

Northeastern Kansas Beekeepers' Association

Beginning Beekeeping Class 2016

Sundays, March 6th and 13th Registration 12-1, program 1-5:30 p.m.,
Douglas Co. Fairgrounds, 2110 Harper St., Bldg. 21, Lawrence KS
K-10 to Harper Street, go north 2 blocks to the Fairgrounds.

On the first Sunday, March 6th we are honored to have Dr. Diana Sammataro, who is currently retired from USDA Honey Bee Lab. She is co-author of the *Beekeeper's Handbook* (4th ed. 2011), and is now giving talks and lectures on beekeeping and does independent bee research under her new business name, DianaBrand Honey Bee Research LLC as our guest speaker. Her book will be one of our textbooks.

New members will be eligible to win a starter single story hive and a 3-pound package of bees with a queen.

All other registrants will be eligible to win door prizes. You must be present to win.

Each family registration will also receive 1 set of the text books, *The Beekeeper's Handbook*, 4th edition by Diana Sammataro and Alphonse Avitabile and *Field Guide to Honey Bees and their Maladies* By Penn State University & MAAREC If you already have these books there will be an alternate choice available.

Sunday, March 6th

12:00-1:00 **Registration**

1:00 **Introductions of club officers**, President Andy Nowachek

1:05-1:45(40) **Basic Equipment**, tools to use, clothing, woodware. Learn the proper names for beekeeping equipment. This presentation will give you a good idea of the equipment you have to have to keep bees. Steve Tipton presents.

1:45-2:45(60) **Honey Bee Biology 101** Dr. Diana Sammataro will present. Why do we need to know biology to keep bees? This talk will include some anatomy and development and the basics of the bee nest.

2:45-3:15(30) **Break**

3:15-4:05(50) **Diagnosing problems with Bee Diseases & Pests and What to do about them.** Recognition and control of diseases. Dr. Diana Sammataro presents.

4:05-4:35(30) **Ways to Acquire Bees & Installing a package of bees**

Our speaker Kristi Sanderson will talk about the various ways you can get bees and will demonstrate how to install a package of bees.

4:35-5:30(55) **Varroa Diagnosis and Management**, Dr. Diana Sammataro presents.

Sunday, March 13th

1:00-1:45(45) **Management of Package Bees & Nucs** how to take care of your new hive of bees from how long you need to feed them, when to put on the next hive body and when to add your honey supers. Steve & Becky Tipton presents.

1:45-2:30(45) **Seasonal Management-Late Summer and Fall** Removing your honey from the hives, fall management, includes checking your hives to make sure they have enough bees and food and getting your bees ready for winter. Cecil Sweeney presents.

2:30-3:00 **Break Participants are asked to bring refreshments made with honey for this break, you may bring your recipes, beverages will be provided.**

3:00-3:45(45) **Extracting Honey** Club members will demonstrate how to remove honey from your hives and uncap your honey, extract it and bottle it for sale and gifts. Andy Nowachek presents.

3:45-4:15(30) **Tips for the Beekeeper** Robert Burns will demonstrate how to light your smoker, approach a hive, open it up and get started on your beekeeping adventure and safety. Robert Burns presents.

4:15-4:30(15) **Opportunities for members of the bee clubs.** Books, DVD's and magazines, our library & other beekeeping clubs in the area. She'll also let you know about our Funday on June 4th. Joli Winer presents.

4:30- close **Question and Answer Session & Drawing for door prizes**-you must be present to win, one door prize ticket per paid registration. All presenters will answer questions.

Program and presenters subject to change

