

Pollinator Stewardship Council Presentation topics 2016



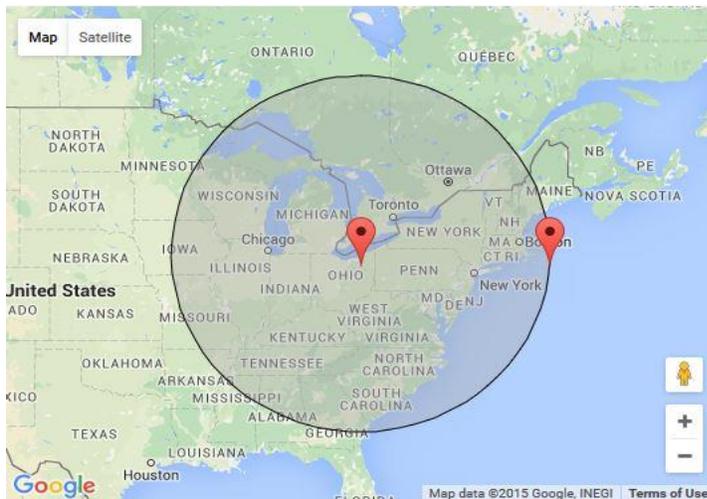
Presentation length: 45 minutes including Q & A

Presentations can be reduced to 30 minutes if needed

Equipment needs: Screen or blank wall, electricity, power point projector

Program Director can bring a power point projector and screen if needed.

Honorarium: \$100 for one or two presentations across a one or two day conference, *plus travel expenses*. Program Director works from Ohio and will drive within a ten hour radius: beyond that radius airplane travel will be required.



Program Director bio:

Michele Colopy has been the Program Director of the Pollinator Stewardship Council since March 2013. Her father was a beekeeper in southeast Ohio. She keeps honey bees in the city, and has replaced her crabgrass front yard with pesticide-free pollinator flowers for her honey bees and native pollinators.

Ms. Colopy holds a Master's degree in Nonprofit Management/Arts Administration, and a Master's in Higher Education Administration from The University of Akron. Her nonprofit experience includes work in the performing arts, housing and homelessness, foreclosure prevention, community development, and health and wellness. She is also a Board member of the Medina County Beekeepers Association, and Treasurer of Ohio State Beekeepers Association.



Topics

State Pollinator Protection Plans: What Beekeepers Need to Know

The Environmental Protection Agency is encouraging states to create Managed Pollinator Protection Plans (MP3s). The Pollinator Stewardship Council is working with various State beekeeping individuals and associations to aid them in participating in their own state process. This presentation will feature the issues of concerns to beekeepers, how beekeepers can be involved in the planning process, and the Plans in other states.

Understanding the Pollinator Crisis and How You Can Help

Discussion of the national pollinator crisis, and the impact upon and value of honey bees and native pollinators to one-third of our food supply will be presented; including the issues facing pollinators, and what individuals can do to help reverse the declines in honey bees and native pollinators.

Pollinator Stewardship Council Collaborations: Education, Advocacy, Action

Learn about our work to help beekeepers through collaborative projects, education, and advocacy to protect managed and native pollinators. We will discuss how to turn advocacy and education into action at the local level, how to report bee kills, increase awareness of pesticide labels, and the value of pollinators.

Migratory beekeeping: why keeping them alive is so difficult.

Crop pollination is key to one-third of our delicious, nutritious diet. Yet, beekeepers and their honey bees encounter a myriad of pesticides as they migrate across the country. Learn about the issues affecting beekeepers as they work to provide pollination services for our fruits, nuts, vegetables, and seeds.

Pesticides wintering in your hives

The health of honey bees is impacted by the cumulative effects of pests, pathogens, pesticides, and poor forage. End of summer losses, and early winter losses are being attributed to high pesticide loads within the food stores of honey bees. Learn the pesticide exposure routes for bees, the synergistic effects created, how to report bees kills, and how we can work to reduce pesticide exposures, and ensure healthier honey bees.

Mosquito Abatement Programs Can Damage Honey Bees and Native Pollinators

We can protect public health and protect pollinators. This presentation presents issues surrounding mosquito control programs: notification to spray, testing of mosquitos, timing of applications. An awareness of pesticide labels, how to educate local mosquito control boards, an understanding of public health emergencies and their effect upon pesticide label guidelines will also be presented.

Creating your own pesticide-free pollinator habitat

You can help pollinators by planting pollinator forage. Learn how to create pesticide free pollinator forage in an urban front yard, including available “guides” to create habitat, city land use regulations, seed selection, planting and maintenance, value to the pollinator’s environment, water savings and management, reduced carbon emissions, and the provision of “natural bee food.”

Pesticide risk assessment, label, and enforcement

This presentation will review the pesticide registration/review process and shed some light on mitigating the risk to non-target organisms such as honey bees. Learn about the implications for pesticide drift, residual toxins, and cumulative toxicities that can result from proper use and misuse of pesticides, how to report pesticide incidents, and how you can provide input to EPA concerning pesticides.

Should you become a nonprofit beekeeping club?

Will becoming a nonprofit generate more income for your bee club? How does your club become a nonprofit? What are the costs, liabilities, responsibilities, and do you have the volunteers to do the work? How do you find help to do this because not all lawyers can help you! Michele Colopy will answer these questions and more from her 20 years of nonprofit experience.

Grant research and writing: the who, what, when, where, how, why and financial responsibility

Beekeeping member association dues do not financially support all of the activities of a club. Other methods of raising money are needed to grow a club, and support its programs for members and the public. Grant funds are another form of bee club program support, but knowledge of the grant application and management process is needed to successfully utilize grants. This workshop will provide information about the basics of grant writing and management, and help you determine if grant funding can support your local project.

For information and to schedule a presentation contact Michele Colopy, Program Director, progdirecto@pollinatorstewardship.org or call 832-727-9492.

Program Director Scheduled Speaking Engagements during 2016 (to date)

*American Beekeeping Federation Conference
Batesville, IN- Soil & Water Conservation District
Pollinator Health & Policy Seminar- Penn State
Ohio Ecological Food and Farm Assn. Conference
Stark County, OH Public Library
Geauga County Beekeepers Field Day
Medina Pollinator Gardens*

*East Central Ohio Beekeepers
Medina Bee Festival
Honey Festival, Chattanooga, TN- tentative
Kent Elm Garden Club
Cleveland Pollinator Symposium
Pennsylvania State Beekeepers Assn. Conference*

Program Director scheduled participation at:

*Indiana Bee School
KY Bee School
Wooster Green Fair
Tennessee Pollinator Rally
Quad Cities Pollinator Program (Iowa)
Tennessee Beekeepers Assn. Conference
Empire State Honey Producers Conference*

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*Presentation and Conference participation **HISTORY:***

2013

Maryland State Beekeepers Assn.
New Jersey State Beekeepers Assn.
Cabell-Wayne Beekeepers, W.Va.
Capital City Beekeepers, KY
Schoolcraft Beekeepers, MI
Center of Michigan Beekeepers
West Virginia Beekeepers Fall Conf.
Little Sandy Beekeepers
Colorado State Beekeepers Winter Mtng.
Bluegrass Beekeepers
SE Indiana Beekeepers

2014

American Honey Producers Assn. National Conference
American Beekeeping Federation National Conference
OSU / OARDC entomologists
Michigan State Beekeepers Spring Conference
Kentucky Beekeepers School
Massachusetts State Beekeeping Assn. Spring Conference
Center of Michigan Beekeepers
Central Ohio Beekeepers Assn.
Northwest Ohio Beekeepers Assn.
East Central Ohio Beekeepers Assn.
Eastern Apiculture Society Conference

2015

American Honey Producers Assn. Conf.
American Beekeeping Fed. Conf.
Western PA Beekeeping Seminar
Mason Valley Beekeepers, NV
Little Sandy, KY Beekeepers
Tri-County, OH Beekeeping Workshop
Indiana State Beekeepers Assn.
Greater Grand Lake Beekeepers -Ohio
Mother Earth News Fair, N.C.
Rocky River, OH Watershed Council
Reg. 14 Ohio Assn. of Garden Clubs
Nelson County, KY Beekeepers
Pollinator Workshop, Indiana
Pierce-Streetsboro Library, OH
Tri-County Beekeepers
Heartland Apicultural Society Conf.
Kent Free Library, OH
Mother Earth News Fair, Wisconsin
Eastern Apicultural Society Conf.
Summit Cty., OH Soil & Water Conserv. District Mgrs.
Pollinator Garden program at Bee Culture
Dearborn County, Indiana SWCD talk
Tuscarawas (OH) Beekeepers Assn.
Mother Earth News Fair, Pennsylvania
Western Apicultural Society Conf.
Tennessee Beekeepers Assn. Conference
Four Pillars of Beekeeping Mgmt.
Vevay, Indiana SWCD
Iowa Honey Prod. Assn. Winter Mtng.
Empire State Honey Producers