

The Bee Line
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General Meeting & Program

Thursday, May 22nd 2014

7:00 p.m.

Program & Silent Auction

GMO's –Don't be afraid to Ask-

Be afraid Not to Know!

Presented by Barb and Jeff Fetchenhier

Graceway Church Fellowship Hall

5460 Blue Ridge Cutoff,

Kansas City, MO 64133.

Join us at Graceway Church for our next meeting, May 22nd at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. This meeting is bound to be exciting and informative! You don't want to miss this! Come and learn about GMO'S (Genetically Modified Organism's). Be sure to bring your questions!

Barb is a long time beekeeper and Midwestern Beekeeper member. She is also the Heartland Harvest Garden Interpreter at Powell Gardens. Barb and Jeff run Fetchen' Honey Farm where they sustainably grow fruits, vegetable, nuts and mushrooms and raise poultry. Barb is a Master Gardener with the Master Gardeners of Johnson County, MO. She and Jeff will be explaining in detail what GMO's are and how they can affect us and our bees.

Members are asked to bring one non-perishable item to be donated to the Raytown Emergency Assistance Program.

For the Silent Auction to benefit the youth scholarship program members are asked to bring in their new and gently used beekeeping items.

Please note: If there is inclement weather on a meeting date, feel free to call an officer and/or check www.midwesternbeekeepers.org for an update.

May Flowers bring May Queens! Door Prize

For those of you needing queens bring \$1 to enter the queen raffle at our meeting. Who knows, you may win a Russian, Italian, Carniolan, or a Hawaiian Queen!!!

Midwestern Beekeepers 2014 Meeting dates

Most meetings are held at the Graceway Church Fellowship Hall, 5460 Blue Ridge Cutoff, Kansas City, MO 64133

Mark your calendars accordingly!

Thursday, May 22, 7:00 pm

Thursday, June 19, 7:00 pm

Thursday, July 17, 7:00 pm

Sunday, August 3rd, Picnic at the Masonic Hall 2409

South Mo 291, Lee's Summit, MO 64082

Thursday, September 18, 7:00 pm

October-date & place to be determined

Sunday, November 16, 2:30

Sunday, December 7 or 14 2:30

Silent Auction at the May Meeting

Dig out your extra new and gently used beekeeping supplies to donate for the May Silent Auction.

Auction proceeds fund the Youth Scholarship Program while the equipment will benefit beekeepers!

Other ideas are plants, baked goods, gift certificate to help another beekeeper, gift items, fresh eggs, fresh veggies etc. ***Please bring cash or check to pay for items.***

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Register for the Funday at nekba.org

Wisps of Smoke



By Cathy Misko

Greetings! Spring flowers are here, the sun is shining, the bees are buzzing and life is good! It is time to de-crystallize your honey and get it sold for the prediction is that this is going to be a bumper year for a honey harvest! I cannot wait to see the new white burr comb welcoming me to stack on my honey supers!

What a great program we had in April at our new and overwhelmingly appreciated facility with Janice and Tom Britz providing package installation and management. Our Scholarship Students Ian Parrish and Michael English also presented. This fast and excellent presentation had a little bit of everything for all learning types including hands on, visuals, PowerPoint, and unique humor! Thank you Peter Fish for your instructions on splits and queen installations! We had many questions and answers. Remember to bring your questions each month for you will find a room full of experienced beekeepers at this venue willing to provide thoughtful and useful solutions and information concerning beekeeping.

Midwestern cannot be more grateful and excited for such a state-of-the-art venue and we owe many thanks to Graceway. Many have ask how we could show our thanks and a way has been brought to my attention. Graceway supports the *Raytown Emergency Assistance Program* and we too can contribute. Please bring 1 non-perishable food item and we too will be “paying it forward” and aiding another who may be in need.

Hopefully many have found your bees strong enough to split and recoup winter losses. I have allowed my bees to raise their own queens and I need to check for eggs. Sure hope mating flights went well and my queens were not some bird’s dinner. I have plenty of bees to share with the birds but I do place wind mills in my apiary in hope to detour birds from eating my bees’ queen mother!

I recently packed a couple of single hives to place in a 260 tree apple orchard. I have never tasted apple honey and hope that I will now! I certainly gained experience in loading and strapping down hives. Learning from another beekeeper, I made sure that the screened bottom boards had venting for some are built in such a way that the air is cut off when placed on a flat surface. These hives were located in

Harrisonville and I am curious to how they do long term when at this new location!

Before it is time to add honey supers, I enjoy dusting my bees with 1 ½ cups of powdered sugar while also applying smoke to drive them back them inside. Powdered sugar dusting will not get rid of all the mites but it does not hurt the bees either. I believe that the powdered sugar along with the screened bottom boards will help.

For those of you with packages, once you see 7 frames with drawn foundation it is time to add the second hive body, many are ready now. Keep feeding sugar water until your second hive body is drawn out! I would suggest that as soon as the weather is warm consistently and you need to remove the entrance reducer, it may be time to open up your screened bottom board.

Now looking to our action packed May Meeting! Dig out your new and gently used beekeeping items to donate to the Youth Scholarship Program’s Silent Auction. Hopefully new beekeepers will find something useful to get you started and the rest of us will de-clutter a bit!!! For those of you needing and wanting new queens, we will be having a Queen Bee Raffle. Bring a dollar to get a ticket and that will help with our shipping fees. And the drum roll...our highlight is Barb and Jeff Fetchenhier to address *GMOs*. I cannot tell you enough how excited that I am to have them come. I have known Barb for a number of years and she is a dynamic person! She has been a longstanding beekeeper of at least 10 colonies and keeps them successfully by using natural means and is known to have a spectacular custom honey house built by her engineer husband! One can find her honey products throughout Warrensburg. I hear that her gardens are magnificent!!!

So pack up your canned goods, dollars for the silent auction and raffles and join us a bit early to get accustomed to our new venue and bid on items!

Meet me at 6:00 to network, bid and to help set up. You are certainly a great *hive of folks* working together each month! Thank you! Thank you!

Birds in the Bee Yards



Just a quick note—my hummingbirds are back. So are the scissortail flycatchers, the Eastern & Western Kingbirds, our wrens, purple martins, barn swallows but so far they are not nesting on our porch. There are bluebirds everywhere, orioles, tanager’s (several have mentioned these). Love it love it love it!

Honey Plants

Tom Britz



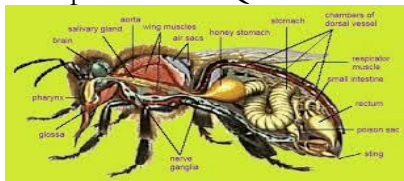
This month I'll discuss a yard plant I am sure everyone knows well. This particular little jewel is especially liked by our bees and is also one of the first signs that spring has arrived. *Taraxacum Officinale*, any guesses?? How about I give you a hint: It is said it makes really good wine, the leaves from this plant are preferred by many as a vitamin rich greenery side dish to be served with fried chicken or ham. Give up yet? Dandelion—that is French for “Lions tooth”, dandelion can be found virtually all over the world! Pollination is not required for this plant to reproduce. It reproduces itself by asexually apomixis, which in our language means it pollinates itself therefore all offspring are exactly like the parent plant.

Back to the cuisine attributes of dandelion. Its roots are an excellent source for a caffeine free drink similar to coffee. At one time dandelion was a delicacy eaten by Victorian gentry. It was once used as an ingredient of the British soft drink “Dandelion and Burdock”. It is also an ingredient of root beer.

Dandelion is used in varying capacities around the world as a medicinal supplement.

Of course we as beekeepers want to know what is in it for our bees. I 'm really happy to report dandelion is an excellent source of pollen and nectar early in the season. In my humble opinion our bees would not be quite as well off if the little jewel was not abundant. Most of the fruit trees are still blooming and are a good source of nutrition for the bees. Also, some of the really good garden plants will be coming on later in the month such as cucumber, watermelon and cantaloupe. Of course numerous native plants are now or will be soon blooming: alfalfa, sweet clover, white Dutch clover and raspberry just to name a few.

Who protects the Queen Bee??? Her Hub-Bee



Happy Beekeeping! Tom Britz

Tips for May

- ◆ Check for ticks, they love beekeepers.
- ◆ Wear as much protective clothing as makes you comfortable when working your hives. Work hives with slow, smooth movements. Jerky movements agitate the bees.
- ◆ Use your smoker each time you check your bees.
- ◆ Organize your bee tools in a toolbox so that you can always find them.
- ◆ The best time to work bees is during the middle of the day when the field bees are out collecting nectar.
- ◆ Work each hive from the side or the back, out of the bee flight path.
- ◆ Inspect hives by removing an outside frame first. Lift straight up to avoid damaging bees on the frame.
- ◆ When supering your hives add more than one super at a time if you have drawn comb. If you have new foundation add only one super at a time. Put your second super on after the first one is almost filled.
- ◆ Use queen excluders to prevent brood in your honey supers.
- ◆ Double check medication dates—safety matters. Don't misuse any chemicals in the hive. Follow all time guidelines. Absolutely never medicate hives with supers on. It is illegal.
- ◆ Keep the grass mowed in front of your hives –it makes it easier for the bees to land. Old carpet scraps, roof shingles or weed barriers can be used to keep grass under control.
- ◆ Keep supers on until the honey is capped, unripe honey will ferment.
- ◆ Do not feed sugar syrup during a honey flow the bees will store the syrup in your supers rather than your honey.
- ◆ Don't get excited on hot humid days if the bees are hanging outside the hive. They are trying to relieve the congestion in the hive to cool it off inside. Earlier in the year this is an indication of swarming but his time of year it is natural, so don't worry.
- ◆ Keep up with your record-keeping so next year you'll know which hives produced the best for you.

The Honey Pot

By Becky Tipton



Summer is here; light those grills. Honey is the perfect accompaniment to grilled foods. You can use it in a marinade, barbeque sauce, or a glaze. The freshest salad dressings include the sweetness of honey. I was in Texas last week and saw in nearly every store a display of local honey near the checkout counter. Although that's the spot reserved for impulse buys, and I think of honey as a staple rather than an afterthought, it was still wonderful to see so much honey. One store offered one of my favorite combinations, honey with pecans. We ate biscuits or cornbread with nearly every meal and honey was always on the table.

Here's a wonderful summer salad from my sister, Kris. Yummy!

GRILLED CORN, AVOCADO AND TOMATO w/ HONEY LIME DRESSING

- 1 pint grape tomatoes
- 1 ripe avocado
- 2 ears of fresh sweet corn
- 2 tbsp fresh cilantro, chopped

Honey Lime Dressing

- Juice of 1 lime
- 3 tbsp vegetable oil
- 1 tbsp honey
- Sea salt and fresh cracked pepper, to taste
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- Dash of cayenne pepper

DIRECTIONS

Remove husks from corn and grill over medium heat for 10 minutes. The corn should have some brown spots and be tender and not mushy. Cut the corn off the cob then scrape the cob with the back of your knife to get the juices. Set aside and let cool. Slice the tomatoes in half. Dice the avocado and chop the cilantro.

Honey Lime Dressing

Add all the dressing ingredients in a small bowl and whisk to combine. Set aside. Combine the sliced tomatoes, avocado, cilantro and grilled corn and honey lime dressing and mix gently so everything is evenly coated. Be careful not to mash

the avocados. Let the salad sit for 10-15 minutes to let flavors mingle.

We will have two honey queens at the Funday (June 7th) and they will be cooking with honey. The Funday is a great event for serious beekeepers, beginning beekeepers and everyone who loves honey!

Looking for a recipe using honey, e-mail me at bstbees@embarqmail.com and I'll search my cookbooks and try to find what you're hungry for!



It's tick season again

When working along the borders of your lawn where the grass may be taller or among shrubs and trees, keep an eye open for ticks. In the spring in particular, ticks are in one of their small growth stages that make them very difficult to detect. Because of their small size you may have difficulty feeling them crawl on your arms or legs and you may not be able to see them very well either. In their larval or nymph stage, most of our common ticks are speck size. You may have heard folks refer to them as seed ticks. One reference I checked referred to them as the size of a poppy seed. The best defense against ticks is to keep them from attaching to your skin. Consider wearing a long sleeved shirt and long pants with the shirt tucked into your pants. You might also try tucking your pant legs into your socks to keep ticks from crawling up your legs. I know that's not the coolest look but perhaps if we all do it, it will become a new fashion trend. After you finish your yard work, be sure to check yourself for any ticks that may have made their way through clothing and attached themselves. Any ticks that are removed within the first 24 hours are unlikely to transmit a disease even if they carried one. There's no real trick to removing ticks other than to use a small pair of tweezers and grab as close to the head as possible. Use a steady tugging motion until the tick pulls from the skin. If any of the mouth parts are left in the skin, you might see a localized reaction accompanied by redness and itching. If you are concerned about a bite, we can help with tick identification but your local doctor is the best person to see.

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Buzz's Column



Dear Buzz: I have a question for Buzz. Someone mentioned to me that the Rule of 1, 2, and 4 defines a good frame of brood, that is, the frame should contain 10% eggs, 20 % larvae, and 40% capped brood. Have you ever heard of that Rule? What, in your opinion, is a good frame of brood?

Buzz Answers: Well it depends. I never heard of that rule. A good frame of brood can be any combination of eggs, larvae and capped brood. I love to see one that has sealed brood top to bottom and side to side with a band of honey at the top and a band of pollen between the honey and brood. But my favorite thing to see is one of those full frames of brood that has emerging bees in the center and the queen on there laying new eggs in the center. But you can see by the time the queen has laid that whole frame, both sides again you may just have eggs and larvae and some sealed brood but not necessarily in those percentages but that would still be an incredible frame.

Buzz would like to take this opportunity to invite you to send your stories to her c/o Joli at the address on the back of *The Buzzer* or via email at joli@heartlandhoney.com. She'll let me know of any stories you pass on to her.

Old Bee Gal By Joli Winer



Did you know that this month is *National Skin Cancer Month*? Every month at work one of the doctors that I work for does a bulletin board of one of the National disease of the month—this month it was skin cancer. It is very appropriate for us since one of our members was recently diagnosed with skin cancer and has had surgery to remove it and also reconstructive surgery.

We, as beekeepers, spend a lot of time out in the sun. I know that I think I have this veil that protects me so I am safe and heaven knows that I do not want “hat hair” so I won’t wear a hat! Then I also think that since my skin is somewhat darker that Midwesternbeekeepers.org

those precautions don’t apply to me. None of the above is true except that we do spend a lot of time in the sun!

The following is from a pamphlet from the American Academy of Dermatology *Skin Cancer*. **Who gets skin cancer?** People of all colors and races get skin cancer. People with light skin who sunburn easily have a higher risk. Risk factors include: sunburns, family history of skin cancer, and exposure to x-rays, weakened immune system, scarring caused by a disease or burn, exposure to cancer causing compounds and using indoor tanning devices.

How can you protect yourself & be Sun Smart?

1. Generously apply a broad spectrum water-resistant sunscreen with a Sun Protection Factor (SPF) of 30 or more to all exposed skin. Reapply every 2 hours, even on cloudy days, and after swimming or sweating.
2. Wear protective clothing, such as a long sleeved shirt, pants, a wide brimmed hat and sunglasses.
3. Seek shade. Remember that the sun is strongest between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
4. Protect children from sun exposure by playing in the shade, wearing sunscreen and protective clothing.
5. Use extra caution near water, snow and sand as they reflect the sun’s rays.
6. Get vitamin D safely through a healthy diet that may include vitamin supplements.
7. Avoid tanning beds ultraviolet light from the sun and tanning beds can cause cancer and wrinkling.
8. Check your birthday suit on your birthday! If you notice anything changing, growing or bleeding on your skin, see a dermatologist. Skin cancer is very treatable when caught early.

For more information visit the academy’s website at www.aad.org

MEMBERSHIP NAME TAGS

We have such a large club reaching members within nearly a 100 mile radius and it is a challenge to get to know and remember each other's name. Name tags are quite official if you are working a farmers market, at a State Meeting, or giving a community presentation. If you would like to have a name tag with your name, city, our association, and a honey bee logo, we are still taking orders at the back table. **Print clearly and prepay \$8.00.** Hopefully they can be picked up at the next meeting. **(Please check the table to pick up already ordered tags!)**

Books for Beekeepers



Cynthia from Beloit emailed to say-- I loved the "Death by Honeybee" and have read all the series so far...they always have something about bees in them but not like the first one! Forgot to tell you that I really agree with your recommendation!! Thanks for including the book review in the newsletter. ~Cy She went on to suggest the following book—I've ordered it but have not gotten it yet.

Bees Make the Best Pets: All the Buzz About Being Resilient, Collaborative, Industrious, Generous, and Sweet-Straight from the Hive - Jack Mingo; Paperback

From the Amazon description.....

Writer and beekeeper, Jack Mingo, who set up his first backyard hive in 2004, offers his humorous and unique observations of the world of the mystical, matriarchal, gentle, sweet bee in *Bees Make the Best Pets*.

Full of fun facts, Mingo shares a potpourri of bee and beekeeping trivia; practical tips and legend and lore. And here are just some of the reasons bees make the best pets:

- They don't bark and whine all night if you leave them in the backyard. In fact, they rather prefer it.
- Bees don't demand petting, attention, or a food dish. They find their own food.
- Bees greet you with honey for your toast and beeswax for your candles, not dead mice.
- You will never be tempted to succumb to your worst self, dress your bees in funny costumes, and humiliate them on YouTube.
- When bees pay attention to your plants, it's not to dig them up. They actually help them blossom, bear fruit, and thrive.
- Bees don't track mud, poison ivy, or fleas into your house.
- Bees don't have kittens.

• **For Sale:** 45 Big frame extractor-spinner Galvanized with new motor, side train into bucket. Call Erno Balogh 816-320-3182

A Palm Sunday to Remember

By Phill Levi

True confession. Maybe a beekeeper somewhere will avoid the painful lesson I relearned on that fateful day. It had been an 80 degree day on Saturday. Delightful weather. The colony had one six and five eights honey super over two deeps. Bees covered all frames. I went deep into the colony and found brood totally filling several frames side to side, top to bottom. I also found a few queen cells mid-frame and on the bottom edges. I was having eye issues so I did not find the queen that was doing such a fine job, laying fair entry frames of brood. Short on time I closed it up and went on my way.

I was suspecting a colony about to swarm so on Sunday my plan was to add another deep with a queen excluder under it, put some frames of brood, some empty but drawn frames in it and see if that wouldn't help locate the queen in preparation for splitting the hive. It seemed like a good plan. But the weather on Sunday was cold and cloudy with off and on rain showers. I thought I might go in between the showers and get in the frame manipulation anyway. Bad choice! I had my full bee suit on, (only used the baffler on Saturday) I duct taped my legs and the smoker was lit and working like it should. My ankles were just showing a small, one half inch of sock on each leg. Second bad choice! Bees boiled out of that crowded colony and ate me alive.

I have done stupid things in my beekeeping past as Cecil and Roger can attest but this was by far the dumbest and most painful error ever. Well over 100 stings, mostly on the ankles, a few other places. I was light headed and nauseous and broke out into a sweat. I did not get the frame manipulation in. My ankles swelled and bruised and my sweet wife picked off stingers and venom sacs from my socks at least forty per leg. She also insisted we go to the emergency room, where we spent the next five hours. The Dr. just chuckled, prescribed Prednisone, apologized for the long wait and sent us home.

There will be no more cold, rainy, cloudy beekeeping for me.

Register for the Funday at nekba.org

Keeping your smoker lit—first make sure you have your smoker put together correctly! The little shelf that goes in the bottom of your smoker goes in with the ‘feet’ down so that air can flow under your smoker fuel and keep air going to it so it will continue to burn.

Smoker fuel—Cecil learned from Robert Dye that if you take corrugated cardboard and cut it into a wide strip and then roll your smoker fuel on the outside of it your smoker will stay lit longer. Our favorite things to burn in our smoker are burlap bags cut into about six inch strips or our old 100% cotton blue jeans cut into the same 6”strips. We also love to burn dried pine needles, love the smell they make. We also like those pressed cotton waste fuels that are available from the beekeeping suppliers. We have found that it is best to keep those in their ‘chunk’. We wad up a piece of paper and light that and then drop in the chunk of cotton. This product will keep burning so if you keep a cork with you and plug up your smoker and turn it on its side when you are finished your smoker will go out quickly and you can reuse this fuel many times.

You just really want to make sure that you don’t burn anything synthetic. You want something that will make a cool smoke.

Using your Hive tool---what a great tool it is! I always wonder how those who aren’t beekeepers manage to get through life without one of these tools. Look at it—it works as a hammer, that hole in the middle can easily pull out a nail, it is the perfect scraper when you have wax on the floor or cabinets or kitchen kettles. It can be a beer opener (I’ve heard), a box cutter and oh, yes a hive tool!

Its curved end is perfect for scraping propolis off of frames and for scraping the frame rests—the part of your hive where your frame, well, rests! The long flat sharp end is great for lifting out your frame.

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Needed: 1 More Raffle Item:

As some may have gotten a sneak peek, artist Bobbi Walker designed and donated her original framed “*Bee on a Flower*” to be raffled in support of the Youth Scholarship Program. This beautiful piece has an appraisal of \$500. Heartland Honey has donated the woodenware for a Complete Hive Prize and I am hoping for 1 more item to be donated so that we may offer 3 winners for the drawing to take place at our annual August Picnic. The items do not need to be “bee” related however it would *be* appropriate! Raffle tickets will start at the May Meeting.

For more info call Cathy Misko (660) 656-3485

2014 Northeast KS Beekeepers

Programs

All the meetings are at Douglas County Fair Grounds in Lawrence Kansas-unless otherwise noted.

Please note that we have changed to the 3rd Monday of the month so that we can have a larger room. We are now meeting in Building 21 North at the Douglas County Fairgrounds.

- June 7th 2014 Northeast KS Beekeepers Funday Guest speaker, Tom Seeley author of Honeybee Democracy
- July date & time to be announced-this will be our picnic & Extracting
- August 18, Monday, Building 21 North Honey Judging, IPM, Wax Rendering & Feeding bees
- September No meeting
- October 20th, Monday, 7:00 Bldg 21 North, Fall Management
- November 17th, Monday, 7:00 Bldg 21 North Cooking with honey & Gifts for the holidays
- December 15th, Monday, 7:00 Building #1 Program to be announced

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Funday Update

The Funday to be held on June 7th has just finalized their plans. We have a fantastic meal planned for you—BBQ pulled pork sandwiches & Becky's homemade honey ice cream! You will not go hungry. Mentally your mind will also be filled up—bring a friend or family member so that. Watch our website at nekba.org for the completed program to be posted in the next week or so. Listed below are some of the topics that will be presented at the Funday.

Tom Seeley will present the following talks:

- *Honey Bee Democracy*,
- *The bee hive as a honey factory*,
- *Honey bees in the wild*
- *Catching Swarms with Bait Hives*

Just Announced: Marion Ellis retired extension agent from Nebraska will be giving the swarm biology demonstration!

- Lauren Collins 2014 Missouri Honey queen, *cooking with honey*, Erin to Assist
- Erin Mullins 2014 Missouri Honey Princess. *Program for kids* Lauren to assist

Dr. Ron Fessenden, author:

- *Honey, a Revolutionary Food for Mind and Body*
- *Fuel your Brain 1st with Honey*

- Norbert Neal -*Making Nucs & Experiences with the Bird That Carries the Sky On Its Back, the Eastern Bluebird*
- Lavender 101 -Jim & Wanda Morford, Kanapolis KS
- Deb McSweeney- *Pollinator's in the Herb Garden*
- Betsy Betros, Author of *The Field Guide to the Butterflies of the Kansas City Region* will present *Feel the Love, an intro into the Wonderful World of Pollinators*
- *Beeswax*, Jim Fisher
- *Soapmaking 101* Becky Tipton
- *Goat Milk Soap*, Robin Kolterman
- *Lotions Balms & Butters* etc. maybe Joli
- *Making Creamed Honey*, Michael Sinclair
- *Moving Bees*, Stuart Dietz
- *Being the Hive-A presentation with children and parents*-Robin Kolterman
- *Pollen & Bee Bread*, Robert Burns
- *Fall Inspections*, Steve and Becky Tipton
- *Gifts of Honey*, Wendy Nowachek

- *Extracting (possibly)*
- *Spring Management (possibly)*

Also: Several sessions in the hive with experienced beekeepers

- *Finding and Marking Queens*, Kristi Sanderson
- *Supering hives and removing honey*, Andy Nowachek

SPECIAL: for Youth Scholarship Students only

- At the hives with Larry Coppinger

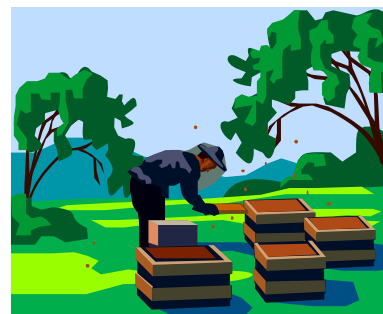
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How to Receive the Beeline via Email

—How to sign up!

If you would like to receive your *Beeline* by email you must send an email to our membership chairperson, Tanya Fisher at t.fisher@kinglouie.com. In the memo line please type "Beeline." That way Tanya gets the correct email address and can easily add it to her list. Tanya will also be passing around a clipboard at the meeting so that you can sign up there too. We are starting this process with this *Beeline*. SO far we only have had 18 sign up! So we are sending out 305 by regular mail. Make sure and add my email address to your address book so that it doesn't go to your spam, joli@heartlandhoney.com. As we get more email addresses and the list gets larger we may do something else to deliver it to you via email but this is the current plan.

FYI only one member of the board has signed up to receive the Beeline this way. No one on the executive committee has signed up—including me—I plan to do it immediately!



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Northeastern Kansas Beekeeper's Funday

Saturday, June 7th, 2014 Registration: 7:45-8:45, Program 8:45-5:00

Douglas County Fairgrounds, 2110 Harper, Lawrence KS

Fee includes lunch, beverages, snacks & homemade ice cream and a full day of fun!

Bring your hat & veil—we'll be working through some hives

Cost: \$35.00 per person for those pre-registered, \$40.00 at the door,

Children under 5 free, ages 6-18, \$17.50 for those pre-registered, \$20.00 at the door.

For those pre-registered, by May 30th, there will be a drawing at the end of the Funday to reimburse 1 (one) pre-registered person for their registration!

For information contact Please contact Steve or Becky Tipton at 785-484-3710 bstbees@embarqmail.com

New this year-register online at nekba.org

Visit our website at nekba.org for updated information



Our special guests will include:

Dr. Thomas D. Seeley is Professor and Chairman in the Department of Neurobiology and Behavior at Cornell University. He is a world authority on animal behavior, especially the social behavior of honey bees. At home more in the field than the laboratory, his scientific work features observational and experimental investigations of the inner workings of honey bee colonies living under natural conditions. His books include *Honeybee Democracy* and *Wisdom of the Hive*.

Ron Fessenden, MD, MPH is a retired medical doctor. Dr. Fessenden received his MD from the University of Kansas School of Medicine in 1970. For the past six years he has been researching, writing and speaking at conferences in the United States and Canada about the health benefits of honey.

We'll have incredible Hands On Workshops & Presentations at the Bee Hives

Bee Hive Basics, at the hives-Using a hive tool & smoker – finding eggs etc. Cecil & Kristi etc.
Finding and Marking Queens, Kristi
Value added products-soaps, lotions, cooking, beeswax, collecting pollen
Seasonal hive management
Making Nucs, Norbert Neal
Honey, a Revolutionary Food for Mind and Body"
"How (and Why) Honey Fuels the Brain"
Attracting Pollinator's, Deb McSweeney

Swarm Demonstration with Dr. Marion Ellis

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There are presentations for EVERY level of beekeeper!

Bee Supplies

Beekeeping Supplies will be available

Door Prizes: The swarm from the swarm demonstration will be given away in a single hive. There will be door prizes from supply dealers. You must be present to win and you must fill out an evaluation form to win any door prizes.

Motels that are in Lawrence:

Best Western, 2309 Iowa, 785-843-9100

Hampton Inn, 2300 W. 6th, 785-841-4994

Silent Auction to benefit the NEKBA Youth Scholarship Program
Please bring items to sell and money to support our young beekeepers!

Directions to the Douglas County Fairgrounds: Take K-10 to Harper Street, go north 2 blocks the Fairgrounds. Harper Rd. is on the east edge town and there is a directional sign to the Douglas County Fairground

Program and Speakers Subject to change

Watch our website at nekba.org for updated program information

Northeastern Kansas Beekeepers' Association
Funday Registration Form
2014 Beekeeping Fun Day, Saturday June 7th, 2014

Need More Info? Please contact Steve or Becky Tipton at 785-484-3710 or bstbees@embarqmail.com

New this year—you can register and pay online at nekba.org

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip+4 _____

Phone # _____

Email address _____

I am a member of the Northeast KS Beekeepers

I am **not** a member of the Northeast KS Beekeepers

I would like to be a member--Club Membership 1/2 year \$7.50 (membership not required) _____

Registration for Funday:

Adults \$35.00 per person (\$40.00 per person after May 30th or at the door) _____

Registration includes admission to the Funday, lunch, drinks, handouts, and an afternoon snack of homemade honey ice cream

There will be an alternative meal available at lunch for vegetarians.

We appreciate early pre-registrations so much that at the end of the Funday we will hold a drawing of all preregistered people and one person gets his registration fee back!

Youth (6-18) \$17.50 (\$20.00 at the door or after May 30th) _____

Youth 5 and under free

Scholarship Donation _____

Total \$ _____

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Please make your check out to "Northeast KS Beekeepers or NEKBA" or *register & pay online at nekba.org.*

Mail to Robert Burns

7601 W 54th Terr.

Shawnee Mission KS 66202 email rburns@kc.rr.com

Names of those attending so a name tag can be ready for you:

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Heartland Honey and Beekeeping Supplies

We carry a complete line of beekeeping supplies including woodenware, smokers, extractors, books, queens, package bees and containers. We will trade wax for supplies. Our hours are Mon., Tues., Thursday & Friday (closed Wednesday) 10:30-5:30 and by appointment. We appreciate when you call your orders in ahead. Joli Winer/Cecil Sweeney, Heartland Honey and Beekeeping Supplies, 19201 S Clare Rd. Spring Hill KS 66083. (913) 856-8356
joli@heartlandhoney.com

FISHER'S BEE SUPPLIES

We carry a complete line of beekeeping supplies. See us for your woodenware, smokers, containers, foundation extractors, beekeeping books, queens and package bees. We also have extractors for rent. We will trade your wax for supplies. Our hours are 9:00-5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday, Saturdays after 8:30 a.m. You should call in advance to make sure we are here. ED FISHER 4005 N.E. 132nd Street, Smithville MO 64089 816-532-4698

DRAPER'S SUPER BEE

We offer fast and courteous service to all beekeepers. We sell all the supplies for beekeeping supplies, containers, bee pollen and honey for those who run short. Order is shipped the same day as received in most cases. Free catalog available on request. Pick up orders at our warehouse must be pre-ordered and picked up by appointment only. Business hours: Mon.-Thur. 8-5; closed from 12-1. PHONE: (402) 274-3725. Brenda and Larry Draper, DRAPER'S SUPER BEE; 914 S St. Auburn NE 68305

JORDY'S HONEY

We carry a full line of beekeeping supplies. Bee Hives, Supers, Frames, Foundation, Honey Containers, Smokers, Beekeeping Books, Queens, Packaged Bees and much more. Our hours are 8:00 am to 6:00 pm Monday-Friday and weekends by appointment. Please call in advance so we can have your supplies ready when you arrive. Robert Hughes, 12333 Wedd Street, Overland Park, KS 66213 PHONE: 913-681-5777

MIDWESTERN BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION 2014 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Check one: Renewal New Membership

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP+4 _____

PHONE (____) _____ Email _____

I would like to receive *Beeline* by email Yes No

Membership for 2014 Midwestern Beekeepers' Assn. **(\$7.50 July-Dec. ½ yr)** \$15.00 _____

Membership for 2014 Midwestern Beekeepers' (family membership-2 voting rights) \$18.00 _____
Spouses Name _____

Membership for Missouri State Beekeepers Assn. (family one vote) \$15.00 _____

Membership for Missouri State Beekeepers Assn. (family two votes) \$20.00 _____

Spouses Name _____

Youth Scholarship Donation _____

Total \$ _____

How did you hear about the club? _____

Make checks payable to: Midwestern Beekeepers Association, Mail to:

Tanya Fisher,

PO BOX 132

Raymore MO 64083

t.fisher@kinglouie.com 816-322-9245

Midwestern Beekeepers Association

Membership dues are \$15.00 per year (January 1-December 31); new members joining after July 1 may do so for \$7.50. We also encourage our members to join the Missouri State Beekeepers Association for \$15.00 per year. Membership is open to all people interested in beekeeping and entitles you to our monthly newsletter, the free 30 day loan of books from our extensive library, discounts on bee journals, and the right to free (non-commercial) advertising in the newsletter **plus** the opportunity to attend our informative monthly meetings. The meetings are held on a Sunday at 2:30 p.m. during the months of January, February, March, August, and December. It is held on the third Thursday evening of the month at 7:00 p.m. in April, May, June and July, September and October. Most meetings are held at the Graceway Church Fellowship Hall, 5460 Blue Ridge Cutoff, Kansas City, MO 64133. Our March meeting is a Beginning Beekeeping class and is held at the discretion of our executive board. Refer to the meeting announcement in the newsletter for the date, time and place or call an officer. In case of inclement weather on the day of a meeting, call an officer to see if the meeting will be held. Visit our website at www.midwesternbeekeepers.org

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