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## Kansas Honey Producers' Association

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### Is it November already?

Greg Swob

The calendar pages sure seem to be flipping by so rapidly this year. We know it is not quite November, but all the same it is time to remind us to start plans to attend the Fall 2022 KHPA Conference. The conference will be held at the Courtyard by Marriott, 3020 Riffle Dr. Salina, KS. This hotel is right off I-135 and not far from some good food fares and shopping for your off time. A block of rooms will be reserved, so please call in to make your reduced rate \* **\$109.00** \* reservations by October 14. Check the KHPA website for announcements and updates – [www.kansashoneyproducers.org](http://www.kansashoneyproducers.org) – register on line also at KHPA website: \$70 per person for both days, lunch & banquet dinner Friday along with lunch Saturday included.

**IMPORTANT!** Be sure to bring some items for the Silent Auctions. Remember, these auctions are how we fund the Grant Program.

As always, there is opportunity for changes in the speaker and topic lineup.

The main event begins Friday, November 4, 2022, at 8:45 AM concludes the following afternoon. Our actual timeline of presentations is still in the working stages, but we have a great lineup of presenters and topics. The following is a list of most who will be speaking and their topics, with more to follow as we get closer to the Big Event. In addition to networking and camaraderie, the following speakers and topics should entice you to attend.

**Katie Lee**, PHD of the University of Minnesota will bring us 3 presentations. She will speak on: Do Healthy Queens Lead to Healthy Colonies? \* Un of Minnesota Bee Lab updates \* Varroa Biology & Management. Katie and I were both presenters at Colorado State Beekeepers Assn Summer Bee College a few years ago. I can personally attest that her energy and knowledge are great assets which you will enjoy.

**Randy Oliver**, Scientific Beekeeping: The Latest in the World of Varroa Mite Control. We enjoyed Randy at our 2017 Spring KHPA conference and he is an incredible asset to the industry. Due to conflict, he cannot join us in person but will present by Zoom.

**Garrett Morris**, Rolling Hills Zoo Horticulture Director/ KHPA member: Trees as Pollen/Nectar Sources. Garrett is one of our own and has blended beekeeping into the zoo which has become a favorite stop for visitors.

**Allen Amor**- American National Property & Casualty Insurance – Insuring Your Hobby/Business. Allen will help us understand why insurance may be a wise management tool & what to look for in your coverage.

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**Jim Raders**, Dadant of Iowa: Bee Feeders- Feeder Types - Their Pros & Cons. Jim is a regular vendor at our meetings and who would be better to speak on the subject? Dadant offers a huge variety of feeders and as the region customer contact, Jim hears the good, bad & ugly about all their products.

**Jason Graves**, KSU Horticulture Extension Agent: Pollinator Plants for Continuous Food Sources. Jason is out of the Central KS District and has a lot of experience with plantings.

**Brian Withrow**, Spring Creek Honey, one of our KHPA members will work with the newer folks on properly assembling equipment. Or as we tongue in cheek say – ‘don’t forget the glue’.

**Mini Sessions:** Short sessions that will give great basic information on several topics. Such as: **Nikki Bowman:** Using a Refractometer (Is my honey ready to extract?) \* **Greg Swob:** Package vs Nuc (to help you decide which is better for expanding or starting your hobby \* **speaker tba** Incubator Kitchens in KS (You do not necessarily need to invest in a commercial kitchen of your own). These will supplement regular sessions and/or fill in time slots.

**Jesse Maiden**, Kansas Dept. of Agriculture – When is a State Inspected Kitchen or Food Processing Facility Required? How to go about establishing one?

**Region Group Gatherings** – meet and discuss regional happenings and issues with one another. Northeast \* Southeast \* Northcentral \* South Central \* Western Regions of Ks.

**KHPA Business Meeting** – Officer reports and election time! Interested in an opportunity to serve your fellow members? Let us know through the website ‘Contact Us’ section to get your name to the Nomination Committee. Come on... you can do it! Even to volunteer for helping on a committee to learn how part of the association works.

**Banquet** – we’re close to choosing a guest entertainer! I am confident you will enjoy this evening. Don’t forget the special fundraising live auctions! An old item or two we have not seen in a while will come out of hiding for you to temporarily ‘own’.

As always – please feel free to send me suggestions for topics, special speakers. This is YOUR conference, so help us make it yours, please.

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