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The 5th Annual Philadelphia Honey Festival September 5-7, 2014 Celebrating the Importance of Honey Bees to Our World at Three National Historic Landmarks

For Immediate Release

Philadelphia, PA, August 21, 2014 – The Philadelphia Honey Festival is back and celebrating its fifth year, September 5,6, and 7! The annual festival will take place at three National Historic Landmarks throughout Philadelphia. The Festival kicks off Friday night at the Wagner Free Institute of Science in North Philadelphia for a Honey Happy Hour. On Saturday visit Wyck Historic House, Garden, and Farm in historic Germantown and on Sunday enjoy Bartram's Garden in Southwest Philadelphia. In partnership with the Philadelphia Beekeepers Guild, the three institutions will offer an exciting lineup of free, educational, honey- and bee-related activities and programs for all ages.

Each festival day offers special programs including a Friday evening Honey Happy Hour, author talks, a cooking competition, bee-a-bee parade, mead-making and sampling for home brewers, "Beekeeping 101", and a Junior Beekeepers Panel. All three venues offer visitors the chance to experience open hive demonstrations, honey extractions, honey tastings and sales from local Philadelphia beekeepers, live beebearding with Don Shump from The Philadelphia Bee Co., and a sweet lineup of children's activities.

The Philadelphia Honey Festival was created to raise awareness about the importance of bees to our environment, the impact of honey bees on our economy, and to promote urban beekeeping and gardening. The 2014 Honey Festival is sponsored by Whole Foods, Grid Magazine, and The Colony Meadery, with donations from Philly Homebrew Outlet, Earth + Bread Brewery, Tired Hands Brewery, The Philadelphia Bee Co., and Malt House LTD.

Festival events are free and open to the public. Visit www.phillyhoneyfest.com for complete schedules and additional details about the festival!

Friday, September 5: The Wagner Free Institute of Science

1700 W. Montgomery Ave. Philadelphia, PA 19121 www.wagnerfreeinstitute.org

10am-12pm Pollinator Power Free homeschool program. Registration required.

5-7pm Honey Happy Hour featuring beers from Philly Home Brew Outlet, Tired Hands Brewery, Earth + Bread Brewery, and mead from The Colony Meadery

Saturday, September 6: 10am to 4pm at Wyck Historic House and Garden

6026 Germantown Ave., Philadelphia PA 19144

www.wyck.org

Festival featuring a mead home-brewers sharing event, mead and beer sampling, author talks with Jon McGoran and Alison Gillespie, G-Town Radio broadcasting live, Junior Beekeepers Panel

Sunday, September 7: 10am to 4pm at Bartram's Gardens

54th Street & Lindbergh Blvd., Philadelphia, PA 19143 www.bartramsgarden.com

Festival featuring a cooking with honey contest, boats to Bartram's tours, bee-a-bee parade, house and garden guided tours, annual plant sale, "Beekeeping 101"

Photos from the 2013 Philadelphia Honey Festival Full Event Schedule

About The Wagner Free Institute of Science:

Established in the mid-nineteenth century to provide free science education for the people of Philadelphia, the Institute is not a reflection of the past but the past itself, visible and vital, as it continues to pursue the mission of its nineteenth century founder, William Wagner.

About Wyck Historic House, Garden, and Farm:

Wyck is a National Historic Landmark house, garden, and farm in the Germantown neighborhood of Philadelphia that served as the ancestral home to one Philadelphia family for nine generations (1690-1973). The people who lived and worked at Wyck expressed these values through their commitment to education, horticulture, natural history, and preservation. Today, the Wyck Association connects this family and its rich history to our community through programs that focus on history, horticulture, and urban agriculture, using the past as inspiration for the present.

About Bartram's Garden:

Bartram's Garden is a 45-acre National Historic Landmark operated by the John Bartram Association incooperation with the City of Philadelphia. For further information please visit: Since 2007, we have been on our own journey of discovery, getting feedback from many sources about our programs and engagement. It has resulted in a vision of a revitalized Garden, with active use, compelling stories, and a meaningful impact on its community.

About the Philadelphia Beekeepers Guild:

Located in the cradle of American beekeeping, the Philadelphia Beekeepers Guild works to encourage and promote urban beekeeping through fellowship and education, and to raise awareness of the importance of bees to our environment.

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