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## **September Is *National Honey Month*** **Delaware Beekeepers Association is hosting a free Open Hive Demonstration**

The Members of the Delaware Beekeepers Association invite you to attend and participate in the "open hive" demonstration, lectures, and covered dish luncheon on Saturday, September 10, 2005 at Coleman's Christmas Tree Farm, Rt. 9, Odessa, DE. There will be a special appearance by Michael Badger, MBE, Distinguished English Beekeeper, Honey Show Judge, Wax Chandler, BBKA officer from Leeds, Yorkshire. He will share some beekeeping information and experiences from "across the pond". For more information or if you plan on attending this event, contact Bill Leitzinger via e-mail at: zinger13@att.net or call (302)670-3687.

The event which begins at **9:00 A.M.** with coffee and donuts has the following activities scheduled:

**9:45 A to Z of Bee Products** - everything you wanted to know about what bees produce and how we use them -- Dr. Dewey M. Caron, University of Delaware

**10:30 OPEN HIVE** - come look inside and see how a bee hive functions -- Delaware Beekeepers (The "open hive" demonstration will emphasize the proper care of honeybee colonies in the fall season, and demonstrate the harvest and extraction of the honey crop.)

**OR**

**TECHNICAL WORKSHOP - - *Formic Acid*** - application demonstration -- Jim Bobb, PA Beekeepers Assoc President

**12:00 Lunch & Fellowship** -- bring a dish (using honey as an ingredient) to share -- drinks and mini-sub provided by the DSBA [No Charge] **NOTE:** No microwave to reheat items.

**1:15 Why We Need Honey Bees** -- Bob Mitchell, Delaware Bee Inspector, Del Dept. of Agriculture

**2:00 Three Great Choices** -- you have a choice of attending any one of these programs:

- 1. TOUR** of Coleman's farm - includes stop to see Christmas tree culture plus the bounty of bee pollination and explanation of how honey bees provide the color and variety to our meals
- 2. OPEN HIVE** -- Another look inside the bee hive -- Delaware Beekeepers
- 3. Technical Workshop - - *Powdered Sugar Roll Demonstration*** -- University of Delaware apiary students Kristin Danek & Elizabeth Burdick

**3:00 Adjourn**

**NOTE:** Bee veils will be supplied - beekeepers are advised to bring their own equipment. Water will be available for field sessions. There is a children's playground & gift shop at Coleman's.

**Directions:** Coleman's Tree Farm is about 2 miles east of Odessa. Exit off of Rt. 1 or Rt. 13. Take Route 299 East through Odessa and turn left onto Route 9 North. Travel about one mile to the Farm entrance, which is clearly marked by large ice cream cone sign.

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