

***RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)
invites you to attend its meeting, on Wednesday, Aug. 21, 2013.
First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Pl., Greenwich.***

HOWLAND BLACKISTON

EVOLUTION OF THE VANISHING HONEY BEE



The sweet reward of fresh honey is by no means the only reason folks are attracted to beekeeping. For a long time, agriculture has recognized the value of pollination by bees. In fact, without the bees' help, one third of everything we eat would suffer dire consequences. Honey Bees are remarkable and critically important creatures.

But in the last several years, millions of colonies of Honey Bees have been wiped out by something called "Colony Collapse Disorder." It has made headlines in newspapers and been featured on national TV. Honey Bees are facing a crisis.

Perhaps as a result, we are seeing a dramatic growth in the interest of keeping Honey Bees as a hobby. More and more people are becoming beekeepers, so as to become more closely associated with these interesting insects, to benefit from their labors of pollination and honey production, and to reintroduce colonies to neighborhood gardens. Learn more about the remarkable Honey Bee...the colony's amazing social structure, and the multitude of benefits that Honey Bees bring to our everyday lives. Discover the secrets of what goes on within a colony of bees. Understand why the bees are vanishing, and what you can do to help reverse this grim situation.

Howland Blackiston has been keeping bees for decades, and is the first to admit that he loves his bees. All beekeepers develop a special bond with their bees. Come share Howland's contagious enthusiasm for Honey Bees, and see why it's so easy to "fall in love with a bug". He is the author of the popular "Beekeeping for Dummies" and "Building Beehives for Dummies." He has written many articles on beekeeping and appeared on dozens of television and radio programs, including CNN, CNBC, NPR and Sirius Satellite Radio, and has been a keynote speaker at conferences in more than 40 countries. Mr. Blackiston and his wife Joy live in Weston, Connecticut.

RMA meetings are free and open to the public; no reservations are required. Please plan to arrive around 10:30 for our social break (coffee and cake), followed by our speaker at 10:45. Meetings are held at the First Presbyterian Church in Greenwich. For additional information, call Bernard Schneider, 203-698-2558; bgsesq@gmail.com.