



# National Honey Bee Awareness Day Seminar and Exhibition

**When:** *Saturday August 22, 2009*

**Where:** *Gulf Coast Palm and Tree Nursery*  
8591 Gladiolus Dr. Fort Myers 33908

**Time:** *8 AM to 4 PM*

**More information?:** Call 239-533-7514

## Morning Seminar

**8-8:30 AM: On-site Registration/BASF membership sign-up**  
(Donations welcomed)

**8:35 AM: Opening Address**

**8:45 AM:** The importance of bees in our society and environment. Mr. Tom Allen

**9:15 AM:** The impacts and effects of diseases, pests and pesticides on bees, which might include bee pests and diseases. *Why are bees disappearing?*  
Mr. David Mendes

**10:00 AM:** Africanized bees in SW Florida.  
Mr. B. Keith Councill

**10:45 AM:** The future of bees and the need for Urban Beekeeping. Mr. Dennis Riggs

**11:30 AM: End of morning seminar and start of NHBAD Exhibition**

## **Speaker bios**

**Mr. Tom Allen** was educated at the University of Maine. He holds a BS in Entomology and an MS in Wildlife Management. Tom has written 2 books on butterflies and has been a beekeeper for 35 years, during which time he gave several presentations on beekeeping and pollination. Tom was invited to present on landscaping with native plants for honey bees and butterflies at ButterflyFest in Gainesville in October. Visit Tom's website at: [www.thomas-j-allen.com](http://www.thomas-j-allen.com).

**Mr. David Mendes** is a member of the local beekeepers Association and Vice President of the American Beekeeping Federation (ABF). He is a commercial beekeeper who plays a vital role in the pollination of fruit crops in California and in the Northeast. David is a well known national figure who has represented the ABF overseas in international conferences.

**Mr. B. Keith Councill** was educated at Ohio State University and is the first president of the BASF. He has become a nationally known beekeeper and bee remover who has almost single-handedly changed the perception of bees and bee removal in Lee and surrounding Counties. Keith has been a beekeeper for 30 years and has given presentations and trainings locally and nationally.

**Mr. Dennis Riggs** (Old Man Riggs) was born and raised in Alva, Florida. He has been a beekeeper and professional bee remover for the past six years with beekeeping roots that go back to childhood. Dennis is a Bee photographer, graphic designer, bee blogger, and website creator who has presented on beekeeping from Florida to Georgia. He is a moderator for online discussion forums including the Florida Beekeepers and swfbees Yahoo forums. He is the BASF Vice President



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The **Beekeepers Association of Southwest Florida (BASFS)** [www.swfbees.com](http://www.swfbees.com) joins the national effort to bring awareness to the plight and challenges facing bees and the beekeeping industry.

The **National Honey Bee Awareness Day (NHBAD)**, also known as National Honey Bee Day, is the first ever day completely dedicated to Honey Bee Awareness from a national effort. This year, on Aug 22nd, we are asking for all county associations, bee clubs, and the general public to participate in this local event tailored to educating and connecting with the community. The goal of the National Honey Bee Awareness Day is to **harness and multiply the efforts that many bee associations already make in their communities, by having a national effort to come together on one day. For all the important work it does, it's about time a day is dedicated just to the Honey Bee.**

## Directions



11:30 AM to 4 PM

## Afternoon Exhibition Bee Awareness Showcase



Honey Extraction



Beekeeping Demonstration



Observation Hive



Products Showcase



Ask the Expert Help-Desk



Honey Tasting