

**Board of Directors:**

President	Jeff Battaglini
Past President	Andrew Munkres
Vice President	Bianca Braman
Treasurer	Richard Roy
Recording Secretary	Fred Putnam, Jr
Membership	Laura Johnson
Director at Large	James Key

*Promoting the welfare of Vermont's Honey Industry since 1886*

---

**2024 VBA Summer Meeting Agenda**  
**July 13, 2024**  
**St. Albans City Hall Auditorium, St. Albans, VT**

**8:30 – Meeting starts - registration**

**9:00 - 9:05 -Welcome and opening remarks – VBA President, Jeff Battaglini**

**9:05 – 9:20 Recognition - VBA Recognition Committee – Anne Bowers, Jeff Cunningham, Jeffrey Hamelman, Peggy Apple-Woods, Fred Putnam, Jr.**

**9:20 - 10:15 – Business Meeting**

- Review of Minutes from the 2023 Summer Meeting for amendment (if needed) and approval – Recording Secretary, Fred Putnam, Jr.
- 2023-2024 Financial Report - Treasurer, Richard Roy
- 2024-2025 Budget for approval – Treasurer, Richard Roy
- Nominating Committee Report and election. Slate proposed:
  - For President, Jeff Battaglini (incumbent)
  - For Vice President – Bianca Braman (incumbent)
  - For Treasurer – Richard Roy (incumbent)
  - For Membership Secretary – Mary Stoddard
  - For Recording Secretary – Fred Putnam, Jr. (incumbent)
  - For Director at Large – James Key (incumbent)
- Update on VBA Grants – Andrew Munkres
- Proposal for Vermont beekeeping historical display – Bill Mares
- Any other business

**10:15 - 10:45 Morning break and social gathering to welcome new members - Refreshments provided.**

**10:45 - Noon - Guest Speaker 1<sup>st</sup> talk – Gary Carns – bio. below**

**Topic: There is no shortcut to good beekeeping**

**Noon – 1:00** Brown bag lunch. Make it a point to chat with some of the new folks.

## Afternoon Presentations

**1:00 – 1:20 Vermont Bee Lab update** – Sydney Miller/Dr. Samatha Alger, Vermont Bee Lab

**1:20 – 2:10 Spotted lanternfly impacts** – Gary Carns

**2:10 - 2:20 Move to workshops**

## Concurrent workshops/Educational Sessions

**2:20 – 3:15 Beekeeper Tips and tricks** – led by Jack Rath

- My favorite tricks and tools” – Attending beekeepers give quick 5–7-minute talks/slideshows on favorite tools, beekeeper clothing, hacks, tricks for efficiency or maybe whatever bring fun and joy to their work.

**2:20 - 3:15 Honey tasting/grading/quality workshop** led by Mike Palmer

- Honey judging and tips for contestants.
- Describing honey flavors, smells and colors.

**3:15 - 3:30 Wrap-up by President Battaglini and pick up raffle items.**

**3:30 P.M. End**

---

### About our Guest Speaker – Gary Carns



Gary Carns is an 8th generation Beekeeper who runs a commercial beekeeping business.

Winner of the 2022 Pennsylvania Beekeeper of the year award. Capitol Area Beekeepers Association (CABA) President for 9 years as well as Vice Pres for 10.

He raises nucs and queens and runs a queen improvement program for his bee club. Along with doing public seminars at local schools, libraries, churches and civic clubs, he is in charge of bee promotion events at the Pennsylvania farm Show.