



Southeastern PA Honey Bee Symposium

Speaker Biographies

Jim Bobb

Jim has been an entrepreneur in both the computer and nightclub industries. For the past decade, he has managed over a hundred hives in many of the public and private gardens and arboretums in southeast Pennsylvania. Jim has served as president of the PA State Beekeepers, and was recently elected Chairman of the Eastern Apiculture Society. His bees have been the Penn State and PA Department of Agriculture test subjects for small hive beetle traps, IPM treatment efficacy, and early virus research.

In combination with his beekeeping activities, Jim is also interested in horticulture. He is a Montgomery County Master Gardener and is currently an instructor at Longwood Gardens and the Barnes Foundation. He is also active in the Mid Atlantic Hardy Plant Society. Jim lectures on both plants and bees to many local, regional and national organizations.

Maryann Tomasko Frazier

Maryann received her B. S. in Agriculture Education from Penn State University in 1980. In 1983 she completed a Masters of Agriculture in Entomology, specializing in apiculture. Maryann has worked as the assistant state apiary inspector in Maryland and for two years as a beekeeping specialist in Africa and Central America. For the past 20 years she has held the position of Senior Extension Associate in the Department of Entomology at Penn State and is responsible for honey bee extension throughout the state and cooperatively across the Mid-Atlantic region. She is a member of the CDD working team and is working collaboratively with other members of PSU Department of Entomology on the impacts of pesticides on honey bees and other pollinators. Maryann teaches courses in beekeeping, general entomology and teacher education and is involved in the department's innovative public outreach program.

Mike McGrath

Mike McGrath hosts the weekly, nationally syndicated Public Radio show "You Bet Your Garden," An hour of "chemical-free horticultural hijinks", which airs every Saturday morning at 11 on *WHYY-FM* (90.9) in Philadelphia, reaching an average of 50,000 listeners throughout Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware every week. "**You Bet Your Garden**" is also the name of Mike's column in the quarterly gardening publication, Greenprints ("*The Weeder's Digest*"), appearing in every issue since 1998.

Mike was Editor-In-Chief of **ORGANIC GARDENING** magazine from February 1991 through December 1997. During that time, "OG", as its fans dubbed it, reached new heights of popularity and was the largest circulation gardening magazine in the world. (Mike later served as Editor-at-Large, with a new column, "**Mike McGrath's Tall Tales**" appearing for two years, from May/June '99 through May/June '01.)

Jenny Rose Carey

Jenny Rose Carey has been the Director of the Landscape Arboretum of Temple University Ambler, since May, 2005. Carey is no stranger to Temple University Ambler. After graduating summa cum laude with an Associate of Science degree in Horticulture in 2003, she continued her stay at the Ambler campus as an adjunct professor in the Department of Landscape Architecture and Horticulture teaching History of Landscape Architecture and Woody Plants II.

Born in London, England, Carey earned her bachelor's degree in Biology from Southampton University in 1981 and her graduate degree in Education from Oxford University in 1982. Carey brings a wealth of knowledge and resources to the director's position with a background in research of historical Philadelphia gardens and women's role in the development of gardens and horticultural styles in the early 20th Century. She is a frequent lecturer on a variety of horticulture topics ranging from trees to herbs.

Well connected in the field, Carey is affiliated with notable organizations such as the Awbury Arboretum, the Herb Society of America, the Physic Garden at the Pennsylvania Hospital, and the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society.

She has received top honors for her horticultural talents, winning the Club Historic Preservation Certificate for ongoing research and implementation of a Victorian Garden and a 'Secret Garden' designed as a bird and butterfly habitat and meditative space from The Garden Club of America. Carey also received the Heckscher Bowl and Dorothy Falcon Platt Award for horticultural excellence from The Garden Club of Philadelphia.

As the director of the Arboretum, Carey has undertaken improvement projects including new designs for the gardens, irrigation, lighting, signage, tagging, and accessibility. Additionally, she is responsible for working with academic and administrative units to provide educational programs for the community, for supporting the curricula of the Department of Landscape Architecture and Horticulture, and for the use of the Arboretum and its facilities across academic disciplines.

The mission of the Arboretum is to promote the understanding of the relationship between people and the environment and to celebrate the successes of its predecessor while preserving the historic significance of the campus.