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Honey Show Grows in Number of Entries

Thank you to all who submitted entries to the honey show at the Kansas State Fair. There were over 225 pre entries submitted and once the dust settled there were 113 entries for Ginny Mitchell our honey judge to score. She and her crew of Jim and Lanette Kellie need till past 9 Friday evening to judge and fill out score sheets. It was impressive to see all of the jars of honey and frames displayed from all around the state. We had entries submitted in every category except section comb honey. The wax sculpture class was quite impressive and shows that we have talented folks among our ranks. Thank you once again and let's do it even bigger in 2020.



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OUR PRESIDENT JIM KELLIE

Greetings from the sticky extracting room. We are so close to finishing this year's harvest with just 2 yards and a good day of extracting left. Hopefully you had a better year than I did. This one is officially the worst year in 43 years. That said, I use the beekeeper's motto "There is always next year."

State Fair was great. KHPA team overcame challenges, such as decreasing the size of our booth, last minute changes by the State Fair board and a good problem of having so many entries. We certainly hope there will be even more next year. Thanks to Kristi and her team, along with everyone who came to help and work the booth. We so appreciate all the beekeeping clubs across the state who volunteered. We could not do it without you.

Our state convention is Oct. 18th and 19th in Wichita. There is more information in the Cappings. We have some nationally known speakers, local speakers, and some around the room discussions that we hope will help each other.

We have a few people that have volunteered to get on the train for our few open positions. Looks like we are going to have a full team this next year. Thanks to those who came in to substitute while the positions were open. There are some very good people who are interested in being on the team.

Some of the challenges we face are some regulation issues with the State of Kansas. The new president and I will continue working on these. Continue to do best practices, which seems to be constantly changing in the beekeeping world, and keeping our Kansas honey pure. I am sure the new President will have a good agenda and direction for us to follow.

On a personal note, I want to thank you all again for the privilege of being your President. See you at the convention.



Up for election is: President,
2nd Vice President, treasure.

Regions are NE, NC, NW.

Make sure you come to the
meeting to vote!!

Retail Sales Good at Honey Sales Booth

Thank you to all who helped this year to make it a successful year in the retail sales booth. We had the obstacle to overcome of having less space inside our booth due to new rules set by the commercial vender department, but it all worked out. There are some new ideas coming for next year which will make the space more user friendly.

We also used Will Call to hand out entry tickets which was a change from past procedures. This was a learning curve as well but all worked out with the help of fair staff. It takes many hands doing different tasks to pull it all together. Thanks to all who helped out. We do have some left over honey at \$3.00 a pound which I will bring to the KHPA meeting in October. Following is a list and quantity of sizes available.

253 24-ounce bears,

22 12-ounce bears,

24 1-pound containers.

Lip balm: 30 Strawberry, 22 Mint, 9 Vanilla,
\$1.50 each.

Text Kristi at 913-768-4961 to say what you would like.



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Meet Becky Tipton

My adventure in beekeeping began about 30 years ago. My husband, Steve, bought me a beginning beekeeping kit for Christmas. Although I had read books about beekeeping and talked about it for years, dream became reality....I was going to be a beekeeper! Yikes! It was truly the best gift ever! My little hobby has grown into a very nice sideline business including many value added products with beeswax and honey.

I am a candidate for KHPA President. I am running for office because I believe my experiences can help lead the Kansas Honey Producers to best serve our membership needs. Our demographic includes commercial beekeepers, and many sideline beekeepers but in recent years, has gained a growing group of new hobby beekeepers. The KHPA mission is helping Kansans keep healthy honey bees. We meet that goal with excellent educational opportunities and providing networking with other beekeepers throughout the state. I want to see us expand our educational opportunities and continue to focus on science based, best practice beekeeping.

My background is in education; my career was teaching. I have transitioned to teaching beekeeping in recent years and find great satisfaction in sharing information about bees. Steve and I attend national conferences annually including American Beekeeping Federation and Heartland Beekeeping Society. I have presented in both of these forums. But, more importantly, I hear about the latest research focusing on the health of our bees. I have also learned of the huge challenges our bees face because of pesticides, farming practices, environmental issues, and predators within the hive. The challenges to beekeeping are many.

I have been privileged to serve in leadership roles in both the Northeastern Kansas Beekeepers Association and the Kansas Honey Producers. I have worked as President of NEKBA as well as every other office position throughout the years. I have held the office of Vice President in the Kansas Honey Producers and developed the current Youth Grant Program. We (the KHPA) have provided hives and mentorship to associations working with hundreds of young people. Many have gone on to purchase hives of their own and become beekeepers. All have become more aware of the connection between our honey bee and its key participation in the growth of our food. One of our past youth scholars is working on becoming a pollinator scientist. All beginning with our youth program. For this, we can all feel proud.

If elected, it would be my honor to serve as the President of this fine organization.

Honey Show Results Adult

Extracted Light	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Cheryl Burkhead Robin Trammell Becky Tipton	Berryton Valley Center Meriden
Extracted Dark	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Becky Tipton Brian Withrow Cheryl Burkhead	Meriden Medicine Lodge Berryton
Frame	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Julie Cahoj Steve Messbarger Richard Fanning	Atwood DeSoto Atwood
Creamed	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Brian Withrow Don Schmidt Alexis Brown	Medicine Lodge Greensburg Hutchinson
Beeswax	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Becky Tipton Stephanie Brown Mark Mounce	Meriden Hutchinson Hutchinson
Art & Design	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Jane Kill Becky Tipton Bridget Lee	Sedgwick Meriden Topeka
Candles	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Becky Tipton Jane Kill Wendy Richardson	Meriden Sedgwick Lane
Gift Pack	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Argonia Hilltoppers Becky Tipton Mark Mounce	Argonia Meriden Hutchinson
Chunk Honey	1 st 2 nd	Becky Tipton Steve Messbarger	Meriden DeSoto
Cut Comb	1 st 2 nd	Cheryl Burkhead Steve Messbarger	Berryton DeSoto
Black Label Honey Judged on taste only		Candy Vinduska	Marion
Best of Show		Becky Tipton	Meriden



Honey Show Results Youth

Light Extracted	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Jonah Kim Maddox Shivley Matt Malget	Lawrence Emporia Wichita
Frame of Honey	1 st 2 nd	Maddox Shivley Johanna Boone	Emporia
Best of Show		Maddox Shivley	

Youth Grant.

The Kansas Honey Producers' youth Grant Program is a unique opportunity for organizations working with young people to add beekeeping curriculum to their program. The association provides 2 hives, safety equipment, 2 years of mentor support and many educational opportunities. If you know of a group that might be interested, please have them contact Becky Tipton at bstbees@embarqmail.com or read the application on line. www.kansashoneyproducers.org.

We have two groups completing their grant requirements this fall. We all look forward to hearing from the Lucky Stars 4-H group from Holton, Ks and the Rock Creek 4-H group of Rock, Ks. Congratulations to our Argonia 4-H grant group for winning 1st place at the Kansas State Fair with their beautiful gift basket!

Remember ABF 2020

The next American Beekeeping Conference & Tradeshow will be held in Schaumburg, IL (Chicago area) January 7-11, 2020. This will be one of the closest (Midwest) conference locations in YEARS! Start planning NOW! Let's take some Kansas Pride to ABF in 2020. What does ABF have to offer?

- *Fantastic range! Beekeepers from all over the USA/world with one focus, honey bee health.
- *Fantastic depth! Programs to help novice beekeepers and commercial beekeepers and everyone in between.
- *Cutting edge science. What might be the next best thing in beekeeping? You can hear about it first at ABF.
- *Awesome trade show with necessities, gadgets, new ideas, and old favorites.
- *Amazing people willing to share their knowledge with others in the industry.
- *Inspiring honey show with sensational wax art, beautifully designed labels and clever gift baskets.
- *Bring home enthusiasm for your hobby, sideline, or career.
- *It's a really fun event!
- *KHPA members Steve and Becky Tipton and Kristi Sanderson will be presenting on Saturday, Jan. 11th on value added products from the hive.

Kansas Honey Producer's Fall Meeting

Friday and Saturday October 18 & 19, 2019

Best Western Wichita North 915 E 53rd ST. N., Wichita KS

**For more information please contact Joli Winer at 913-593-3562 or
email [Joli@heartlandhoney.com](mailto:joli@heartlandhoney.com)**

The Fall meeting of the Kansas Honey Producers Association will be held in Wichita this year. Please mark your calendars now for this event. We have confirmed several guest speakers for this meeting. Also, one of our favorite people will be at this meeting too, Dr. Judy Wu-Smart. Judy is an Extension and Research Entomologist at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Department of Entomology. Judy received her doctorate in Entomology from the University of MN under the direction of Dr. Marla Spivak. We will have Dr. Jennifer Tsuruda, Assistant Professor and Apiculture Specialist from the Department of Entomology and Plant Pathology at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. Another guest speaker will be Louann Hausner. Louann is a 3rd generation beekeeper and was the 1996 American Honey Princess. From her experience gained as a National Spokesperson and her public relations/marketing experience from a career with John Deere, Louann has volunteered her time over the last 21 years to conduct the media training for the American Beekeeping Federation American Honey Queen & Princess. Originally from Wisconsin, Louann currently resides in Lenexa, KS.

You may make your room reservations by calling the Best Western Wichita North by calling 316-832-9387 and mentioning the Kansas Honey Producers Association to get our discounted rate of \$89.99 per night. To get this rate reservations must be made by September 26th.

The reduced rate of the meeting is due to a substantial grant from the State Fair account. Many thanks to those of you who have volunteered at the fair.

Please pass the word about the meeting to other beekeepers that you may know in Kansas and the adjoining states. Check on the KHPA website at kansashoneyproducers.org for final program information.

I've arranged for Friday lunch and dinner at the hotel but Saturday lunch will be on your own.

If you have a specific topic that you would like to have presented at this meeting or a future meeting please email or call Joli Winer at 913-593-3562 or joli@heartlandhoney.com.

Please mark your calendars for upcoming KHPA meetings:

March 6 & 7, 2020: Hays KS Whisky Creek Wood Fired Grill and Days Inn: Guests: Kim Flottum, Author & Editor of Bee Culture magazine and Liz Walsh Texas A&M

October 16 & 17, 2020 Guest: Tammy Horn Potter, Kentucky State Apiarist

Registration Form for Fall 2019 KHPA Meeting

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP+4 _____

COUNTY _____ PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____ write clearly

Check here if you would like to receive your newsletter by email

List names of those registered for name tags

Meeting Registration For members, children under 18 free:

Fee includes lunch, dinner and breaks on Friday and Saturday breaks.

Saturday lunch on your own. If someone would just like a meal on Friday, contact Robert Burns for pricing

Per Person 2- day registration-Friday and Saturday	\$52 .00 X _____ = _____	Per Person
day only _____ Friday only (includes lunch & dinner)	\$45.00 X _____ = _____	Per Person
day only _____ Saturday only	\$25.00 X _____ = _____	Per Person

Meeting Registration For Non-members: (Includes a 1 year membership and lunch and dinner Friday and Saturday breaks, lunch on your own)

Per Person 2- Day registration-Friday & Saturday	\$67.00 X _____ = _____	Per Person
1- Day _____ Friday only (includes lunch & dinner)	\$60.00 X _____ = _____	Per Person
1-Day _____ Saturday only	\$40.00 X _____ = _____	Per Person

For non-members:

Children under 18 2-day	\$10.00 X _____ = _____	
Children under 18-1 day ___ Friday ___ Saturday	\$ 5.00 X _____ = _____	

Total _____

Please note: The reduced rate for this meeting is due to a generous grant from the State Fair Fund.

Many thanks to those members who participate in the state fair as volunteers!

Please make checks payable to: Kansas Honey Producers Assn or KHPA and mail to Robert Burns, 7601 W. 54th Terr., Shawnee Mission KS 66202

913-481-3504 or email rburnshoney@gmail.com Registration & payment now accepted with PayPal at www.kansashoneyproducers.org Note: No Receipts will be sent.

Program: Fall Meeting of the Kansas Honey Producers

Thursday, October 17, 2019, 8:00 pm Board meeting at the Best Western Wichita North

Friday, October 18th, 2019

- 7:30-8:30 Registration, Silent Auction Set up
- 8:30-8:45 President, Jim Kellie, Call to order
- 8:45-9:40 Brad McMillan, Food Drug and Lodging Surveyor Kansas Department of Agriculture- Wholesale Licensing and Food Safety for Honey Products
- 9:40-10:35 Jane Kill- Preparing Beeswax for Show- Cleaning Wax and Preparing Entries
- 10:35-10:50 Break
- 10:50-11:45 Anthony Zukoff- K-State Entomology, Garden City-Supporting Kansas Pollinators
- 11:45-12:45 Lunch (included in Registration-see details on registration form)
- 12:45-1:40 Judy Wu-Smart – Overwintering Basics
- 1:40-2:35 Jennifer Tsuruda- Responsible Beekeeping-How to Survive and Thrive
- 2:35-3:00 Break --- Silent Auction ends at the end of the break – and Honey Tasting—please share your honey with us and maybe some that you picked up while on vacation!
- 3:00-3:55 Judy Wu Smart-Varroa Mite Biology, Monitoring and Management
- 3:55-4:50 Jennifer Tsuruda- Insect Photography
- 4:50-5:30 Meeting of beekeepers with the area directors

5:45 Dinner and Program-

Saturday, [October 19, 2019](#)

- 8:00-8:30 Registration-Silent Auction Set up
- 8:30-8:40 Jim Kellie President, call to order
- 8:40-9:35 Judy Wu-Smart- Pesticide Residues in Comb and Impacts on Bees
- 9:35-10:30 Jennifer Tsuruda- Behavioral Resistance to Varroa
- 10:30-10:45 Break
- 10:45-11:40 Judy Wu-Smart-Spring Management
- 11:40-12:35 Jennifer Tsuruda- Planting a Pollinator Paradise
- 12:35-1:35 Lunch – on your own Silent auction ends at the end of lunch
- 1:35-2:00 Report from Grant groups
- 2:00-2:55 Louann Hausner - Maximizing your Media Power
- 2:55-3:10 Break
- 3:10-3:50 We can learn from each other- Around the room discussion of what everyone is using to treat varroa mites, if they are monitoring mite levels and how successful treatments have been, Jim Kellie monitors
- 3:50-4:30 Robert Burns- Producing Comb Honey and Preparing it for Sale
- 4:30 General Business Meeting and Election

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Kansas Honey Producer's Association Membership Application

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone# _____ Email Address _____

Membership Kansas Honey Producer's Association per year (Jan.-Dec.) \$15.00 _____

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

Additional family names: _____

Youth Membership (18 years of age or under) \$7.50 _____ American Bee Journal 1 year subscription \$24.00 _____

Bee Culture Magazine (formerly "Gleanings") 1 year subscription \$25.00 _____

Donation Amount _____ Total Due _____

Make checks payable to: KHPA or Kansas Honey Producer's Association. Email: rburnshoney@gmail.com

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The IRC status means that the association is a tax-exempt organization.

While donations are always welcome, they are not tax deductible as a charitable contribution.

However, membership dues and subscriptions may be deductible as ordinary and necessary business expenses.

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