

The Kansas Honey Producers Association Fall Meeting
Friday and Saturday, October 26 and 27, 2018
Best Western Angus Inn 2920 10th St., Great Bend KS
& Adjoining Perkins Restaurant & Meeting Rooms

At our spring meeting a committee was formed to try to do something a little different to increase attendance at the fall meeting of the Kansas Honey Producers. We came up with the idea of trying to do some “workshop” type presentations. I think I’ve lined up a program to meet the needs of many of our members.

We’ll be meeting at the Best Western in Great Bend, 2920 10th St. You can make your reservations at any time as our block is all set up. To get the block pricing please make your reservation by October 11th. You can reserve your room by calling 620-792-3541. Room rates are \$75.95 per night for exterior rooms and \$80.95 for interior rooms.

We will have two meeting rooms and will have two programs going on at the same time. I will do a separate mailing with the registration information and the program when it is complete.

Our guest speakers will be:

Gary Reuter: Apiculture Technician, University of Minnesota

Gary will do a 1-day (Friday) Queen Rearing Workshop that will be limited to the 32 people – there will be a nominal fee charged for some of the materials. Saturday you will be able to check your grafts—so maybe an hour on Saturday too. **Gary** will also do a Mead making presentation **Ginger Reuter:** Beeswax expert and fun person

Ginger will do a beeswax workshop and an Encaustic painting demo—both of these may turn into a hands on - details in the next mailing.

John Miller: Commercial Beekeeper, Gackle SD, Newcastle CA and Blackfoot ID. Miller Honey Company produces millions of pounds of honey each year.

John's topics will be:

1. Twenty Steps to Not Becoming Rich
2. Succession Planning and the ABC's (anywhere but California)
3. The Big Trends Driving Beekeeping
4. The Next Ten Years will be the Best Ten Years in Beekeeping

The Beekeeper's Lament, a book by award-winning journalist Hannah Nordhaus, tells the remarkable story of John Miller, one of America's foremost migratory beekeepers, and the myriad and mysterious epidemics threatening American honeybee populations. In luminous, razor-sharp prose, Nordhaus explores the vital role that honeybees play in American agribusiness, the maintenance of our food chain, and the very future of the nation

Cheryl Burkhead – Honey Plant Person will share her knowledge of the bloom period of pollinator plants in our area.

Pat Randol is from Winterset Iowa and operates Randol Honey Farm. She has quite a few hives and does several Farmers Markets in the Des Moines area. She will present on Making Goats milk soap with honey and making lotions and lotion bars. They also make creamed and flavored honey, collect pollen and so much more. They also have a website that they sell from. I keep thinking of more talks Pat can give!

Other topics that will be presented are:

Tricks for Finding Queens Making Creamed Honey

Please mark your calendars for October 26th and 27th in Great Bend!
See you there.