

Warm Colors Apiary
Annual Honey Festival

September 11, 2010

10 AM – 4 PM

Bonita & Dan Conlon invite you to attend our annual celebration of honeybees and beekeeping. Enjoy the Apiary, walk the nature trail, sample honey products, and participate in one (or all) of our scheduled presentations. Admission is free, and families, beekeepers and non-beekeepers are welcome.

Warm Colors Honey Ice Cream – made by Beth Cook, *Flavors of Cook's Farm*, will be on sale.

Green River Ambrosia Mead – available to sample and purchase (using honey from WCA). Talk to the mead makers as you taste and compare their excellent products.

Talk to beekeepers at the bee yard. Check the observation hive for the Queen and her court.

Explore the marsh, fields and Mill River along the nature trail.

Sample our 2010 honeys. Wildflowers, Goldenrod, Apple, Raspberry, Honeysuckle, and New York Buckwheat – plus a few only sold at the festival. 60 pound (5 gallon buckets) of honey can be purchased at the festival (while they last).

Where: **Warm Colors Apiary**

2 South Mill River Rd.

South Deerfield, MA. 01373

When: Saturday September 11, 2010.

Festival Hours 10:00 AM until 4:00PM.

Scheduled Presentations:

10:30-11:30 AM “Bees, Flowers & Honey” – Dan Conlon, *Warm Colors Apiary*, will describe the local flowers, their relationship to honeybees, how nectar is gathered and ripened into honey.

12:00 – 1:00 PM “Honey Recipes” – Brandi Parker, *Heirloom Catering*, will share some of her favorite recipes using honey.

1:30-2:30 PM “Honeybee Survival in a Global Environment” – Dan Conlon will explain the challenges, and update listeners on the health of Honeybees & native bees.

3:00 PM – 4:00PM “Mead” – Sam Dibble, mead maker at *Green River Ambrosia*, will talk about the process of creating quality meads using a variety of fresh ingredients. Samples will be available throughout the day.

Warm Colors Apiary is a full-time honeybee farm producing fine honeys in western Massachusetts. We continue to manage our apiary without the use of harmful treatments, by selecting bees for disease resistance, improving nutrition, and minimizing exposure to environmental threats to the health of our honey bee colonies.

Warm Colors provides bees, equipment and educational programs to new and experienced beekeepers. Bonita and Dan have spoken to dozens of Student groups, at Libraries, Garden Clubs and Beekeeping Associations. This is an ongoing educational effort to raise awareness of non-beekeepers to the plight of pollinators, the contribution they make to the human diet, and the survival of native plants and animals. The need to protect bees and other pollinators is at the heart of the Warm Colors mission, and continues to direct our business planning and public outreach.

Hope to see you at the Honey Festival.