# Beekeeping Groups Around Kansas:

### **State Association**

**Kansas Honey Producers Assn.** They meet twice a year for a 2-day meeting. For meeting and membership information go to www.kansashoneyproducers.org

#### **Northeast Kansas**

- Northeastern Kansas Beekeepers Assn. meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Douglas County Fairgrounds at 2110 Harper St., Lawrence KS., Bldg. 21 N. www.NEKBA.org. They also have a Facebook presence, NEKBA.
- Shawnee County Area Beekeeping monthly class, 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 6:30-8 at the Shawnee North Community Center, 300 NE 43<sup>rd</sup> St., Topeka KS. contact Becky Tipton at bstbees@embargmail.com 785-484-3710

#### **Southeast Kansas**

- Heartland Beekeepers Association of Southeast Kansas, Pittsburg KS meets the 1<sup>st</sup>
   Thursday of the month at 6:30-8:45 pm at Pittsburg State University, Yates Hall room 102 –google them, they communicate by Facebook.
- **Golden Prairie Beekeepers Association**, Still have a Facebook presence, but the club no longer meets.
- Montgomery County Bee Keepers Association, Independence, KS
   Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 6 pm Independence Community College West (ICC)
   Contact: John Blount 620-515-3977
- Cherokee County Area Beekeepers, Columbus KS meet at the Cherokee County K-State Research and Extension Office, 124 W County Rd. Columbus KS 66725, 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm, contact them by Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/CCABclub/
- **Flint Hills Beekeepers Emporia group.** This group is no longer meeting but they still have a Facebook presence.
- Coffey County Beekeepers Meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month at the Burlington Branch of the Coffey County Library at 5 pm. They also have a Facebook presence to check on meeting times and place. Tiny Jackson 620-481-1275.

#### **North Central Kansas**

- Konza Beekeepers Assn. Manhattan, Kansas
  - This club no longer meets but their Facebook page is still very active.
- North Central Kansas Beekeepers
  - Meets at Rolling Hills Zoo, Salina in January, May, July, September (every other month, not including KHPA meeting months.)
  - Meet on 2nd or 3rd Sunday at 2pm, based on zoo availability.
  - Contact to join email list for meeting info and resource updates:
  - Nikki Bowman, nikkibfarm@gmail.com, cell (785) 477-0836

#### **South Central Kansas**

- Ad Astra Apiary Conservatory. Hutchinson KS, Meets at 1125 N Main, Hutchinson 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30 contact Sheila Goscha at <a href="mailto:north10apiary@gmail.com">north10apiary@gmail.com</a>.
   They also have a Facebook presence
- Wichita Area Beekeepers <u>South Central Kansas Honey Producers</u>
   <u>Association SCKHPA</u> South Central KS (FB) They meet at the Great Plains Nature Center on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month at 1:00 pm.
- **South Central Kansas Beekeepers Assoc.** Meet the third Thursday of the month at 7 pm at Elam Lavender and Honey Bee Farm, 5226 142<sup>nd</sup> Rd., Winfield KS

#### **Western Kansas**

- Western Kansas Beekeepers, Meet bi-monthly various locations in western Kansas.
   Backyard hobbyists to small-scale commercial beekeepers. For information or to be added to the contact list: Greg Swob gswob@mwenergy.com or 785-639-7766
- SW Kansas Beekeepers Facebook swksbees email signup for information
   <a href="https://www.swksbees.com/club">https://www.swksbees.com/club</a>. If that doesn't work, go to Four and Thirty Farms and
   Beekeeping Supply for information. Contact person is Jade Like
   <a href="mailto:4and30farms@gmail.com">4and30farms@gmail.com</a>. They meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month with an event or
   open apiary.

## **GPMB – Great Plains Master Beekeeping Program**

https://gpmb.unl.edu GPMB is partnered with the Northeastern KS Beekeepers group and the Kansas Honey Producers. A great educational program for beekeepers to further their education. They have sponsored many bee yards in KS for teaching apiaries. The Great Plains Master Beekeeping Program will provide training, education, outreach, and mentoring for beginning and advanced beekeepers that will improve colony survival and drive economic success. This program will focus on colony management, bee biology, pests, pathogens and other stressors, as well as land stewardship, business and marketing, and professional development. Great Plains Master Beekeepers will be both advanced in beekeeping knowledge as well as being competent advocates for bees.