NWF Gulf Coast Beekeepers Association
Workshop Press Release

The Northwest Florida Gulf Coast Beekeepers Association is hosting its first annual workshop on Saturday, March 28, 2015 at Florosa Elementary School, 1700 Highway 98, Mary Esther. Open to the public, the eight hour event will feature hands-on demonstrations of how to raise bees, collect honey, and build beehives. Guest speakers will include Doug Corbin, retired state apiary inspector; Andrew Finch, Florida State Apiary Inspector, Dorothy Lee, Escambia County Extension Office, Dr. Russell Mizell, Professor of Entomology at the University of Florida; Dr. David Westervelt, Apiary Inspection Assistant Chief of the Florida Department of Agriculture, as well as speakers from the NWF GC Beekeepers Association. The topics will include introduction of beekeeping, honey and the cottage food industry law in Florida, and understanding bee behavior.

Registration for the 8:00-4:00 event begins at 7:00. $30 registration fee per person that includes up to two members per household. $10 per child 10 and under. Register before March 21, 2015 and receive a $10 discount. Registration fee also includes lunch fish fry. Contact Tracy Tucker at 850-292-4530 or Lessie Hostillo at 850-830-0468 or sea3horse@cox.net for more information. You can also visit The NWF Gulf Coast Beekeepers Association website at www.nwfgcba.com.
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Program

7:00-8:00  Registration
8:00-8:15  Welcome and Introduction of Guest Speakers
8:15-11:00  Introduction to Beekeeping (Andrew Finch) - Room 1
8:15-9:00  Honey and the Cottage Food Industry Law in Florida (Ms. Dorothy Lee) - Room 2
9:00-9:45  Understanding the Behavior of Honey Bees in Response to Host Plants Changing in Time and Space (Dr. Russell Mizell) - Room 2
9:45-10:00  Drawing & Break
10:00-10:45  Neonicotoids, Pesticides, and their Effects on Honeybees (Dr. Russell Mizell) - Room 2
10:45-11:00  Drawing & Break move to demonstration area of beekeeping equipment and beekeeping processes
11:00-12:00  Demonstration of Beekeeping Equipment and Beekeeping Processes
  Demonstration 1:  Live Bee Removal - Chet Beyer
  Demonstration 2:  Woodware - Dan Brenton
  Demonstration 3:  Splits/Nucs/Package Bees - Andrew Finch
  Demonstration 4:  Honey Extraction - Jack Wible
  Demonstation 5:  TBA
12:00-1:00  Lunch
1:00-1:30  General Assembly
1:30-2:00  Open Hive Demonstration - Doug Corbin
2:00-3:00  David Westervelt - Beekeeping in the State of Florida
3:00-3:15  Q&A Session
3:15-4:00  Raffle, Flea Market