



SUNDAY EVENING FORUM

PRESENTS

Dr. Laurence Packer



Bees, Food Security, and You

According to a survey conducted by the Apiary Inspectors of America and the Agricultural Research Service in the USA, losses of managed honey bee colonies in the USA totalled 33.8 percent from all causes from October 2009 to April 2010. Although the bees are dying at unsustainable rates and have been for several years, this crisis still gets little media coverage, given the major threat that it poses. While the media focuses on colony-collapse disorder and the threats to honey bees specifically, the real danger is much greater: all bees are at risk, whether it be from loss of habitat, pesticide use or disease, among other factors. And because of the integral role these insects play in the ecology of our planet, we may be at risk as well.



To discuss the wonderful world of bees, the crisis affecting bee populations, the role of bees other than honey bees in pollination and environmental monitoring, as well as what individuals can do to help mitigate the problem, the Forum is pleased to present Dr. Laurence Packer, Professor of Biology and Environmental Studies, York University. Dr. Packer is a melittologist (an entomologist who specializes in the study of all bees). This means someone who studies bees other than the domesticated western honey bee.

SUNDAY, January 22, 7:30 p.m.
Burlington Baptist Church
2225 New Street (west of Guelph Line)

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The public is warmly invited. Admission at the door is \$5.00.

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