

# OCTOBER 11, 2008

Comstock Community Center  
6330 King Highway  
Comstock, Michigan 49041  
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## NORTH CENTRAL QUEEN ASSEMBLY

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Alternative Program For New & Hobby Beekeepers and Others

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Time	Queen Assembly	Alternative Program
8 to 8:20 am	Registration & Coffee Both groups	
8:20 am	Welcome and Introductions Larry Connor, Wicwas Press, Organizer	
8:30	The Importance of a Good Queen Bee for Successful Beekeeping Dr. Roger Hoopingarner, MSU, Emeritus Professor	
9:10	How I Select and Breed Bees Dr. Joe Latshaw, Latshaw Apiaries, Ohio	Opportunities in Keeping Bees in Michigan Dr. Roger Hoopingarner
10:00	BREAK	
10:15	Queen Rearing—How to produce quality queens Krispn Given, Purdue Univ.	Growing a Garden to Benefit Bees, Dr. Larry Connor, Wicwas Press
11:15	How I Raise My Queens, Michael Palmer, French Hill Apiaries, Vermont	How to Make a Beekeeping Presentation, Don Reva
12:15 pm	Catered Lunch	
12:45	AUCTION	
1:00	15 Minute Updates: •Queen Rearing Courses in 2008, Larry Connor •The Purdue Breeding Program, Krispn Given •Queen Rearing in the Northeast, Mike Palmer, •Rearing Queens in Detroit, Rich Weiske, Royal Oak	Value Added Beekeeping Caroline Abbott
2:00	Attaining self sufficiency in the apiary by over wintering nucleus colonies Mike Palmer, Vermont	Preparing Bees for Winter Jack Hartman
3:00	Break	
3:15	The Ohio Queen Program Dr. Joe Latshaw, Ohio	Home Brewing with Honey Rich Weiske, Royal Oak
4:15	Evaluation and Help Clean-up!	

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## Registration Form

REGISTER BY SEPTEMBER 27 AND SAVE!

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

### Registration Preferences

I wish to attend (If registering for more than one person, indicate preference split)

North Central Queen Assembly  
 Alternative Program—*Limited Space Available*

Preference for Lunch (Sub-type sandwich)     turkey     roast beef     vegetarian

### Registration Fee:

Includes speaker costs, room rental, breaks and lunch. Walk-ins limited to available space and may not receive lunch.

#\_\_\_ Registration Fee: \$75 per person (Postmarked & Paid after Sept. 27) \_\_\_\_\_

#\_\_\_ EARLY REGISTRATIONS *POSTMARKED & Paid NO LATER THAN*  
**SEPTEMBER 27**: \$49 per person \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed

Visa/Master Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Code \_\_\_\_\_

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or complete and **send this form to:**

**Wicwas Press**  
**1620 Miller Road**  
**Kalamazoo, MI 49001**  
**Phone 269-344-8027**  
**Larry Connor's cell 203-435-0238**

## Speaker Bios

Caroline Abbott is a hobbyist who produces her own line of value-added products from her hives, such as soaps, balms and lotions. She and her family keep bees on a small farm in Otsego.

Larry Connor, Ph.D. recently relocated back to where he grew up after living most recently in Connecticut for 26 years. A former University Bee Specialist and commercial bee breeder, he now writes and publishes books on bees and beekeeping. He also is a monthly author for the *American Bee Journal* and *Bee Culture Magazine*.

Krispn Given is Purdue University Beekeeper, working with Dr. Greg Hunt to produce queens for research and the Indiana Queen Breeding Program. When not keeping bees Krispn is a professional chief.

Jack Hartman is a hobby beekeeper of many years who loves to try creative gadgets and new approaches to improve his beekeeping. His presentation will cover good over-wintering techniques.

Roger Hoopingarner, Ph.D. is Emeritus Professor from Michigan State University. He will discuss basic beekeeping and the role of the queen in the beehive. Roger is very busy doing volunteer work with the Boy Scouts at the State and National level.

Joseph Latshaw, Ph.D. recently earned his Doctorate from Arizona where he studied leaning in bees. His huge passion is bee breeding, and he has developed strains of bees for the commercial honey production industry, as well as instrumental insemination devices. Joe is also the coordinator for the Ohio Queen Program that he will discuss.

Michael Palmer is a commercial beekeeper from St. Albans, Vermont, and President of the Vermont Beekeepers Association. A leader in the self-sufficiency movement to produce vigorous queens that are over wintered in nucleus hives, Mike is also an avid skier.

Don Rewa has been featured at several libraries in Michigan this year, building on their themes of "bugs" as the general reading emphasis. Don is also a hobbyist of many years. When Don is not out with the bees, he is working as RN in the Grand Rapids hospital system.

For further information contact Dr. Connor at:

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