

Florida State Beekeepers Association, Inc.
3224 Cody Church Road
Monticello, FL 32344

September 13, 2009

Dear Friends in Beekeeping,

Each year, the Florida State Beekeepers Association recognizes five people who have made significant contributions to beekeeping in Florida and who have worked tirelessly to promote the importance of honey bees and beekeeping. Some of them may be contributing their time and effort to our state association; some may be working in bee-related activities (Ag in the classroom, for example) throughout the state; while others may be engaged in important research. Finally, there are those who should be recognized for their many years as a Florida beekeeper, who have felt joy and sadness, were wiped out by diseases, pests, hurricanes, and every other threat that beekeepers face, yet they persevered. Their entire life was spent devoted to beekeeping; therefore, we recognize them as Pioneers in their work; the Pioneer Award may even be presented posthumously.

We encourage you to send your nominations for these awards, as you, in the beekeeping community, know those who exemplify the best of beekeeping. These individuals might not be beekeepers; many people who are not beekeepers serve us in the state and county projects and are deserving of our recognition. Please use the attached ballot and mail to David Webb, Awards Chair, 21777 SR 520, Orlando, FL 32833. Contact him at (321) 403-4201, webbshoney@msn.com. Nominations must be received no later than Monday, October 12, 2009.

Thank you,

Roger Twitchell, Vice President

2009 Local Association Outstanding Volunteer of the Year

A local beekeeping association's success depends on its members helping each other, mentoring new beekeepers, and educating the public about the wonders of the honey bees and beekeeping. Some members' names always appear on the volunteer lists; they can be counted on to do whatever job needs doing, from greeting guests at the door to sweeping the floors. They give freely of their time and never want any recognition....associations can't survive without them.

This year the Florida State Beekeepers Association will be honoring one member of each local beekeeping association as "Outstanding Local Association Volunteer of the Year," at its 89th Annual Meeting, Thursday – Saturday, November 5 – 7, 2009, in Monticello, FL. The recipients will be honored at the Awards Banquet on Friday evening.

Nominations must be received no later than Monday, October 12. The submission should include the name of your beekeeping association, recipient's full name, and a short biography emphasizing the volunteer's contributions to your local association. Send information to David Webb, 21777 SR 520, Orlando, FL 32833. Contact him at (321) 403-4201, webbshoney@msn.com.

Local Association Volunteer of the Year Award

Name of Association _____

Recipient's Name _____

Address (not required) _____

City/State (not required) _____ Zip Code _____

Phone (not required) _____

Reasons why this member should receive award for Volunteer of the Year

* Required information

Florida State Beekeepers Association Beekeeper of the Year

Awarded to the beekeeper who has contributed the most to beekeeping and the Association feels justly deserves.

*Name _____

*Address _____

*City _____ Phone _____

Email _____

*Reasons why this person should be recognized _____

Florida State Beekeepers Association Woman of the Year

Awarded to the woman who has helped the Association the most in the past year. This woman's name is also forwarded to the State Department of Agriculture as a nominee for the Florida Woman of the Year in Agriculture.

*Name _____

*Address _____

*City _____ Phone _____

Email _____

*Reasons why this person should be recognized _____

Florida State Beekeepers Association Researcher of the Year

Awarded to the person who has done the most for Florida beekeepers in the line of research.

*Name _____

*Address _____

*City _____ Phone _____

Email _____

*Reasons why this person should be recognized _____

Florida State Beekeepers Association Pioneer Award

Award established in the memory of Frank Randall, Past President of the Florida State Beekeepers Association, member of the Board of Directors of the Sioux Honey Association, and Director to the American Beekeepers Federation. Awarded to established members for their contribution to the State Association in past years who have not been recognized for their many hours of work.

*Name _____

*Address _____

*City _____ Phone _____

Email _____

*Reasons why this person should be recognized _____

Florida State Beekeepers Association Volunteer of the Year Award

*Name _____

*Address _____

*City _____ Phone _____

Email _____

*Reasons why this person should be recognized _____
