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General Meeting

(IN PERSON ONLY-website for updates)

Monday, April 18, 2022 (7 p.m.)

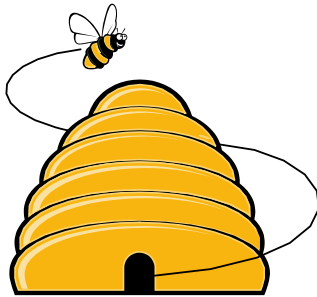
Douglas County Fairgrounds Bldg. 21N
2110 Harper St., Lawrence KS

Directions: The address is 2110 Harper St. It is easily accessible from 23rd Street. Turn north on Harper Street and it is just a few blocks. We are in Building 21 North, which will be on your left after you turn into the fairgrounds.

Main Program: Spring Management; when to super and swarm control.

Beelines

By President Ed Darlington



If you are a procrastinator and have not gotten yourself or your hive(s) ready for this spring, it's time to panic; get busy and do all of the things you previously planned. You need to be ready for this year's honey production.

Please make sure your hives have enough stores to make it through this early springtime and that they are actually bringing in more nectar and pollen than they are consuming. Remember, a hive needs basically one frame of honey per week once they start raising brood. This is the time we lose hives to starvation.

I find life fascinating and there are so many intricacies and interactions that it can be hard to see the trees in the forest of information created by the internet. Be very careful where you gain information about your honey bees.

While it's easy to find information on a topic; it can be a challenge to sort through the valid information versus misinformation. This seems to be especially true on the information about our honey bee.

When in doubt, check our webpage where we have a list of approved sources. Don't hesitate to ask one of our board members; especially, our librarian, Cecil Sweeney, who is a great source of beekeeping information.



2022 Meeting Dates: (Starting Time is 7pm. Q & A sessions are virtual via Zoom)

- April 18, 2022
- May 2, 2022 (Let's Talk Bees Q & A)
- May 16, 2022
- June 4, 2022 FUNDAY!
- June 6, 2022 (Let's Talk Bees Q & A)
- June 20, 2022

Please stay at home if you are not feeling well or exhibiting symptoms.



Ol' Bee Gal

A hot topic on social media related to bees this month is the comparison of how to acquire bees. Each method has pros and cons. Here are some points we think are important.

Packages. Easy and straightforward. Some suppliers offer packages in different sizes but 3 pounds is the most common. The package needs quite a bit of care to start correctly. The queen must be “introduced” within the colony. Failure at this first step can ruin everything. They must be fed—they have no reserves, only the sugar syrup we provide. Packages are generally put together in our warmer states where bees can build up early. So, they have to travel a distance to reach us by mid-April. For this reason, ordering a package from a local bee supplier is best. They will have brought in a load of bee packages to sell to many beekeepers in the area. They know how to handle bees and your bees will generally arrive in the best possible condition. Common carriers (UPS, USPS, Fed Ex) do not know bees and often mishandle out of ignorance. Your package could arrive with an inch or more of dead bees, not good. Although they may still survive, this loss of bees will make success more challenging.

Once hived, the package grows quickly. The small colony is not defensive and this allows the new beekeeper to gain skills and confidence as the package grows.

Nucleus colony (nuc). Nucs have gained popularity in the beekeeping community in the past few years. People tout them as “buying local bees.” This may or may not be an accurate representation. Most nuc sellers purchase queens from a warm state and make the nuc using their bees and brood and a purchased queen. Your Kansas bees will probably carry the genetics of the purchased queen. It is difficult for us to grow queen bees in our part of Kansas to make the early spring splits. Nuc colonies are truly the heart of the hive...a queen and 3-4 frames of bees and brood. The queen is accepted and is laying eggs. The introduction is nothing more than transferring the frames from the grower’s equipment into your equipment.

Here's the down side. Do you know exactly what you are buying? How many frames? How old is the queen? How were they treated for mites? Is there any other

disease present in the comb? There is very little chance of buying disease in package bees. There is a little higher risk with a nuc. Always ask your nuc colony provider for references. Ask another respected beekeeper where they would purchase a nuc. To quote one of my favorite beekeepers, I bought every problem I ever had. It is easy to do.

Full colonies. About this time of year, we see full colonies offered for sale on Craig’s List or other local market place. These invariably include some variation of, my dad had XX number of hives but he’s getting out of beekeeping. He was a great beekeeper. We hate to sell them but we will make you a deal. RED FLAG. This same story shows up nearly every year. ALWAYS ask veteran beekeepers in the area about the seller. If you think this is the way you want to purchase bees, ask an experienced beekeeper to go with you to inspect the hives. It would be worth whatever they might charge you. You can easily bring home disease problems that will spread to other hives. The equipment (frames and foundation) is frequently very old and worthy of most burn piles. Recent research has shown that chemicals build up in our wax and foundation should be replaced every few years to minimize contamination within our hives.

Bee removal. Free bees, free bees!! Come and remove them from this tree, house, barn and you can have them. The chances of an inexperienced beekeeper removing bees from a structure and gleaning an intact colony are extremely small. It is a lot of work and a marginal chance for success. This is such a difficult topic; I’m not going into detail here except to say that people who do removals charge for their work. Someone who has done many removals estimated that he might actually save a colony about 50% of the time.

Swarms. This can be a lot of fun. Unfortunately, waiting for a swarm as your method of acquiring bees for this season might be a long, barren wait. There are many backyard beekeepers and nearly all of them are eager to catch an early spring swarm.

How you acquire bees is not nearly as important as how you care for your bees. Buying bees and putting them in a box is just the start of your adventure. Keeping bees healthy takes diligence and understanding.

Steve and I are going to be offering open apiary sessions this season. We will meet at our farm the 3rd Sunday of each month from 1-3 PM, weather permitting. Our first session will be April 17th. (Yes, I realize that is Easter Sunday. When I pointed that out to Steve, he reminded me that we have worked bees nearly every Easter for the past 35 years.) We will be working bees and you are welcome to join us. Please call/email to reserve a spot—let us know you are

coming. Everyone in the bee yard must wear a veil.
bstbees@embarqmail.com 785-484-3710.

Becky Tipton, Special Events Coordinator



FunDay Silent Auction Items



If you have beekeeping or fun bee-related items you would like to pass on, consider bringing those items to the NEKBA meetings. Jay Francis will collect them to be used in the silent auction during FunDay. Hope to see you there!

FUNDAY T-Shirts



Get your official Bee FunDay T-Shirt. Available in Men's sizes S, M, L, XL, 2XL. 100% cotton, black T-Shirt with gold FunDay logo silkscreened on left chest. Purchase your FunDay T-Shirt today on NEKBA.org website. Price is \$12.00. Order now and pick up your T-Shirt at FunDay!
<https://imgur.com/4whbpri.jpg>

Jay Francis, FunDay Coordinator

ASK QUINBY & REMI



Dear Quinby and Remi: I picked up some queen bees to make some splits but the weather is too chilly to spend much time in the hives, how do I take care of them?

Quinby and Remi answer: You'll want to keep the bees in an area away from your dogs and cats and at room temperature, but out of direct sunlight. Each day give them a few drops of water by putting your finger under the faucet and then run you finger along the screen on the queen cage. Literally, just a drop or two of water. The queen and attendants have food in there. Never, ever give honey to a queen in a cage. They get all sticky and the few bees in there cannot get her cleaned off. Giving them honey makes the bees poop in the cage which makes their temporary home really nasty!

Dear Quinby and Remi: I attended the Year 2 beekeeping class and listened to the talk about making splits to control swarming. I've heard a few people say that they don't have the time or equipment to split their hives so they will just let them swarm. What are your thoughts about this method of not controlling swarming?

Quinby and Remi answer: We all occasionally have hives swarm no matter what actions we have taken to control them; we aren't talking about those. We are going to address being a "Bee Haver". A bee haver is someone who has bees but isn't able to take care of them, they aren't really a beekeeper. Bee havers who let their hives swarm without trying to take care of their hives are varroa bombing the neighborhood and their own hives. At the Year 2 and Year 1 beekeeping class we learned that all bees have Varroa mites. When your bees swarm and you aren't able to catch them

and get them into a hive, they'll find a place in a hollow tree or the eave of your neighbor's house to settle into and set up housekeeping. As the hive grows, varroa will lay eggs in the new hive and thrive, but there will no one to control the varroa and the bees will perish in a year or two! Those hives will be heavily laden with varroa which will spread to both yours and your neighbor's hives. So, what can you do? If you have too many hives, get rid of some! Many people will buy full hives. Or get some friends into beekeeping and sell them some brood or nucs. Sell frames of brood, let other people make their own nucs.

Dear Quinby and Remi: At the Year 2 and Beyond, the presenters said that we should replace our foundation every 5 years. How do you do that when it either has honey or brood in it?

Quinby and Remi answer: Joli and Cecil have a lot of hives and most of them are ancient! Some of their frames are really old. Each year, as they make their splits, they weed out some of the damaged combs and frames or if they are full of honey and brood, they'll work those to the outside edges (spaces 1 and 10) in the bottom hive body and then next spring can work those out of the hive. As they make nucs they either replace any brood frames that they take out with new frames and foundation or when they put on their 2nd hive body, they have it full of new frames with foundation. Making splits are a great way to get new comb into some of your hives! They've been trying to write 2022 on the top of their new frames so they know how long they are in the hives.



Tips for April

- Check for ticks, they love beekeepers.
- Wear as much protective clothing as makes you comfortable when working your hives. Work hives with slow, smooth movements. Jerky movements agitate the bees.
- Use your smoker each time you check your bees.
- Organize your bee tools in a toolbox so that you can always find them.

- The best time to work bees is during the middle of the day when the field bees are collecting nectar.
- Work each hive from the side or the back, out of the bee flight path.
- Inspect hives by removing an outside frame first. Lift straight up to avoid damaging bees on the frame.
- Watch for indications that your hive is getting ready to swarm. Take action. Reduce the population drastically.
- Equalize hives to minimize swarming; brood from healthy hives may be transferred to a weaker colony. Food frames could also be shared. Warning: never move frames from one hive to another unless you know where your queen is. Find the queen first.
- You should have no more than 4 or 5 frames of brood in your hives now. If you don't, then you have a problem. It may be your queen or there aren't enough nurse bees to take care of brood. The queen won't lay more eggs than the workers can care for. You may need to requeen or add brood from another hive to give them a boost.
- Keep up or start your recordkeeping.
- Check colonies for food-if they need food, feed. If they have food-don't feed unless you want to make some splits or increases-if you feed too much it encourages swarming.

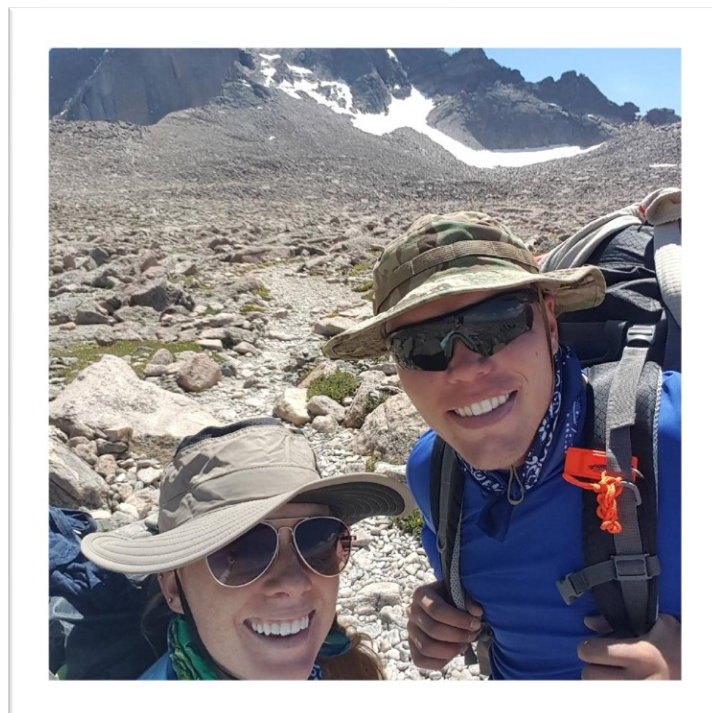


Meet the Beek



Other duties that I perform at the UNL Bee lab include assisting with the development of the Great Plains Master Beekeeping website, social media, newsletters and other forms of promotion and recruitment for the program as well as offering exploratory workshops for underserved communities.

In my spare time I love to grow native wildflowers and plants, woodwork, shoot guns, hunt, and hike with my wife (who is also a bee researcher). I am also an avid SCUBA diver, a national guard soldier, and novice paraglider pilot. I enjoy immersing myself in God's creation both at work and when not directly working bees.



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been a full-time beekeeper for almost 7 years, handling
USDA hive inspections, and between 60-100 research
hives at the UN-L Bee Lab. I now also coordinate with
beekeeping associations across the Great Plains to
standardize educational materials and field training
activities, I also assist with extension programs, and
review applications for certificate advancement through
the Great Plains Master Beekeeping program
(gpmb.unl.edu).

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As part of your beekeeping experience, it's
important to be up to date with the trends in bee
biology, honey processing, the industry, and much
more!

Honey Plants



April is a wonderfully busy month for honeybees and gardeners alike. Our honeybees are working at breakneck speed to collect pollen and nectar to fill frames with much needed resources as the colony expands. As gardeners, we are busy waking up our gardens, raking back layers of leaves to expose the tender shoots of all our favorite flowering perennials. Hopefully the April showers won't keep the bees from collecting nectar and pollen that is the lifeline for the hive.

For each rainfall event that we experience as gardeners, a task or project can be delayed for a bit until the ground dries up. The same can be said for the honeybee. Flowering plants have differing time frames that they refill or recharge their nectaries. This time period can be affected by the number of visits to the flower by different pollinating insects but also by rainfall. An average rainfall can dilute the nectar making the collection less efficient for our bees. A heavier rain can compromise fresh nectar and pollen and takes anywhere from one to two days for the plant to replace the much-needed resources for our bees. Each plant variety is different. Downward facing blooms have a built-in umbrella that protects the available nectar and pollen for bees to visit and collect within minutes after a storm subsides.

As I walk through our pollinator gardens that are "waking up", I notice several things that soon will be offering up their treasure of nectar and pollen for my bees. The Korean Spice Viburnum at the edge of our front porch is always a visitor favorite and is just now showing hints of pink and white blossom buds. The sweet aroma that fills the air every spring is intoxicating and makes a person stop in their tracks to enjoy the moment. The honeybees are no different, as they will readily visit them for the 2-3 weeks when they are in full bloom. Another Viburnum that is popular and visited on a regular basis is Black Haw. Black Haw Viburnum produces an abundance of nectar and is a favorite visit for our bees in April. As I wander out to the orchard, the plum trees are in full bloom and abuzz with activity. The Serviceberry blossoms are within days of opening to show off a wonderful

color display of pink and white blossoms that will be a super highway of activity as the bees make hundreds if not thousands of visits to collect an abundance of nectar and pollen.

As I finish writing this article, I am reminded of this quote that I ran across awhile back. "Can words describe the fragrance of the very breath of Spring..." Neltje Blanchman

Chad Gilliland, Honey Plants Chairman



MENTORING

Joli Winer and Cecil Sweeney will be mentoring beekeepers on the 2nd Monday of the month-- except for the first one which will be held on the Sunday night, April 10, at 5 pm. If you have bee suits, please bring them. We will go through some of our hives looking for eggs, larva and queens. We will talk about what you should be doing with your bees this month, lighting and using a smoker using a hive tool, and more. The cost is \$10 with all monies going to the youth scholarship and military mentorship programs. Please either call, text, or email Joli at 913-593-3562 or email joli@heartlandhoney.com to let me know that you are coming. If the weather is bad, we may reschedule so check with us first. If you cannot afford the \$10 you can let me know ahead of time. Mentoring takes place at their home at 19201 S Clare Rd., Spring Hill KS.

DATES:

Sunday, April 10, 5 pm (note this is a Sunday)
Monday, May 9th, 6pm
Monday, June 13th, 6pm
Monday, July 11th, 6 pm
Monday, August 8th, 6pm
Monday, September 12th, 6pm



Military/Veterans Apprentices Program

Throughout the year, there are special days set aside to give respect to those who have been instrumental in forming our country. There are days set aside for religious or national observances. March 29 was National Vietnam War Veteran's Day. I would like to thank all the men and women who served during that era. Additionally, thank you to all who have served our country and to the parents, wives, children, relatives and friends of those who served as you do not get the attention which you so deserve. Thanks to all of you!

I'm pleased to announce that we have two military army veterans who have applied for our 2022 program and after meeting and talking with them and their wives, we believe they will be a great asset to our club. As in the past, either the mentor or the committee will meet with the recipients. They will be instructed on building equipment and the DO'S and the DONT'S. I believe one of the most rewarding aspects of beekeeping is being able to pass on information and teach the proper technique of beekeeping to new beekeepers. We also have a member of our club that has volunteered to be a mentor to one of our veterans who lives near to him so this is a double win. Just like the applicants, we like to meet with the prospective mentors and see their style of teaching and to ensure that both applicants are being taught along the same line. It never fails to amaze me how fast the time flies when you put two beekeepers together. There is no telling how long the conversation will go on. It's just amazing how much we must know!

Andy Nowachek, Military/Veteran Appr. Liaison



Honey Bees in Fiction

While I love to read fiction, specifically mysteries, I picked up this Nicholas Sparks, *The Return*, because the back cover mentioned that beekeeping was a part of this book. I have read several other Nicholas Sparks books and found them to be enjoyable. This one missed the mark. While some of the beekeeping information was accurate there were avoidable mistakes that should have been caught by the editor! Instead of a hive tool to work his hives, he used an uncapping knife! He used his queen excluder over the honey super to keep the queen from flying off!

The story of the book was ok but was really slow to get going. This from Amazon: "In the romantic tradition of *Dear John*, an injured Navy doctor meets two extremely important women whose secrets will change the course of his life in this #1 New York Times bestseller."

Trevor Benson never intended to move back to New Bern, North Carolina. But when a mortar blast outside the hospital where he worked sent him home from Afghanistan with devastating injuries, the dilapidated cabin he'd inherited from his grandfather seemed as good a place to regroup as any.

Tending to his grandfather's beloved beehives, Trevor isn't prepared to fall in love with a local."

Joli Winer, Youth Scholarship Chair

It's that time again. Please consider renewing your membership today at www.nekba.org via PayPal or by mail or at the meeting. Many thanks for your support!

Northeastern Kansas Beekeepers' Bee FunDay Registration Form

2022 Bee FunDay, Saturday June 4th, 2022

Register and pay online at www.nekba.org . Your contact information will be provided to the club through

PayPal—please list all participants in the PayPal notes section on-line.

A dinner will be offered for an additional fee--Pre-register by May 27th, 2022

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone # _____

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I am a member of the Northeast KS Beekeepers _____ I am **not** a member of the Northeast KS Beekeepers _____

I would like to be a member--Club Membership ½ year \$7.50 (membership not required) _____

_____ I would like to receive my Buzzer Newsletter by **email** _____ I would like to receive my Buzzer by **USPS mail**

Registration for the Bee Funday:

Adults \$70 per person _____

Registration includes admission to the Funday, morning snack of Wheatfield's breads, honey butter and a selection of creamed honey, lunch, drinks, and home-made honey ice cream.

There will be an alternative meal available at lunch for vegetarians. How many? _____

Youth (6-18) \$15.00 (Youth 5 and under – no charge) _____

Youth Scholarship and Military/Veterans Apprenticeship Program Donation _____

Please join us for a catered dinner on site the evening of Funday- \$15.00 per person (Deadline May 27th) _____

Funday T-shirt with new club logo. \$12 each Please state size(s) and quantity (Deadline May 17th) _____

Adult T-shirt Sizes: 1) Small ___ 2) Medium ___ 3) Large ___ 4) XL ___ 5) 2XL ___

Total \$ _____

Please make your check out to "Northeast KS Beekeepers or NEKBA" or register via PayPal online at www.nekba.org

If paying by check, please mail to: Robert Burns, 7601 W 54th Ter., Shawnee Mission KS 66202 Email: rburnshoney@gmail.com

Names of those attending for name tags: _____

We appreciate early pre-registrations so much that at the end of the Bee FunDay 2022 we will hold a drawing of all pre-registered people and one person will get his/her registration fee back!

Need More Info? Please contact Jay Francis at (785) 608-0726 or jay.m.francis@gmail.com

No Receipts will be sent except those made via PayPal.

Northeastern Kansas Beekeepers' Association Bee FunDay

An educational experience for all skill levels of beekeeping

Saturday, June 4th, 2022

Douglas County Fairgrounds, 2110 Harper St., Lawrence, KS

Registration: 7:30-8:30 AM –Program: 8:30 AM-5:00 PM

Fee includes Lunch, Beverages, Honey Ice Cream and a Full Day of Fun! Bring your hat and veil or bee suit -we will have workshops at the bee hives! Cost: \$70.00 per person for those pre-registered, \$75 at the door. Children aged 5 and under free, ages 6-18 \$15.00, \$20.00 at the door. Pre-Register by May 27TH to be in a drawing to get your individual registration re-funded in the drawing. To register via PayPal online, please go to www.NEKBA.org. Contact Jay Francis at (785) 608-0726 or jay.m.francis@gmail.com for more information.

SPEAKERS:

Jay Evans (USDA). Jay Evans currently works at the Agricultural Research Service (ARS), United States Department of Agriculture. Jay does research in Bioinformatics, Entomology and Genetics. Current lab projects involve interactions among bees, microbes, and mite-transmitted viruses, and efforts to reduce bee losses from chemical and biotic stresses.

Krispn Given, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana. Krispn Given is recognized as one of the leading authorities in honey bee instrumental insemination and honey bee breeding. He is the Apiculture Specialist at Purdue University's Department of Entomology in West Lafayette Indiana. Mr. Given started breeding bees 18 years ago, conducting research with 150 colonies looking for solutions to improve honey bee health. He currently oversees Purdue University's long-standing honey bee breeding program, teaching annual queen rearing short courses in addition to managing the honey bee laboratory and extension activities.

Dr. Judy Wu-Smart is the Extension and Research Entomologist at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Department of Entomology. The UN-L Bee Lab pursues research questions and extension programs focused on stressors impacting pollinator health in both managed and wild bee communities. We certainly appreciate Dr. Wu-Smart presentations at past Fundays, and we are most fortunate that she has accepted our invitation to share with us again.

Sami Aaron is an Extension Master Naturalist and Climate Reality Leader and was instrumental in the development of the management project at the Pollinator Prairie, a restored Superfund site in Olathe, Kansas.

More Funday Happenings!

- **Swarm Demo**
- **Douglas County Master Gardeners Flower and Plant Sale Dreher Building.**
- **Vendors: To be Announced - so far, we have Beekeepers.com, Elam Lavender and Honey Bee Farm, Dadant, Next to Nature Farm, and more!!**
- **Silent Auctions to support the Youth & Scholarship and Military/Veteran Programs and the Educational Efforts of NEKBA.**
- **There will be beehives there for you to go through with some "seasoned" beekeepers.**
- **There will be some value-added talks.**
- **So much will be going on you'll have a great time so Save the date!**

Hotel: Country Inn & Suites, 2176 E. 23rd, Lawrence, KS. 785-749-6010. \$129 includes breakfast. Ask for "Beekeeping FunDay" rate. Dinner provided on Saturday night after the FunDay event at the Fairgrounds and is an additional fee if you wish to attend.

Kansas Honey Producers “Extracting More Money from your Hives”

Third Thursday’s via Zoom

These new, free, virtual, Value-Added programs will be presented on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7 pm (central time, United States) via zoom. It is being sponsored by the Kansas Honey Producers Association as part of our membership drive. These programs are recorded and are on the www.kansashoneyproducers.org website if you would like to see the ones you have missed! You will receive an email before the programs with the link to register. If you registered for a previous program, you will automatically receive the link to view each month via email. To register for the meetings, click on the link below or copy it in your browser

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMsdOiqqTwvHNxk7aeR5Hrw7LoC6boCY4dh> then zoom will send you the link. If you have a question, please call Joli at 913-593-3562 or email joli@heartlandhoney.com. Some of you will be getting the email from Joli from here forward.

- Thursday, April 21st Mentoring and Concierge Beekeeping, Nikki Bowman presents
- Thursday, May 19th Making Honey Beer
- Thursday, June 16th Making Mead

These programs will be recorded and will be available on our www.kansashoneyproducers.org/archives.html website.

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I would like to receive the newsletter, *The Buzzer*, by email Yes _____ No _____

Membership Northeastern KS Beekeepers per year (July-Dec. \$7.50) \$15.00 _____

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

Additional family member’s name _____

(Youth Membership (18 years of age or under) \$7.50 _____

Membership for Kansas Honey Producers Association \$15.00 _____

American Bee Journal (discounted rate through association) 1 year \$24.65 _____

Bee Culture Magazine (or subscribe online at www.BeeCulture.com) 1 year \$25.00 _____

Scholarship / Military/Veteran’s Appr. Donation _____

Total _____

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Beekeepers.com (Jordy's Honey Company) in Lenexa, KS. Beekeepers.com is your only local full-service beekeeping store. We carry a full line of Beekeeping Supplies, Protective Equipment, Bee Packages, Nucs and Queens. Visit our web site Beekeepers.com to view our entire line of beekeeping supplies. You can also shop in-person at our store in Lenexa. We ship queens directly to YOU! Order at QueenBees.com. Queens available March - October. Our hours are Monday-Friday 9:00-4:30, Saturday 9:00-12:00. You can find our honey at The Overland Park Farmers Market. **Robert Hughes**, 14054 W 107th St, Lenexa, KS 66215, 913-681-5777 or email Info@Beekeepers.com

THE HAWLEY HONEY COMPANY

For Sale: White Clover honey strained in 5-gallon buckets. We will pack it in your jars for an extra fee. Bee equipment (new and used), Jars, foundation, bears, comb honey, used extractors. Bees: frames of brood. Corn syrup or sugar by the 5-gallon bucket or barrel. *If you need it, we probably have what you want.* Nucs for sale. New stainless-steel extractors from 4-frame, 12-frame & up. Raymond Cooper, 220 N Elm, Iola KS 66749. Call: 620-365-5956 after 8:00 p.m.

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Monday, April 18, 2022

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The Association meets each month, generally on the third Monday at 7:00 p.m. except during the months of January and July. Beekeeping classes will tentatively be held in January and February for 2022. This is a non-profit organization; elected officers serve without pay. Everyone is invited to attend the meetings. Check *The Bee Buzzer* or website at www.nekba.org each month for the actual date, time and location. If the weather is bad, call an officer or check the website to find out if the meeting will be held or cancelled.

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