturday **



Thursday, January 3 - Technical Tour *

10:00-11:00	SGU Apiary tour
11:00-12:00	Lunch on your own – SGU food court open
12:00-12:30	Board buses; travel to south end of island
12:30-2:00	Tour of GAB Member John Batihk estate
2:30-4:30	Tour of GAB President Valma Jessamy estate
7:30 - 9:00	Caribbean Bee College Opening Ceremony: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official welcome address from Grenadian Ministries, SGU & other distinguished guests • Honey Bee Research and Extension Programming in the Caribbean

* You may choose to join this technical tour at 10:00am or at 12:00pm. All registration and buses will be available at Charter Hall near the bus stop of SGU True Blue Campus.

Friday, January 4

	Beginner's Track	Experienced Track
8:30 – 9:15	Keynote Address: Beekeeping in the Caribbean	
9:20 – 10:00	Introduction to honey bees and beekeeping	Honey bee biology
10:05 – 10:45	Honey bee biology	Alternative enterprises in beekeeping
10:45 – 11:15	Break – beverages and snacks provided	
11:15 – 11:55	Beekeeping equipment	Fundamentals of pollination ecology
12:00 – 12:30	Resources for beekeepers	Caribbean Bee Diagnostic Laboratory
12:00	<i>Honey Show Entries Due</i>	
12:30 – 1:30	Lunch on your own – SGU food court open	
1:30 – 3:00	(1) General colony inspection (2) Honey extraction, sanitation, bottling	(1) IPM theory, practice, and economics (2) Advanced bee pests and diseases
3:00 – 3:30	Break – beverages and snacks provided	
3:30 – 5:00	(1) Bee pests and diseases (2) Making new colonies, clipping/marketing queens	(1) Value added hive products, marketing techniques (2) Rearing honey bee queens
5:00 – 5:45	Questions and Answers with the speaker	
5:45 – 6:30	Honey Show Awards	

Saturday, January 5

	Beginner's Track	Experienced Track
8:30 – 9:15	Keynote Address: Honey Plants in the Caribbean	
9:20 – 10:00	Getting Started in beekeeping	Sustainable beekeeping in the Caribbean
10:05 – 10:45	Alternative beekeeping	African honey bees: what you need to know
10:45 – 11:15	Break - beverages and snacks provided	
11:15 – 11:55	Overview of honey bee mgmt. in the Caribbean	Fundamentals of honey production
12:00 – 12:30	Introduction to African honey bees	Resources for beekeepers
12:30 – 1:30	Lunch on your own – SGU food court open	
1:30 – 3:00	(1) General colony inspection (2) Honey extraction, sanitation, bottling	(1) IPM theory, practice, and economics (2) Advanced bee pests and diseases
3:00 – 3:30	Break - beverages and snacks provided	
3:30 – 5:00	(1) Bee pests and diseases (2) Making new colonies, clipping/marketing queens	(1) Value added hive products, marketing techniques (2) Rearing honey bee queens
5:00 – 5:30	Closing Ceremony	

** please note schedule is tentative and subject to change before the event



St. George's University



HONEY SHOW



SPEAKERS



ALL CARIBBEAN Bee College students are encouraged to participate in the 1st annual Caribbean Bee College

Honey Show. Entry is free! Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to showcase all of your (and your bees'!) hard work. The show will be judged using the Welsh Honey Judge methods by certified Welsh Honey Judges and Stewards, and winners will be announced during the awards ceremony Friday evening. Despite the name, the Honey Show isn't just for honey! You can submit honey products, art/photography and observation hives too. A "Best of Show" will be chosen from all of the 1st place winners. It is important that you read all of the rules regarding the Caribbean Bee College Honey Show which can be found at www.ufhoneybee.com. Entries can be disqualified for failure to adhere to any of the requirements.

The Caribbean Bee College reserves the right to limit the number of entries on a first-come, first-admitted basis. There are thirteen show classes: contestants may enter in any or all classes but may enter only once per class. All entries must be submitted by 12:00 noon, Friday, January 4. Judging criteria are selected at the discretion of Judge, and decision of Judge is final.

** Please see www.ufhoneybee.com for more detailed information regarding honey show entries, guidelines, judging and rules.*

Dr. Valma Jessamy
President, Grenada Association of Beekeepers

Dr. William Kern
Associate Professor of Entomology, University of Florida

Mr. Dwayne Mitchell
ECBREC Technician, St. George's University

Mr. Roy Murray
President, Jamaican Federation of Commercial Apiarist

Mr. Gladstone Solomon
President, Association of Caribbean Beekeepers' Organisations

Mr. Bo Sterk
Master Beekeeper, FAVACA Volunteer

Mr. Gary VanCleaf
Apiary Inspector, Florida Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Mr. David Westervelt
Asst. Chief, Apiary Inspection, Florida Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Dr. Amanda Ellis
University of Georgia Alumni

Dr. Jamie Ellis
Associate Professor of Entomology, University of Florida

1st Annual Caribbean Bee College Honey Show Classes *

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| 1. <i>Extracted Honey-Light,</i> | 6. <i>Cut-Comb</i> | 11. <i>Original Bee-related Photography</i> |
| 2. <i>Amber, OR</i> | 7. <i>Creamed Honey</i> | 12. <i>Original Bee-related Artwork</i> |
| 3. <i>Dark.</i> | 8. <i>Beeswax Cake</i> | 13. <i>Beekeeping Gadgets</i> |
| 4. <i>Chunk Honey</i> | 9. <i>Mead</i> | |
| 5. <i>Black Jar</i> | 10. <i>Candle (poured or dipped)</i> | |

Guidelines for Importing Honey to Grenada

PLEASE NOTE: importation of honey and/or (hive products) into Grenada requires proper approval from both your home country and from Grenada. Prior to your arrival you must obtain an official health certificate (permit) for the honey (hive products) from your home country.

To do this, contact the Ministry of Agriculture official, typically the Chief Veterinary Officer. Once the permit is

obtained, send it to SGU at the address below for certification with a valid return address. The certified permit will then be mailed back to you.

Displaying the certified permit will give you clearance for your honey (hive products) to enter the country at customs when you arrive.

Otherwise, your honey (hive products) may be subject to customs quarantine.

SEND DOCUMENTATION TO:
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School of Veterinary Program
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Grenada, West Indies
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Register

<http://caribbeanbeecollege.eventbrite.com>

Regular and late registration fees apply

For more information on bringing honey & hive products to Grenada please contact Dwayne Mitchell at Dmitchell@sgu.edu

For more information please contact Jeanette Klopchin at jklopchin@ufl.edu or +1 (352) 273-3932