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**General Meeting****Monday May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017****7:00 p.m.****First 15 minutes:****(Tentative) Pollen Collection****Regular Program****Dale Cross, Sharp Brothers Seeds on****Planting for Honey Bees and Butterflies****Douglas County Fairgrounds Flory Meeting****Hall****2110 Harper St, Lawrence KS**

Dale Cross with Sharp Brothers Seeds out of Healy, Kansas will be our main guest speaker. Dale is the eastern Kansas representative for Sharp Brothers and has been in the seed business for 46 years. The presentation will cover learning about monetary benefits to property owners for planting pollen friendly plants for honeybees and monarch butterflies. Dale will also introduce different seed blends and specific nectar and pollen rich plants to add to our landscape. In addition specific harvesting techniques for perennial forbs and pollinating plants will be discussed. All seed blends are Kansas grown, Kansas harvested, and Kansas processed. This ensures that the blends will be specific to our zone and grow well in our climate.

**Directions:** The address is 2110 Harper St. It is easily accessible from 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, turn north on Harper Street and it is just a few blocks. This month we are in the Flory Meeting Hall which is across the parking lot from our usual meeting room.

**It's life. You don't figure it out. You just climb up on the beast and ride.**—Rebecca Wells, *Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood*

This is a shout-out for HELP! To make this wonderful, fantastic, educational, inspirational Funday happen, we need beeks to step up and help. Here's a list of jobs needing willing hands:

**Friday night set-up.** Meet at the Douglas Co. Fairgrounds about 6:30 PM

**Saturday AM set-up.** Meet at Douglas Co Fairgrounds around 6:30 AM

Tech people Saturday AM set up sound, projectors, computers

Computers for presenters. Apple or PC

**Parking directors**—tell everyone where to go.

**Post signs.** The signs are made, you put them up.

**Set up Bread Snack**

**Drink refills.** We need 6 people through the day.

**Lunch help**—set up/clean up (just help the caterer)

**Time Keeper!**

**Building support:** Our speakers need to have microphones on and PowerPoints loaded—they need help getting started. This person just makes sure it happens then they can go wherever they want to go. Building 21, Dreher North & Kitchen, Flory East and West, Outdoor stage.

**Restroom check**— Check for problems, paper, etc. We need both a drone and a queen for this job (man and woman) please.

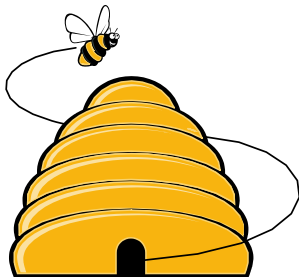
**Clean-up crew**—many hands make light work.

Chair stacking, table folding, trash hauling, floor sweeping. If these jobs aren't done correctly, we lose our security deposit. We have to leave it all as we found it!

PLEASE volunteer in advance. Showing up Saturday and asking, "what can I do?" makes us crazy. Call, Text or email Becky right now! (Please) 785-484-3710 H 785-554-1591 C bstbees@embarqmail.com

## Beelines

By President Steve Messbarger



Bees are busy collecting nectar and pollen and making honey. With all the flowers and different kinds of clover, the bees are all over them. It all sounds good, but not so fast. I am officially making 2017, "the year of the perfect swarm"! Our bees have gone "swarm crazy", lots of swarm calls and postings of swarms on Facebook. Not sure what crazy things are going on this season, but I'm leaning towards mild winters, and an early, warm, Spring. Then comes repeated days of rain that keeps them in the hive for way too long. It's proving to be a very challenging start to the season.

I hope to recover this year despite all the swarms. I've run out of equipment and am using very old stuff that's been laying around for years. My bees are officially "slumming" until I can get my new equipment painted.

A special thanks to Larry Coppinger, Todd Preator, and Mary Miller for their presentation at the last monthly meeting. They did a nice job with a lot of great information.

Don't forget to register for the "Funday". It's not very far away - there will be informative speakers and hands-on workshops.

I'm looking forward to our next meeting. I'm sure Chad will have another interesting program for all of us. Until then, may your honey supers start filling up. I will see you all at the next meeting!

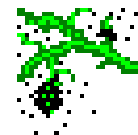
As always, Bees First!

PS: To all the Mom's out there, Have a very happy Mother's day!

## Swarm Call Questions

Here are some questions to ask if you get a call wanting you to come get a swarm:

1. Have you called someone else?
2. How big is it?
3. How high is it?
4. Do you have a ladder?
5. What have you sprayed them with?
6. How long has it been there?
7. Is it on your property?
8. What is your contact number?
9. Do you have pets that might bother me?



## Funday Reminders:

**Remember to bring sunscreen, a hat, your beekeeping protective clothing if you are planning to visit the hives. This year we are asking people to bring some lawn chairs for viewing the swarm demo (there are bleachers) and maybe for eating lunch outside. Also money for the quilt raffle (cash or check only) and the silent auction (cash, check or credit card).**



**Register for the Funday and please Volunteer to help-see Becky's article on page 1**

## 2017 Meeting Dates

Meetings are held at the Douglas County Fairgrounds at 2110 Harper St. It is easily accessible from 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, turn north on Harper Street and it is just a few blocks. We are in Building 21 North which will be on your left you turn into the fairgrounds. Unless otherwise stated.

- Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>-FUNDAY! Jennifer Berry, Dr. Chip Taylor, Dr. Marion Ellis, Dr. Judy Wu-Smart and Scott Debnam and many more!
- Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm (note we'll be in Flory Meeting room)
- Sunday July 16<sup>th</sup> picnic Gage Park Topeka
- Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 pm
- Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm
- Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm
- Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm
- Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm (note we'll be in Flory Meeting Hall Meeting room)

## Get the Help You Need from a Master Beekeeper!

Have a Master Beekeeper come help you at your bee hive. I have an EAS and a Mid-west Master Beekeeper certificate. Evaluating your hives after winter, installing package bees, requeening, making splits, or a one on one lesson at your bee hive are just some of the things we can do. After each visit I will leave you with a written evaluation sheet from each hive we go through. Call or text Kristi Sanderson at 913-768-4961 or email sandersonk09@gmail.com for pricing and appointment times.

### Quinby wants you to know—

- ◆ Your new foundation will begin to turn from a yellow to a darker brown with each successive round of brood. The bee larva spins a cocoon and these cause the wax in your foundation to turn brown.
- ◆ You should continue to feed your new hives until the 2<sup>nd</sup> hive body has the foundation drawn out until 7-8 are full. Then move your not drawn out frames in and add your super

- ◆ Did you know that your queen excluder has braces (ridges that go down) –they provide support for the queen excluder

## Quilt Raffle—Last Chance to Buy Tickets for the Honey Bee Quilt!



Our beautiful quilt will soon be raffled off! We have set the Funday as the day for the drawing. You may purchase tickets at the May meeting or at the Funday. The money from the proceeds from the quilt raffle will go to our scholarship program. So far we have raised about \$1255.00 from the money that has been turned in. If you have money and tickets to turn in please do so before the Funday! Ticket prices are \$1 each, 6 tickets for \$5.00, 12 tickets for \$10.00 and 25 tickets for \$20!

### 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 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.

## Old Bee Gal By Becky Tipton



First, if you care anything about the health of your bees, you should plan to attend the June 3<sup>rd</sup> Funday. We have an amazing, diverse program. If you've read my doodles here before, you know that I strongly believe in the power of knowledge. Our speakers know their stuff! Jennifer Berry will present a double session titled, "Keeping Your Bees Alive!" It just doesn't get more basic than that. Considering foundationless beekeeping or other strategies not part of mainstream beekeeping? Scott Debnam, Univ. of Montana (master beekeeper program manager) will share his knowledge of how to be "natural" and not jeopardize bee health. Judy Wu-Smart's research on chemicals in beeswax is fascinating, alarming, and informative. This information is critical to the health of our hives. Ever thought of making soap with your beeswax. Lisa Opitz (Soapit by Opitz) creates soap that is a work of art! She'll show you some of her tricks. If you are the newest of new-bees, never fear. Steve, Cecil and Kristi will show you how to do a hive inspection with confidence. See all the details in this Buzzer. You can even register on line. Preregistration saves \$\$\$ and helps us plan the food.

It takes hundreds of hours of combined work to make the Funday happen. We could really use your help. We need helpers Friday evening to set up chairs and tables. We will need more set-up help early Saturday morning. Parking director, trash hauler, check restrooms, help with electronics.....if you are willing to help, we have a job for you. Call/text/email me or visit with me at the May meeting and I'll get you on the list.

Remember the silent auction! This auction is one of the main ways we fund our youth scholarship

program. Bring a bee related item to the auction table or come ready to bid early and bid often! Equipment (nuc boxes, bottom boards, feeders, etc.) always brings an excellent price but plants, handmade items, and food, are always enjoyed, too.

**BRING YOUR VEIL!** We have many sessions at the hives and a veil is essential beekeeping safety equipment. Bee macho, work bees in your shorts, in flip flops, without gloves or long sleeves but **ALWAYS** wear your veil. Why? Even a normal sting reaction can cause difficulty breathing if you receive a sting inside your nose, mouth, or around your face. A sting in the eye can result in permanent vision damage! The hive that was absolutely docile last month has grown to the point where they are now quite defensive. The neighbor just cut the alfalfa field that your bees were working. They are now very grumpy bees. That beautiful swarm hasn't just been hanging in the tree a day or two; they couldn't find a home and they've begun to draw comb. They will no longer act like a swarm, they will act like a hive defending brood. Bees often act in unpredictable ways because of the weather or another disturbing factor of which you are unaware (skunk predation). Cecil brings some of the very best behaved bees I have ever seen—be sure to thank him because moving bees is a lot of work. When Cecil works his bees, he will wear a veil.

Last, bring a lawn chair. You're going to want to sit a visit with other beekeepers and the chairs at the fairgrounds are not the most comfortable. Lawn chairs will make watching Chip's swarm demo better than a night at the drive-in movies.

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### **Microphone & Speakers Needed for Funday**

**We need a good speaker system to use at the Funday for the swarm Demo. The club system is not large enough to do the job well. Maybe you have a band or have access to something. If you can help call Joli at 913-593-3562 or talk to us at the meeting Monday. There is electricity out there-would love for someone to set it up too.**

## Tips for May

- ◆ 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 and start with 10 frames. Put your second super on after the first one is almost filled.
- ◆ Use queen excluders to prevent brood in your honey supers and as a deterrent to and wax moths
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Send in your registration for the Funday or go online to NEKBA.org and register online

## Supering



Just before putting on your supers you'll want to check your hives to make sure that you have a laying queen and that everything looks ok. You should have both hive bodies mostly filled with brood and some honey and pollen. Avoid opening up the hive to look at the brood area unless you suspect a management problem.

Weak colonies should be combined with stronger colonies or requeened.

How do you know if the honey flow is "on"?

- Fresh white wax is on the edges of drawn

comb or top bars.

- Wax foundation is quickly drawn out
- Bees are fanning at the entrance
- Bees are extremely active at the entrance—they are coming and going like crazy
- You can smell it—the odor in the apiary is incredible—it smells sweet, like honey
- Bees are docile and easy to work

If you have supers with drawn comb put on more than one at a time, this encourages the bees to bring in more honey and gives them more room to let the honey dehumidify. However if you put on too many at a time the bees will "chimney" or just go up the middle and fill out the whole super. You can encourage them to fill out the whole super by taking the full center frames and exchanging them for the outside frames—move the outside frames in and the inside frames out-voila!

Since bees are hoarders the more space you give them the more bees will go out to collect nectar.

If you are using supers with new foundation than just put on one at a time and keep 10 frames in the supers. When the super is almost full move your outside frames inside and add your next super.

Make sure to mark any comb honey supers or frames so you don't extract them. Best to paint these supers a different color or paint a stripe on each side.

Move your full supers to the top and your newer supers lower (just above the queen excluder).

Keep supers on the hive until they are capped with beeswax (have a layer of beeswax covering the honey)

## Silent Auction for Funday

At our Funday each year we have an excellent silent auction. We raise money for our scholarship program. Start now to think of some items to bring. If you have an item to donate please bring it yourself or ask a friend to bring it. Please do not ask the Funday volunteers to bring it for you. They always have so much on their minds that items may be forgotten. Beekeeping items bring the most money with honey bee gift items being a close second! This is one of the many highlights of the Funday!

**Register for the Funday and please  
Volunteer to help-see Becky's article  
on page 1**

## Honey Plants



Jo Patrick

In May 1915, young men were fighting and dying on the battlefields of Western Europe. Lt. Col. John McCrea witnessed the burial of a close friend near Ypres in Belgium Flanders. Moved by what he saw, McCrea wrote an emotionally stirring poem that still lives on today, *In Flanders Fields*. McCrea saw desolation and destruction from battle everywhere. Amidst the brown landscape of turned up fields, trees, and streams the beautiful annual Red Field Poppy, also called Corn Poppies or Flanders Poppies, emerged to blanket the devastation and gravesites. Seeds lying dormant were exposed from the bombardment of shelling and trench digging. I have heard, but have not been able to verify, that the poppy seed can remain viable in the ground for 80 years. This is truly an inspirational act of nature. Memorial Day will be observed on May 29<sup>th</sup> this year. 100 years later, many will purchase and wear an American Legion Poppy, the symbol of remembrance and hope, to honor and support those who have served and died.

Poppies are in bloom now. Frank C. Pellet wrote about poppies, in *American Honey Plants*, "The bright-colored flowers are very attractive to the bees, which seek them in large numbers and fairly revel in the abundant pollen masses." Planted in large numbers, the colorful poppy can be a minor source of nectar and pollen lasting about 7 days. The Oriental poppy is frequently planted in our area and produces a very dark, blackish pollen grain.

On April 22, I received a text from an NEKBA member, with a picture of Black Locust in bloom around the Topeka area. In the days that followed, I have had several sightings of the native Black Locust in and around the Lawrence area. Blooms last about 7 days so good weather is essential for

capturing this major nectar source. Black Locust is a delicate but superior nectar source as well as very good pollen source. Peter Lindtner writes, in *Garden Plants for Honey Bees*, "Every beekeeper should plant one tree per hive in his garden."

The same NEKBA member also included a picture of tight buds forming on Little Leaf Linden. Linden, in my area, bloomed the first week of June 2016. The early bud set could be an indicator of the Little Leaf Linden blooming ahead of schedule and one I try to monopolize on in my location. Lindens are an excellent nectar source and a good pollen source. The Linden is a very long-lived, large shade tree that is compatible with formal and casual landscapes. It is certainly a tree for the beekeeper to consider if adding a tree to the home landscape. Standing under a Linden, while in bloom, observers can hear and see the tree being worked by enthusiastic honey bees.

Catalpa trees typically bloom along with the Little Leaf Linden. They are a minor nectar source. It seems the Catalpa fell out of favor in the modern landscape. Once popular, we don't see them used very often today. The beautiful, but messy, white blooms and seed pods that follow probably are not popular with modern homeowners. The very large leaves provide habitat for birds, but again, are probably less desirable to the homeowner.

White Dutch Clover has been blooming in some areas as early as late April. Dutch clover is a very good reason not to spray your lawn for weeds. Seen as unsightly to some, Dutch clover blooms bring a smile to beekeepers. White Dutch Clover has tiny tubular florets that can be easily worked by the honey bees short tongue. Mowing after the blooms have faded will encourage another flush of blooms. Other clovers are more beneficial to native bee species that have longer tongues. White Dutch Clover, *Trifolium repens*, can produce a major honey crop and can be labeled as clover honey. Melilotus officinalis, yellow sweet clover, is beginning to bloom and is a major honey plant. Sweet clover is commonly used as pasture or livestock feed. Prior to the use of commercial

fertilizers, farmers planted this legume to add nitrogen back into the soil. The long tap roots improved soil structure as well. Seeds remain viable for 30 years which is one of the reasons it can be seen growing along roadsides and disturbed areas. Colonies positioned close to sweet clover crops can produce as much as 200 pounds of monofloral honey.

For those that like the old time perennial favorite peony, but want a honey bee food source, take comfort. On 5/8/17, I observed my bees gathering pollen from one species of peonies. The variety name has long since been forgotten, but the bloom style is open, exposing the center. This flower forms are classed as single or semi-double. This time of year, Hollingsworth Peonies, near Maryville, MO, opens their doors and allows visitors to walk the fields to marvel as all the blooms. You can find honey bee friendly peonies at their website [www.hollingsworthpeonies.com](http://www.hollingsworthpeonies.com).

If you are considering adding floral sources for you honey bees to forage on, remember to plant in masses. The colors blue, violet, white, yellow, and ultraviolet are most attractive to honey bees.

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### Ask Quinby



**Dear Quinby:** Someone told me that to control swarming I should go in and cut out swarm cells every 7 days. So I've been doing that but my hive still swarmed. Now I don't think that there is a queen in there. Why did they swarm I thought I was doing everything right?

**Quinby Answers:** Cutting out queen cells only succeeds in leaving your hive queenless when it does swarm. The only way to possibly keep a hive from swarming is to take out brood and bees to eliminate the crowding situation in the hive. Bees go into swarm mode when they are crowded and the queen pheromone cannot be adequately spread throughout the hive. Joli and Cecil went

one day to help a friend whose hives were really strong and had swarm cells in them. The beekeeper would only let them take 3 frames of brood from each hive –which really wasn't anywhere near enough brood and bees to remove. He also then put in frames with new foundation because he didn't have any drawn comb-which also doesn't help alleviate the crowding situation because the bees have to make the wax to draw out the comb for the queen to lay eggs on it just takes longer to alleviate the crowding. We had two days of rain and his bees swarmed anyway! But we got nice brood to make nucs with!! Oh yes now you need a queen for your hives since you cut out all of the cells

**Dear Quinby:** My hive swarmed and I caught the swarm now I need a queen. **Quinby Answers:** When your hive swarms the old queen goes with the swarm and leaves capped queen cells and a queen will soon emerge. It takes 4-8 days for her to go out and mate and then several days until for her to start laying eggs. Our rule of thumb is to wait 2 weeks to see if you have eggs and then either get a new queen to put in there or combine it with an established colony. Sometimes a secondary swarm goes out with a virgin queen and the same 2 week rule applies.

Quinby (named after Moses Quinby who invented the bee smoker) would like to take this opportunity to invite you to send your stories or questions to him c/o Joli at the address on the back of *The Buzzer* or via email at [joli@heartlandhoney.com](mailto:joli@heartlandhoney.com).

**Mentoring**-Join Joli and Cecil on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month-, April-August. This year the dates, June 12<sup>th</sup>, July 10<sup>th</sup> and August 14<sup>th</sup>. The fee is \$10 per person (Veterans are exempt from paying) with the money going to the NEKBA Scholarship program. We'll work through hives each month and talk about what you should be doing and seeing in your hives. Meet at 6pm at 19201 S Clare Rd. Spring Hill KS 66083 913-856-8356 or [joli@heartlandhoney.com](mailto:joli@heartlandhoney.com). Please just email or call and leave us a message so we know how many to expect. If you have protective clothing please bring it with you.

## NORTHEASTERN KANSAS BEEKEEPER'S FUNDAY 2017 SCHEDULE

7:30-8:30 Registration, Beverages, Fresh breads from Wheatfield's with honey butter and assorted creamed honey  
 8:30-8:40 Overview of the day and Introductions Steve Messbarger, President  
 8:40-9:35 General Session: Protecting Beneficial Insect Communities in Nebraska, Dr. Judy Wu-Smart

	Bee Hives	Room 21 North	Room 21 South	Dreher North	Dreher Kitchen	Flory East	Flory West	Outside Stage
9:40-10:35	Bee Hive Basics Finding eggs, larvae, brood, Steve Tipton, Cecil Sweeney, Kristi Sanderson- Beg.	Managing Bees for Honey Production Dr. Marion Ellis	Visit Vendors, Silent Auction All Day	To Be Determined	Making Soap Lisa Opitz	Horizontal Hives Steve Messbarger	Queen Rearing for the Hobby Beekeeper Scott Debnam	
10:40-11:35	Bee Hive Basics Finding eggs, larvae, brood (repeated) Steve, Cecil, Kristi Beginners	Other Bees: An Introduction to Some Wild & Crazy Wild Bees Dr. Judy Wu-Smart		Extracting Larry Coppinger	Making Skin Care Products & How she Started her Business Lisa Opitz	Is There a Time and a Place for the use of Pesticides for Beekeepers? Chad Gilliland	Small Hive Beetles Wes and Wanda Johnston	
11:40-12:35	Youth Scholarship Students at the Hive (closed session) Marion Ellis	Judy Wu-Smart's Students		Basic Equipment Robert Hughes	Exploring the World of Pollinators-Robin Kolhrman-kids age 6-12 - if under \$ a parent needs to stay	Keeping Bees Alive Part 1 Jennifer Berry	Swarming-it's only a big deal to us Scott Debnam	
12:35-1:20			Lunch					
1:20-2:15								Swarm Demo Dr. Chip Taylor
2:15-2:45			Homemade Honey Ice Cream 2:40 Silent Auction ends & Pick up Evaluation forms					
2:45-3:40	Bob and the Virgins Catch and Release Queens-Robert Burns	Pollination Biology Dr. Marion Ellis		Finding the Queen and Marking her Kristi Sanderson	Hobby Tax Rules for Beekeepers Mark Wood	Keeping Bees Alive Part 2 Jennifer Berry	Fall Management Andy Nowachek	
3:45-4:40		Sub-Lethal Effects of Pesticide Residues in Brood Comb on Worker Honey Bees Dr. Judy Wu-Smart		Choosing Great Plants for Pollinators	The Whole Ball of Beeswax Warren & Jane Nelson	Queen Selection and Genetics Jennifer Berry	Natural Beekeeping- Integrating Honey Bee Ecology into Modern Beekeeping Scott Debnam	Bee Olympics Ages 6-12, parents welcome to play along

4:45 (21 North) Turn in Evaluation forms, door prizes, drawing for hive and swarm of bees and drawing for the beautiful quilt that is being raffled. You must complete an evaluation form to be eligible for the drawings. You must be present to win the hive of bees. **Topics and Speakers Subject to Change**



# Northeastern Kansas Beekeepers 2017 Funday

Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017-- Registration:7:30-8:30 –Program:8:30-5:00

Douglas County Fairgrounds, 2110 Harper St., Lawrence KS

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: \$40.00 per person for those Pre-registered, \$50 at the door

Children under 5 free, ages 6-18 \$17.50 for those preregistered \$20 at the door

Pre-Register by May 22<sup>nd</sup> to be in a drawing to get your registration refunded

To register online visit our website at [WWW.NEKBA.ORG](http://WWW.NEKBA.ORG)

For information contact Becky Tipton at 785-484-3710 or [bstbees@embarqmail.com](mailto:bstbees@embarqmail.com)

## Guest Speakers

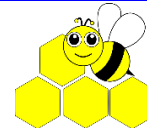
**Jennifer Berry** M.S., 2000, University of Georgia, Entomology. For the past 17 years, Jennifer Berry has been the Apicultural Research Professional and Lab Manager for the University of Georgia Honey Bee Program. Her research objectives have focused on improving honey bee health, the sub-lethal effects of pesticides on beneficial insects and IPM techniques for varroa and small hive beetle control.

**Scott Debnam**, a graduate of the University of Montana Wildlife Biology program and has 14 years of experience managing the research colonies for the University. His research focuses on the movement of pollinators through the environment and the ecological patterns that influence their plant choices.

**Dr. Judy Wu-Smart**, *Entomology Extension Specialist University of Nebraska, Lincoln* whose area of interest was sub lethal effects of neonicotinyl insecticides on honey bee and bumble bee queens and colony development. She rocks!

**Dr. Marion Ellis**, a retired professor of entomology and researcher from the **University of Nebraska-Lincoln**, will be a feature speaker. We love him!

**Dr. Chip Taylor**—the swarm king! He is the *Founder and Director of Monarch Watch; Professor Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS*



**Swarm Demo with Dr. Chip Taylor!**  
Hands-on workshop and presentations all day!

## Vendors:

**Mann Lake Supply**      **Morford Lavender Farm**  
**Valhalla Bee Farm**      **Smail Bee Jewelry**  
**Dadant and Sons**-If you wish to preorder do so by the end of May, ask for -Arlyn or Gina. 217-847-3324  
**Jordy's Honey**, 913-681-5777      **REV Honey**  
**Heartland Honey**, 913-856-8356

## Douglas County Master Gardeners Flower & Plant Sale Dreher Bldg. Patio

**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. 6<sup>th</sup>, 785-841-4994

**A Silent Auction will be held to benefit the  
NEKBA Scholarship Program  
Donations of auction items are appreciated!**

**Program & Speakers Subject to Change  
NEKBA.org visit our website to register**

**Northeastern Kansas Beekeepers  
Funday Registration Form**

2017 Beekeeping Fun Day, Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017

Need More Info? Please contact Steve or Becky Tipton at 785-484-3710 or  
[bstbees@embarqmail.com](mailto:bstbees@embarqmail.com)

You can register and pay online at [WWW.NEKBA.ORG](http://WWW.NEKBA.ORG). Your contact information will be provided to the club through PayPal—please list all participants in the PayPal notes section

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 ½ year \$7.50 (membership not required) \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to receive my *Buzzer* Newsletter by email

**Registration for Funday:**

Adults \$40 per person (\$50.00 if paid after May 22nd) \_\_\_\_\_

*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.*

Youth (6-18) \$17.50 (\$20.00 if paid after May 22<sup>nd</sup>) \_\_\_\_\_

Youth 5 and under free

Scholarship Donation \_\_\_\_\_

**Total** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your check out to “Northeast KS Beekeepers or NEKBA” or register and pay online at [WWW.NEKBA.ORG](http://WWW.NEKBA.ORG)

No Receipts will be sent

Mail to: Robert Burns

7601 W 54<sup>th</sup> Terr

Shawnee Mission KS 66202 [913-481-3504](tel:913-481-3504)

Email: [rburnshoney@gmail.com](mailto:rburnshoney@gmail.com)

Names of those attending so name tags can be made:

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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!

## HEARTLAND HONEY & BEEKEEPING SUPPLIES

We carry a complete line of beekeeping supplies including woodenware, smokers, extractors, books, queens, package bees and containers. For your convenience please call in advance to schedule an appt. Joli Winer/Cecil Sweeney, Heartland Honey and Beekeeping Supplies, 19201 S Clare Rd. Spring Hill KS 66083. (913) 856-8356. [joli@heartlandhoney.com](mailto:joli@heartlandhoney.com)

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### FISHER'S BEE SUPPLIES

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

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For Sale: White Clover honey strained in 5 gallon buckets. We will pack it in your jars for an extra fee. Bee equipment, new and used. Jars, foundation, bears, comb honey, used extractors. Bees: frames of brood. Corn syrup or sugar by the 5 gallon bucket or barrel. *If you need it, we probably have what you want.* 3-frame nucs of solid brood comb of foundation (frames of even exchange) with MN Hygienic queens for \$119.00 each " Raymond Cooper, 220 N Elm, Iola KS 66749. Call: 620-365-5956 after 8:00 p.m.

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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. R Robert Hughes, 12333 Wedd Street, Overland Park, KS 66213 PHONE: 913-681-5777

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### NORTHEASTERN KS BEEKEEPERS' ASSOC. 2017 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP+4 \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to receive the newsletter, *The Buzz*, by email Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Northeastern KS Beekeepers per year (July.-Dec. \$7.50) \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Additional family members wanting voting rights \$1.00 per person \$1.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Family member's names \_\_\_\_\_

(Youth Membership (18 years of age or under) \$7.50 \_\_\_\_\_

Membership for Kansas Honey Producers Assn. \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

American Bee Journal 1 year \$24.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Bee Culture Magazine 1 year \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Scholarship Donation \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: **NEKBA or Northeastern Kansas Beekeepers Assn.**

Mail To: Robert Burns, 7601 W 54<sup>th</sup> Terr., Shawnee Mission KS 66202 913-481-3504 email [rburnshoney@gmail.com](mailto:rburnshoney@gmail.com)

Now you can pay online at [nekba.org](http://nekba.org)

Northeastern Kansas Beekeepers Association  
Robert Burns, Treasurer  
7601 W 54<sup>th</sup> Terr  
Shawnee Mission KS 66202

## Address Service Requested

### Meeting

Monday May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Note: Flory Meeting Hall

## *The Northeastern Kansas Beekeepers' Association*

Membership is open to anyone who is interested in bees or bee culture. Dues are \$15.00 per calendar year (December 31-December 31) for the first in the family joining. Those joining in July or later in the year may pay \$7.50 for ½ year. Additional members of that family wanting voting privileges shall be assessed dues at \$1.00 per year. Youth memberships (18 years of age and younger) are \$7.50 per year. New memberships and renewals should be submitted to the treasurer.

The *Bee Buzzer* is the official publication of the Northeastern Kansas Beekeepers' Association, Inc. and is published monthly. Commercial ads are accepted in the newsletter for a fee, non-commercial ads by paid members are accepted & are free.

The library of the association is free to all members. Books may be checked out at the meetings and kept for a period of 30 days. The bee publications, *The American Bee Journal* and *Bee Culture* can be subscribed for through the treasurer.

The Association meets each month on the third Monday at 7:00 p.m. except during the months of January and July. A beekeeping class is held in March. This is a nonprofit organization; elected officers serve without pay. Everyone is invited to attend the meeting. Check *The Buzzer* or our website at NEKBA.ORG each month for the actual date, time and location. If the weather is bad call an officer to find out if the meeting will be held.

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