

Northeastern Kansas Beekeepers' Association BEE Funday

An educational experience for all skill levels of beekeeping

Saturday, June 1st, 2019

Douglas County Fairgrounds, 2110 Harper St., Lawrence, KS

Registration: 7:30-8:30 –Program: 8:30-5:00

Fee includes Lunch, Beverages, Snacks & Homemade Honey Ice Cream and a Full Day of Fun! Bring your hat and veil or bee suit -we'll have workshops at bee hives! Cost: \$55.00 per person for those Pre-registered, \$65 after May 22 and at the door. Children age 5 and under free, ages 6-18 \$7.50 for those preregistered. \$15 at the door. Pre-Register by May 22nd to be in a drawing to get your registration refunded. To register online go to www.NEKBA.org. Contact Jo Patrick at (913) 645-8947 or brian-patrick@sbcglobal.net for more information.

SPEAKERS:

Randy Oliver – American Bee Journal author - owns and operates a small commercial beekeeping enterprise in the foothills of Grass Valley, in Northern California. He and his two sons manage 1000-1500 colonies for migratory pollination, queen production, nuc production, and honey. He has been keeping honey bees since 1966. Randy researches, analyzes, and digests beekeeping information from all over the world in an attempt to not only broaden his own depth of understanding and knowledge, but to develop practical solutions to many of today's beekeeping problems, which he then shares with other beekeepers through his various articles in bee magazines, his speaking engagements worldwide, and on his website: www.ScientificBeekeeping.com.

Dr. Katie Lee –Bee Disease Diagnostic Scientist -received her PhD. from the University of Minnesota. Katie's dissertation focused on improving the health and survivorship of commercial honey bee colonies. Most recently she conducted research with Marla Spivak at the University of Minnesota Bee Lab. She also worked on A Practical Standardized Sampling Plan for Varroa destructor on Apis mellifera.

Dr. Judy Wu-Smart - Extension and Research Entomologist at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Department of Entomology. The UNI, Bee Lab pursues research questions and extension programs focused on stressors impacting pollinator health in both managed and wild bee communities. We certainly appreciate Dr. Wu-Smart presentations at past Fundays, and we are most fortunate that she has accepted our invitation to share with us again.

Dr. Matthew Smart, a published author, did graduate research at the University of Minnesota, Department of Entomology. He is currently a wildlife biologist at the USGS Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center.

Dr. Marion Ellis, professor emeritus of entomology and researcher from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, will be a featured speaker. Dr. Ellis has spoke at our Funday events on several occasions.

Brian Spiesman and Tania Lee are our new Kansas pollinator representatives from Kansas State University. Brian has conducted research on native pollinators in relation to local floral sources. Brian and Tania are recent recipients of a US Department of Agriculture research grant.