

Holland Area Beekeepers Association Winter Banquet

When: Saturday, January 14, 2017

Where: Trestle Stop Restaurant, 3366 Lincoln Road (M-40), Hamilton, MI 49419

Time: Doors open at 5:00 PM with Dinner at 6 PM

Cost \$25 (Children ages 2-9 \$12)

[Online registration via PayPal.](#) Paypal will email confirmation of your payment.

Our speaker will be Rufus Isaacs: **Bees, Blooms & Bigger Berries**

Pollination is a critical stage in the production of Michigan's iconic blueberry crop, and growers invest in honey bees to ensure high yield, while also receiving pollination by wild bees. This talk will review our work at MSU exploring various approaches to ensuring that growers reach their pollination goals every season. Our exploration of the wild bee community visiting this crop as well as the influence of farm practices and landscape context on bees will be discussed.

Bio:

Rufus Isaacs, Ph. D. is Professor and Extension Specialist in the Department of Entomology at Michigan State University. His research and extension program has increasingly included studies of bee community responses to various aspects of farm management including landscape diversity, habitat enhancement, and pest management. He currently leads the integrated Crop Pollination project, a national effort funded by USDA-NIFA's Specialty Crop Research Initiative to develop sustainable crop pollination strategies for specialty crop production. Findings from his lab are extended to small fruit industries and the public by talks, publications, and through on-farm evaluation and demonstration trials, providing real-world experience with new practices. For more information: www.isaacslab.ent.msu.edu and www.projecticp.org

Buffet Dinner includes Roast Pork, Ranchero Chicken, Blended Vegetables, Cheesy Potato Casserole, Salad, Rolls, and Beverage (Alcoholic beverages are available through your server at an additional cost).

You won't want to miss the popular **Tea Cup Auction**—tickets will be available so you can place your stub in the cup next to the items you hope to take home.

Donations for the Tea Cup Auction are now being accepted. Any bee related items are appreciated! Contact info@hollandbees.org with any questions.

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