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**HoneybeeLives has presented at:**

Ann Arbor Backyard Beekeepers - 2017

Ulster County Beekeepers Association - 2017

Center for Symbolic Studies - 2016

Southern Adirondack Beekeepers Association - SABA Seminar 2016

Ontario-Finger Lakes Beekeeping Association 2016

Country Living Fair - Main Stage, Rhinebeck, NY "Gardening for Honeybees" 2015

Hudson Valley Natural Beekeepers 2015

Backyard Beekeepers Association 2014

Staten Island Beekeepers 2014

CT Beekeepers Association 2014

Geneva Bee Conference 2014

Pennsylvania Association of Sustainable Agriculture (PASA) Winter Conference 2014

Eastern Apiculture Society Conference 2013

Cornell Cooperative Ext of Ulster County - Master Gardener Lecture 2013

Country Living Fair - Green Stage, Rhinebeck, NY "Inviting Honeybees" 2013

Northeast Organic Farmers' Association of NJ (NOFA-NJ) Winter Conference 2012

Pfeiffer Center for Biodynamic Agriculture (2007 - 2011)

Wave Hill Arts Center, NYC - "Hive Culture: Captivated by the Honeybee" 2011

Hudson Opera House "Vanishing Animals" Film Festival presentation 2011

New Paltz Garden Club 2011

Festival of Ideas for the New City, New Museum of Contemporary Art, NYC 2011

Hive / City as Super Organism: HoneybeeLives contemplates the super organism of Honeybee colonies, and their role in the life of the Earth, offering insights for the super organism of the city.

"Speculative Futures" The Sculpture Center at Bloomberg Headquarters, NYC 2011

Presentation as part of Ana Prvacki's "Post Apis Station", HBL talk "Fragile Flight: Understanding the Honeybee Factor"

Culinary Institute of America, Hyde Park 2011

Dean's Gallery, Pratt Institute, NYC -

Speaker for opening of Jenny Lynn McNutt's: "PRECISE BREATHING, Why I Call My Baby Honey"

An installation of art works about the honeybee

Northeast Organic Farmers' Association of NY (NOFA-NY) Winter Conference 2010

Brooklyn Botanic Gardens - Centennial Bee-Day 2010

Center for Symbolic Studies - for Michael Schacker's [A Spring Without Bees: How Colony Collapse Disorder has Endangered our Food Supply](#) 2010

Woodstock Library

Stone Ridge Library

WDST Woodstock Radio - Green Award Radio Interview 2009

Wave Hill Arts Center, NYC - Urban Beekeeping Day 2008

Vassar College - speaker for class on "*Terroir*" 2007

Green Meadow School - Chestnut Ridge, NY "The Honeybee in a Coal Mine" 2007

**Presentations at other beekeeping associations:**

Ulster County Beekeepers Association  
Catskill Mountain Beekeepers Club  
Southern Adirondack Beekeepers Association  
Annual SEBC/Sussex Co Beekeepers Picnic  
BAND (Beekeepers of Northern Dutchess)

**Awards**

Grai Rice received the American Beekeeping Journal Photography Award in 2012

HoneybeeLives received the Edible Hudson Valley Local Hero Award in 2012

Chris Harp received the HV Green Award in 2009

Chris Harp received a letter of admiration for exemplary work from NYS Governor Patterson in 2008

**Winter Weekend Beekeeping Classes**

Historic Huguenot Street, New Paltz, NY 2015-2018

Sustainable Living Resource Center, Rosendale, NY 2004 - 2015

The Commons Brooklyn 2010 - 2018

Pfeiffer Center for Biodynamic Agriculture, Chestnut Ridge, NY 2007 - 2011

New England Farms, Granville NY 2007 - 2009

**Private classes have been held for many different groups including:**

Gals Adventure League

SUNY New Paltz Students for Sustainable Agriculture Club

Never Alone (Residence for teenagers struggling with substance abuse)

Hudson Highland Nature Museum

The Children's Annex (for Autistic Kids)

Mohonk Preserve

**Included in books:**

[Organic: Farmers and Chefs of the Hudson Valley](#). Francesco Mastalia, 2014.

[Hudson River Valley Farms](#). Joanne Michaels, 2009.

**Grai St. Clair Rice articles have been published in:**

Bee Culture magazine

Country Wisdom News

NY House

Poughkeepsie Journal

Living and Being

New Paltz Times

HoneybeeLives is an organization, based in the Hudson Valley, dedicated to encouraging a strong Honeybee population thru education and outreach to the general public and beekeepers. HoneybeeLives' in-depth workshops, which take place in numerous locations, nurture beginning beekeepers and encourage veteran beekeepers to adopt an Organic, Biodynamic approach.

Chris Harp and Grai St. Clair Rice co-founded HoneybeeLives.org in 2005. HoneybeeLives' work comes from a deep caring and concern for the fragility of the Honeybee population, and a profound respect for the structure of their collective lives and their impact on the health of Mother Earth. HoneybeeLives' goals are focused on the wellbeing of the colonies they nurture, and through teaching others raise the awareness of and caring for these amazing creatures.

### **Chris Harp Bio**

Chris Harp is an organic beekeeper, beekeeping teacher, and "Bee Doctor" with 28 years of beekeeping experience.

Harp's naturalist and biodynamic methods, and unique hive designs, have developed from his many years of working with, and listening to, Honeybees, as well as having studied with Gunther Hauk at the Pfeiffer Center.

Harp has been tending his own hives for 28 years, and now tends approximately 200 colonies in locations in New York and Connecticut for both individuals and organizations. Harp is a consultant on hive health for troubled colonies and concerned beekeepers.

Chris Harp has served on the Board of Directors for the Catskill Mountain Beekeepers' Club, and is currently on the advisory board of the Ulster County Beekeepers Association. He was a consultant for the CNG (Certified-Naturally-Grown) Apiary Standards for their Certification Program and the ensuing publication *Handbook for Natural Beekeeping*.

### **Grai St. Clair Rice Bio**

Grai St. Clair Rice is an organic beekeeper, with 13 years of experience, as well as writer/photographer based in NYC. Grai is a native of NYC and describes herself as a city girl with a country heart.

After ten years as an Editor/Producer at CNN's New York Bureau, and many years before in the film, art and publishing worlds, Grai's focus turned to beekeeping and writing. With her love and knowledge of honeybees she is able to use her talents to encourage a better understanding and appreciation of honeybees by the public at large, and help nurture beekeepers to embrace a gentle spiritual approach to their care.

Grai is the founder of the contemporary Ulster County Beekeepers Association. Grai lectures on beekeeping and gardening for honeybees, and co-teaches some of the beekeeping classes. She is working on two different books about honeybees and beekeeping.