

# Northeastern Kansas Beekeepers' Assoc.

## Beginning Beekeeping Class

January 28 & 29, 2023

**Where:** Douglas County Fairgrounds, 2110 Harper St, Lawrence, KS 66046. Building 21

**When:** Saturday, January 28 , 8:30am – 5:00pm; Sunday, January 29, 12:30pm -4:30pm



**Why keep honey bees?** Because you can and we can help you.

-Please silence your phone.

-Questions are welcome. If the speakers don't know the answers, they will try to find the answers for you.

We have over 300 years of beekeeping experience represented today.

-We will make every effort to stay on schedule. Our speakers have valuable information. Information is more important than a rigid time clock. We will be patient and respectful.

-Visit our vendors for equipment and information.

-We are a not-for-profit association. Everyone here is a volunteer. We appreciate your support and patience.

8:30-8:50      **Registration**

8:50-9:00      **Introductions**—Kristi Sanderson

9:00- 9:30      **Equipment**      Jay Francis      Why Langstroth equipment? Assembly, Smokers, Safety equipment choices. Feeders.

9:35-10:15      **Honey Bee Biology**      Becky Tipton      The more you know about what makes your bees buzz, the

10:20-10:50      **Break** / vendor time (pre-packaged snacks)

10:55-11:40      **Starting Right with the Right Bees**      Kristi Sanderson      Installing your bees in your hives. Starting right to grow healthy bees.

11:45-12:45      **Lunch** / vendor time (boxed lunch)

12:50 – 1:30      **Summer beekeeping and supering**      Jo Patrick      What does healthy look like? Monitoring build-up and controlling swarming impulse. Inspecting your hive.

1:40- 2:25      **Fall Management**      Steve Tipton      Fall Management. Preparing to get your bees through the up-coming winter.

2:30-2:55      **Break** / vendor time (pre-packaged snacks)

3:00-3:25      **Beehive Inspections**      Matt Brandes      Dressing right and conditions for inspecting your bees. How to open a hive and get started on beekeeping adventure.

3:30-4:15      **Question & Answer & What's next?** What does NEKBA have to offer you?

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**February 25, 2023 -Year 2 and Bee-yond** --Enroll today at [NEKBA.org](http://NEKBA.org) or contact Kristi Sanderson email:

[sandersonk09@gmail.com](mailto:sandersonk09@gmail.com) or phone 913-768-4961 with questions. Please help us tidy up by placing your chairs on the rack. Thanks for joining us! Kristi Sanderson.

January 28 Saturday (bee supply vendors only this day)

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## January 29 Sunday (half-day, no bee supply vendors available this day)

- 12:30-1:00    **Registration**
- 1:00-1:10    **Welcome (the Resources in your Book)**—Kristi Sanderson
- 1:10-1:30    **Location, Location, Location** Bruce Lane    Where should I put my hive? Getting your bees properly situated is crucial for their and your success.
- 1:35-2:20    **Varroa Mites.** Joli Winer    Perhaps the most important information for keeping your hive alive. Monitoring and treatment options.
- 2:25-2:40    **Break**
- 2:45-3:15    **Extracting Basics** Bob Burns    Removing honey supers and checking for moisture content.
- 3:20-4:05    **Keeping a Healthy Hive** Cheryl Burkhead    There's a lot more to maintain healthy bees. Find out how and what to look for.
- 4:05-4:20    **Question & Answer**
- 4:20-4:30    **More Learning Opportunities**

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