

2017 SYMPOSIUM SUMMARY

The Highlands Beekeepers Association and the Washington County Extension Office are sponsoring a **Honeybee Symposium** that will be held Saturday, April 8, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center in Abingdon, Virginia.

Speakers include:

- **Jerry Hayes**, best known as a columnist for the American Bee Journal for the past thirty years, and now employed by Monsanto, will speak about how to create sustainable honeybee management practices while partnering with other segments of agriculture.
- **Sam Comfort**, who worked for several years in commercial beekeeping across the country before starting Anarchy Apiaries in 2005, and will speak on “Who's Your Mama? Queenrearing in the Backyard and Bee-yond.”
- **Anthony Jerome Blankenship**, who keeps about 200 hives in his Apiary in Hurley, Virginia, will share with us his methods for keeping honeybee losses to 1%.

Several vendors of beekeeping equipment will be present.

Cost of registration is \$40 per person on or before Friday, March 31, and \$50 after that date or at the door. Registration includes a box lunch and snacks. For more information, contact the Washington County Extension Office at (276) 676-6309 or go to our website at HighlandsBeekeepers.com.

Mail-in registration form for the HONEYBEE SYMPOSIUM

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

LUNCH SELECTION

Choose one:

Chicken salad on croissant

Ham sandwich

Vegetarian wrap

Gluten free meal

Mail registration form by March 30 with check for \$40.00 payable to “Highlands Beekeepers Association” to:

**Washington County Extension Office
234 W. Valley St., Suite B
Abingdon, VA 24210**