



**NMBKA**  
New Mexico **Beekeepers** Association

## **"Separating Beekeeping Myths, Beliefs and Reality"**

Featuring Dr. Jose Villa, Cottonwood Creek Apiaries, and John Gagne, San Juan Apiaries

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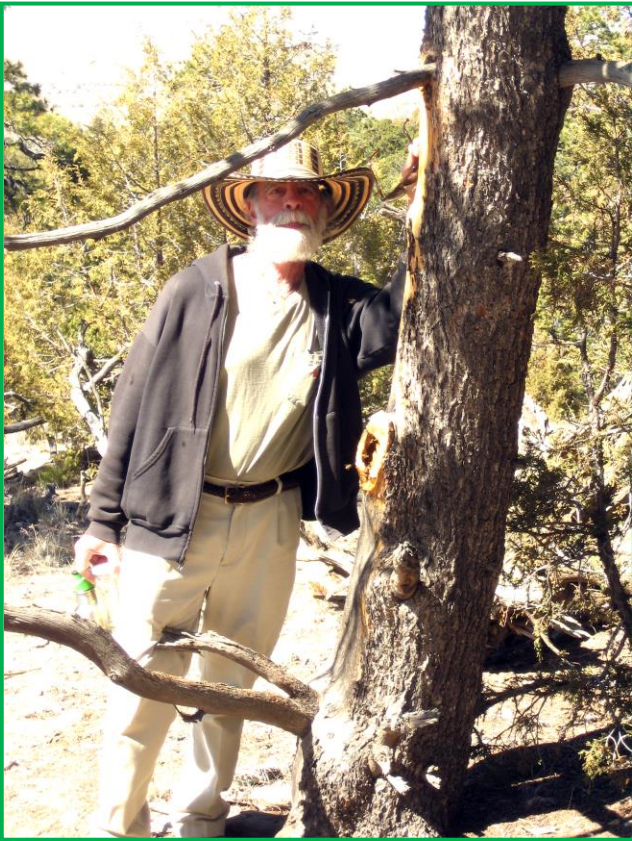
South Broadway Cultural Center

1025 Broadway SE, Albuquerque, NM 87104

### **AGENDA**

- 9:30 – 11:30 Workshop at the Bee Yard, and Monitoring for Varroa. Open Space Visitor Center with Dr. Jose Villa and Craig Noorlander.
- 11:30 – 12:30 Lunch on your own
- 12:00 - 1:00 Registration, South Broadway Cultural Center
- 1:00 - 1:15 Welcome and Introductions—Dr. Frank Gibbons, Moderator
- 1:15 – 2:00 John Gagne, San Juan Apiaries, “Establishment and Management of Nucleus Colonies for the Sustainable Apiary”
- 2:00 – 2:30 Jose Villa and John Gagne, “How Our Region Can Stop Being a Net Importer of Bees”
- 2:30 – 3:00 Break
- 3:00 – 3:45 “Varroa Mites and Treatment Options” Results and analysis of Bee Yard Mite Test, presented by Jose Villa, followed by the ABQ Beeks Mite Panel:  
Craig Noorlander, Papa Bears Honey, Edgewood  
Chris Ewer, Sandia Foothills Honey Farm, Albuquerque  
John Feuerherd, A-Bee-Q Honey, Corrales  
Mark Sommer, Sommer Computer Services, Placitas
- 3:45 – 4:30 Open Dialogue: Audience Q and A with Jose Villa. Possible topics but bring your own questions:  
1) Genetics - promises, promises, promises  
2) The pitfalls of natural beekeeping after CCD and the increase in backyard beekeeping  
3) Local queen production - costs, benefits, stocks, mating control  
4) Where IPM fits and does not fit in beekeeping  
5) Varroa, varroa, varroa
- 4:30 – 5:00 Adjourn, Wrap-up and Social Meet and Greet
- 6:30 – 9:00 Dinner and presentation by Dr. Jose Villa at El Pinto: “How Genetics of Honey Bees Can Be a Valuable Resource towards Sustainability.” Limit 20 people.

# Our Speakers



Dr. Jose Villa has conducted research on Africanized bees and on breeding bees resistant to tracheal and varroa mites. Formerly with the US Department of Agriculture's Honey Bee Breeding, Genetics & Physiology Research Laboratory in Baton Rouge, LA, he is now retired and operates Cottonwood Creek Apiaries in Crestone, CO.

Dr. Villa has published extensively in USDA's AgResearch Magazine, Oxford Academic, PubMed and other scientific journals.

John Gagne originally started keeping bees in 1984 when he partnered with a business associate in Virginia running a commercial beekeeping company centered on honey production. Their primary crop was *sourwood* honey in eastern Virginia. In 1991, John moved to Santa Fe and began San Juan Apiaries, focusing on honey production and nucleus colony management. His primary business is sales and marketing of pre-engineered steel building systems; however, beekeeping activities occupy a great deal of his time in spring and summer.

