

# Northeastern Kansas Beekeepers Association

## Bee FunDay June 6, 2020

### *“Beekeeping With 20/20 Vision”*

Join us for a fun educational event for beekeepers of all skill levels. Funday will be held from 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., at the Douglas County Fairgrounds, 2120 Harper St., Lawrence, KS. This will be a great opportunity to hear notable beekeeping educators and industry speakers. Concurrent classes will be used to accommodate all the topics and speakers. The day will be highlighted with a swarm demonstration. The fee includes lunch, honey tasting with Wheatfield’s bread, home-made ice cream and an opportunity to connect with fellow beekeepers. A silent auction will take place and vendors will be present for on sight purchases.

To learn more and to register visit [nekba.org/bee-funday.html](http://nekba.org/bee-funday.html). Discounts available for registration prior to May 27, 2020.

For those traveling, a block of rooms has been set aside for attendees at the Country Inn & Suites, 2176 E 23rd St, Lawrence, KS 66046. (785) 749-6010. Mention NEKBA Funday to receive a discounted price.



**Dr. Jennifer Tsuruda:** Originally from California, Jennifer has been studying honeybees for over 18 years. Prior to her work at the University of Tennessee, Jennifer was the beekeeping specialist at Clemson University and is past president of the American Association of Professional Apiculturists. Her extensive research interests include foraging behavior, nutrition, reproductive physiology, and genetics. At the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture, she focuses on teaching beekeepers and non-beekeepers to improve the management of bees and to increase awareness of the importance of pollinators.

**Dr. Elina Niño:** Dr. Niño is the California State Extension Apiculturist and established the California Master Beekeeper Program in 2016. She operates the E.L. Niño Bee Lab at the University of California Davis. Dr. Niño is also the facilities director of the Häagen-Dazs Honey Bee Haven located on the campus grounds at UC Davis. Dr. Niño's research interests are broad and range from understanding reproductive processes involved in queen bee mating to developing and evaluating new control methods to combat Varroa.

**Dr. Judy Wu-Smart:** Dr. Wu-Smart is the 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. She is in the process of establishing a Master Beekeeper Program at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. We appreciate Dr. Wu-Smart's presentations at past Fundays, and we are fortunate that she is returning.

**Beth Conrey:** Beth is the owner and operator of Bee Squared Apiaries, Berthoud, Colorado. 20 years ago, Beth began with 2 hives. Today she and her husband manage 125 colonies in 3 counties. Visitors to her website, [www.bethsbees.com](http://www.bethsbees.com), can shop from a variety of products, produced from the hive, including varietal honey, bee pollen, and candles.

**Dr. Matthew Smart:** Matthew Smart is a research assistant professor in the Entomology Department at UNL. His research is focused on the impacts of land use, habitat, nutritional resources and other biotic and abiotic stressors on pollinator health and productivity. Specific areas of interest include understanding the spatiotemporal utilization of forage resources by pollinators in the context of varying habitat conditions and resulting impacts on health and ecosystem service delivery of pollinators.

**Louann Hausner:** Louann is a 3rd generation beekeeper and was the 1996 American Honey Princess. As an American Honey Princess, she gained experience as a National Spokesperson. She has spent her career furthering her skill in public relations and marketing at 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. She will share with us her knowledge on how we can be ambassadors for honey bees.

**Robin Kolterman:** Robin has kept children and youth scholarship students engaged in past Fundays. She offers several honey bee related sessions just for youth.