



2017 Annual General Meeting & Conference

A joint meeting of the OBA & ESHPA
Sheraton on the Falls, Niagara Falls, Ontario

OPTIONAL PRE-CONFERENCE EVENTS: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH - DETAILED PROGRAM

Advanced Integrated Pest Management Workshop – Register early, space is limited!

10:00 am – 4:30 pm
Sheraton on the Falls

Please register for this Workshop directly [here](#) with OBA's Tech-Transfer Program or call 519 836-3609.

This small group, hands-on, full-day workshop for **experienced beekeepers** provides an intensive learning environment for understanding and successfully applying the latest pest management practices and techniques for beekeepers in the northeast. The Advanced IPM workshop will extend your knowledge well beyond the content of the Tech-Transfer Program's original IPM course.

Workshop attendees will learn, in detail, the biology and life cycles of honey bee pests and disease in respect to colony management. The nuances and diagnoses of important pests and diseases and their lifecycle throughout beekeeping seasons will familiarize beekeepers with pest and disease management both immediately and long term. Included are key biosecurity protocols to follow, how to reduce overall stress on colonies, and developing a long term rotation of treatments will also be emphasized in the workshop.

A lab component of the workshop will guide beekeepers through the microscopic analysis of dead bee samples and the identification of disease. Finally, utilizing records, generating reports, and making use of information gathered throughout the season will be part of this advanced workshop.



North x NorthEast Honey Buzz Tour – Register **BY NOVEMBER 5th**, space is limited.

12:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Spend a carefree afternoon in advance of the conference **experiencing the diversity of Niagara**, one of Ontario's premier food and wine destinations, with a unique **focus on beekeeping, honey and mead**.

We're offering you a sweet way to kick off your conference weekend with this optional coach tour that starts and ends at the Sheraton and which will take you in comfort to tour **Parker Bee Apiaries | Charlie-Bee Honey** in Beamsville, then to **Niagara College** in beautiful Niagara-on-the-Lake.

At Parker-Bee Apiaries, **Mike Parker will host your tour of his honey house and packing facility**, one of Canada's largest apiaries. You will see Parker-Bee's innovative ozone unit to clean old comb,

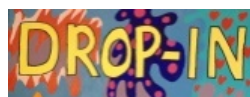


developed in conjunction with OBA's Tech-Transfer Program. You'll also see Parker-Bee's unique pallet system for shipping hives for pollination and the two 120 frame Cowan extraction lines. And you're welcome to purchase Charlie-Bee honey from this, one of Niagara's most extensive suppliers of honey.

Then, on to Niagara College to participate in one of two afternoon workshops: **Mead-Making Basics for Beekeepers** OR **Tasting Tour of Niagara** (choose one).

Note: must be 19 years of age or older – the minimum drinking age in Ontario – to participate in these workshops. Bring photo ID, please, in case you're asked!

<p>Mead-Making Basics for Beekeepers 2:30 – 4:30 pm</p> <p>Join students and staff from Niagara College's Commercial Beekeeping program and Rosewood Winery & Meadery for a learning- and tasting-rich class on how to make mead. You'll also taste a range of meads and other honey beverages from Niagara's breweries and wineries.</p> 	<p>Tasting 'Tour' of Niagara 2:30 – 4:30 pm</p> <p>Join students and staff from Niagara College's Commercial Beekeeping, Brewing, Wine-making and Culinary programs to sample some of the bounty of Niagara. Taste and learn more about the bites and beverages of the area – a foodie destination – with a focus on the products of the hive.</p> 
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Honey House Tour @ Parker-Bee Apiaries | Charlie-Bee Honey

[3591 Mountain Rd.](#), RR #2, Beamsville, ON

2:00 – 4:00 pm

Not interested in participating in the Honey Buzz Tour but still want to see Parker-Bee Apiaries | Charlie-Bee honey and pollination operation? **Drop in for a free tour between 2:00 and 4:00 pm.**



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Hoppy Hour - Welcome to N x NE!



8:00 – 11:00 pm

Join fellow beekeepers at the Niagara Brewing Company for a glass (or two!) of honey beer and a light snack at this light-hearted, informal pre-conference gathering. Let us know whether you plan to attend, so we can order enough snacks in this private 2nd floor room right next to the fermenting tanks.



NBC is located right in the Sheraton on the Falls complex, steps to your room.