

**Kaufman County Master Gardener Association**  
A Program of Texas A & M AgriLife Extension



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**Saturday, September 9**  
**8:15 am to 12:30 pm**  
**First Methodist Church**  
**414 W. Broad St. in Forney**



**The World of  
Beekeeping,  
from Hobby  
to Sideline to  
Commercial**

Join **Blake Shook** for the basics of beekeeping and to learn about the similarities and differences among three types of beekeepers: hobbyists who want bees for pollination and/or honey for personal use, sideliners who want several hives to harvest honey for extra money and commercial keepers who make their livings from bees and bee products.



**Beescapes:  
Honey Bee  
Plants for  
Texas Land-  
scapes and  
Rural Land**

Get an update from **Becky Bender** on our vanishing honeybees and learn ways we can all help. Whether you're curious about beekeeping or just want to ensure that your yard or property benefits our pollinators, you'll enjoy this timely topic with lots of photos. Program focus is on using a diversity of native and well-adapted plants to provide attractive, ecologically-responsible honey bee habitat.

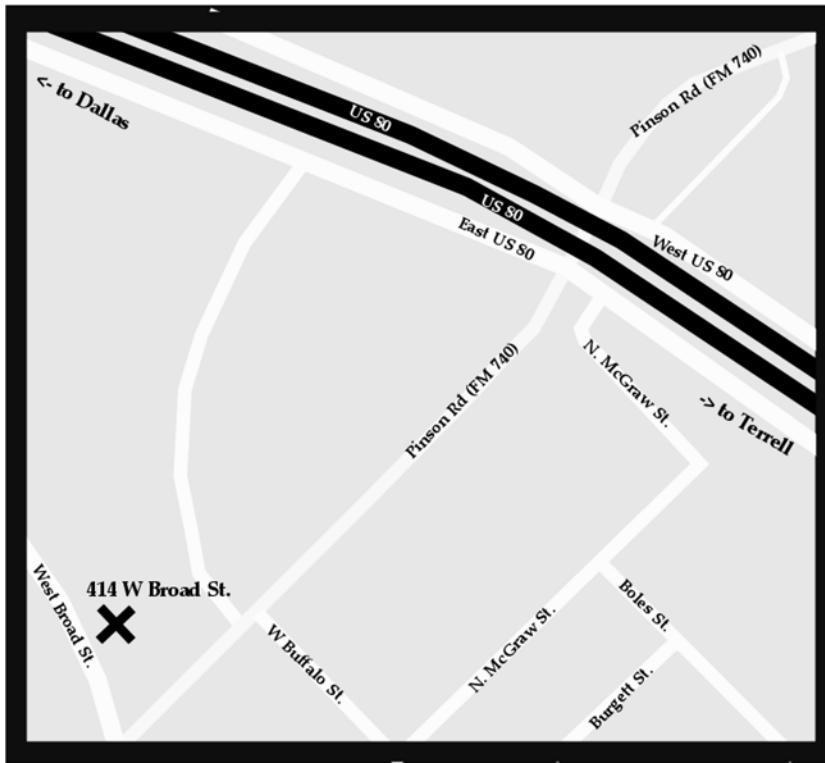
Registration, silent auction and plant sale begin at 8:15. Program begins at 8:45. Break will be from 10:15 to 10:45, when plant sale and silent auction will be open.

**Cost is \$15**  
**preregistered or**  
**\$20 at the door**  
**if space permits**

To preregister, email  
[sburden@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:sburden@ag.tamu.edu)  
or call 972-932-9069  
by **September 6, 2017**

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From Dallas, take the Broad Street (Pinson Road Detour) exit. Stay on Broad Street to the First United Methodist Church on the left.

From Terrell (US 80) take Pinson Rd. (FM 740) exit. Turn left off of service road onto Pinson Rd. (FM 740). Turn right on Broad Street to the First United Methodist Church on the right.



**Blake Shook** began beekeeping as a casual hobby in 2003 when he was just 13. By the time he graduated high school, Blake wanted to continue as a beekeeper full time. Blake and his wife, Kathleen, run Desert Creek Honey and raise a

daughter. They have built Desert Creek Honey into a thriving company that emphasizes honesty, integrity, and farm-to-table products. Over half the people who work at Desert Creek are family, and we take pride in being a family-run company

In an effort to promote beekeeping, Blake serves as a director for the American Beekeeping Foundation and is on the National Honey Board. Blake also served as the President for the Texas Beekeepers Association and the Collin County Hobby Beekeepers Association and has had the privilege of speaking at meetings and conferences in local, state, national, and international organizations.



**Becky Bender** is an R.N. with a Master's degree in Science and a certified Texas Master Naturalist. Becky has been active in the Collin County Hobby Beekeepers Association in north central Texas for 9 years during which time she developed a passion for

learning more about plants our honey bees forage. Becky restored her own land and yard with native Texas plants and manages it for all native Texas wildlife, birds and pollinators.

Becky provides programs on planting and conserving bee habitat for community organizations, garden shows and beekeeping schools around Texas. She writes the column "The Buds and The Bees" for the Texas Beekeeping Association Journal and recently worked with Native American Seed and Texas beekeepers to help develop a native Texas wildflower seed mix for bees.