

## KLCB Bee School Speaker Biographies

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**John Webster of Portland and Ocean Point** is President of KLCB. He keeps his bees in the Boothbay area. He has hives in the coastal area and in the woods. John and his wife Jean are proprietors of historic Orne's Candy in Boothbay Harbor.

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**Ken Stewart of Waldoboro** is Vice President of KLCB. He has been keeping bees for several years and attended the first KLCB Bee School. Ken ascribes to the Günther Hauk method of beekeeping among other alternative methods. He keeps large gardens and is dedicated to bio-dynamics and organics.

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**Peter Lammert of Thomaston** is a KLCB Board Member and is the Maine Forest Service Utilization and Marketing Forester. He has kept bees for several years at his home. He is a valued speaker on such topics as the delicate balance in our ecosystem between bees and woodlots. Peter is innovative and always thinking about better and more interesting ways to keep and help bees. More recently, he has focused on examining Herbie – the oldest elm tree in Maine.

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**Dick Royer of Waldoboro** and wife Amy own and manage Zabby's Farm. The farm, located in Waldoboro, provides pony rides and petting events for private parties and organizations. Look for them at local outdoor events. Dick and wife Amy are active in KLCB and host the annual May auction at the farm. They are actively involved in the chapter. He is a KLCB Board Member and keeps his bees at the farm.

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**Al Maloney of Waldoboro**, and wife Nancy, manage NEWAIM Farm. After spending close to 30 years working for the engineering division of a defense contractor, they decided it was time for a change. In 1999, they purchased the farm, bought several female alpacas and started NEWAIM Farm. In 2008, they sold the alpaca herd and he started an energy auditing business called NEWAIM Energy, LLC. Nancy runs the NEWAIM Fiber Mill processing fiber. By 2009, they realized that they missed having animals around. They started a herd of CVM Romeldale Sheep (a critically endangered breed). Al served two terms as KLCB President and is actively involved in the chapter.

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**Bill Truesdell of Bath** started beekeeping over 10 years ago. Bill served as Secretary and Treasurer for his local Chapter of Maine Beekeepers Association and has served on Maine State Beekeepers Association board as a Director and Secretary. He is a past Editor of Maine Bee Line (Maine State Beekeepers Association newsletter). Bill received the Maine Beekeepers Association Beekeeper of the Year for 2000.

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**Rick Cooper of Bowdoinham** has been keeping bees since 1980. He has been an EAS Certified Master Beekeeper since 1994. He keeps 100 colonies mostly for honey production but does some limited apple and blueberry pollination. Rick has been teaching various bee schools since 1992. He is a beekeeping supplies dealer through his business Bees 'N Me.

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**Anthony "Tony" Jadczyk** is the state of Maine's Chief Apiarist. He works in the Department of Plant Industry in Augusta. He is a much-sought-after speaker by local beekeeping chapters as well as out of state organizations. During the summer, he keeps busy inspecting and monitoring out of state migratory beekeepers and answering local calls. In the winter and early spring, Tony turns to research, speaking and catching up on paperwork. He writes regularly for the Maine Bee Line.

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**Alex Arau of Rockport** keeps his bees at his home and on Beech Hill in Rockport. He keeps 19 hives on Beech Hill, the bees helping to pollinate the blueberries, and benefitting in turn from all the wildflowers on the hill. They are a special variety called Buckfast, developed by a monk at Buckfast Abbey in England. Alex is one of two MOFGA certified organic beekeepers in Maine. He has been keeping bees for several years. He and Ken

Stewart have built top bar hives. He has studied a variety of beekeeping methods and enjoys sharing his knowledge.

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**Regina Davey of Damariscotta** has been keeping bees for over 18 years. She has mentored many new beekeepers as they have started their new hobby. She enjoys using products of the hives and enjoys making mead and wine. She currently manages 4 hives.

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**Dick and Jean Vose of Nobleboro** started beekeeping in 1986. They relocated to Maine in 1998. In Massachusetts, they were active in the Worcester County Beekeeping Association and the Massachusetts Beekeeping Association holding offices and serving on the boards of directors for both organizations. They received Beekeeper of the Year awards from both organizations as well as outstanding appreciation awards. Jean is currently serves as an at-large board member for the Maine Beekeeping Association (MSBA).

Jean and Dick were active in the formation of the Knox-Lincoln County Beekeepers Chapter. The group formed in spring 2003 and is a chapter of the Maine State Beekeepers. The idea for a local county chapter came because after moving to the mid-coast, they looked for a local group and a bee school and find none. They started a beekeeping school in 2001 through the MSAD #40 Adult Education Program.

Jean is a Master Gardener, certified horticulturist and nurse. Dick is a retired carpenter. Both are avid birdwatchers. They maintain their hives on a 10-acre property that includes a hayfield and organic gardens of vegetables, herbs, flowers, and fruits. These gardens attract a variety of birds, animals, and butterflies as well as bees.