



ONTARIO BEEKEEPERS'
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Guest Speakers

Thursday, November 21 and Friday, November 22, 2013

Marriott- Gateway on the Falls, 6755 Fallsview Blvd.,

Niagara Falls, ON L2G 3W7



Grant Hicks, Alberta Commercial Beekeeper/ President- Alberta Beekeepers' Assoc.

My wife Donna Jean (DJ) and I are both graduates of Wilfred Laurier University, her in music and I in geography. We moved to Alberta in 1978. She has just retired from a career as a teacher. We have four children and eight grandchildren. Our children all live in the Peace country and our middle two kids Scott and Ryan are partners in Hicks Honey Farms. We live and operate 8,000 hives out of McLennan, in the Peace. We move our bees after Thanksgiving to the Okanagan/Similkameen Valleys of B. C. and bring them home May 10. We move 4,000 of them to Hybrid canola pollination July 1 and bring them back to the Peace Aug. 1. We pollinate apples/cherries and blueberries in the Fraser Valley on a smaller scale. We sell nucs each spring.

DJ has always been heavily involved in volunteer activities around school and church, but also directs a very active community choir. These grandchildren are what get her up every morning these days! I have been on the Alberta Beekeepers Board in four decades. I was also heavily involved in hockey as our boys were growing up. I also have been involved with the Alberta Federation of Agriculture and Canadian Federation of Agriculture. Currently my favourite activity is participating with the Kelowna Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society.



Dr. Christy Morrissey, Assistant Professor - Department of Biology and jointly with the School of Environment and Sustainability at the U of Saskatchewan.

Dr. Morrissey is originally from Vancouver, BC and completed her BSc at the University of British Columbia and PhD at Simon Fraser University in 2003. She has worked on pesticide and environmental contaminant issues in Canada and the UK for 15 years including a study which resulted in the removal of a forest pesticide MSMA from the market in 2005. Her research expertise areas are in avian wildlife and freshwater ecotoxicology. She has broad interests in understanding how contaminants affect avian life cycles and aquatic communities. She has

published over 20 articles. Current projects include looking at wetland health, neonicotinoid insecticides, and invertebrate and bird communities in the Canadian Prairies under increasing agricultural pressures. Dr. Morrissey has projects on marine pollution, industrial chemicals and wastewater effluent to urban rivers.

“I frequently study how individual bird ecology and physiology is influenced by contaminant exposure and how the ecology of organisms can be important in the interpretation of toxic effects”.

Other Appearing Guest Speakers

Brian Rowaan, Ontario Beekeeper/Cranberry Pollinator

Cranberry Grower-Quebec (to be confirmed)

Tracey Baute, OMAF and MRA Field Crop Entomologist - Program Lead

Dr. Ernesto Guzman, Honey Bee Research, University of Guelph

Eduardo Huesca & Michelle Tew , OHCOWS- Occupational Health Resources for Beekeepers & their workers.

Doug McRory, Retired Provincial Apiarist, OBA Delegate - Canadian Honey Council

OBA-Technology Transfer Program

Paul Kozak, Ontario Provincial Apiarist



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