

KHPA Spring 2020 Conference Speakers

KeyNote Speakers

Our guest speakers will be **Kim Flottum**, **Dr. Liz Walsh**, and from Fort Hays University: **Dr. James Balthazor**, as well as Fort Hays University graduate students **Ryan Engel**, and **Sara Nansel-Lantz**.

Keynote Speaker #1

We are working on a great line of guest speakers for this meeting. **Kim Flottum**, newly retired editor of the Bee Culture Magazine, will be one of our guests. After receiving a degree in horticulture from UW Madison, **Kim Flottum** worked four years in the USDA Honey Bee Research Lab, studying pollination ecology. After that, he spent two years raising acres of fruits and vegetables, where bees played a large role. He brings this experience, plus nearly 20 years of writing and editing articles for beekeepers in the monthly magazine Bee Culture. He is the publisher of books on honey bee pests and diseases, marketing, queen production, beekeeping history, beginning beekeeping, and the classic industry reference, The ABC & XYZ of Bee Culture.

Keynote Speaker #2

One of our other guests will be **Dr. Liz Walsh**. She just recently got her doctorate from Texas A&M. She'll have a new position and location by our meeting! Liz Walsh explores queen rearing techniques for small scale beekeepers as well as the fundamentals of bee breeding, genetics, and the practical application of rearing your own queens. A Texas A&M Honey Bee Lab representative, Liz brings the knowledge of science and application together for the every day beekeeper.

Speaker #3

We are also honored to have several guest speakers from Fort Hays State University. **Dr. James Balthazor**, Assistant Professor of Chemistry will speak on "Saving Bees By Killing Them: A Preliminary Research Topic. (presenting Friday, March 6, 2020)

Speaker #4

From Fort Hays State University, **Ryan Engel**, a graduate student will speak on "The Influence of land Use on the Pollen Diet of Honey Bee Colonies in Western Kansas". (presenting Friday, March 6, 2020)

Speaker #5

From Fort Hays State University. **Sara Nansel-Lantz**, a graduate student, will share her research on "Determining Effective Levels of Antibacterial Qualities of Kansas honeys".