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General Meeting

Monday, July 15th, 2024 (7:00 p.m.)

(Zoom ONLY-No In-person meeting this July)

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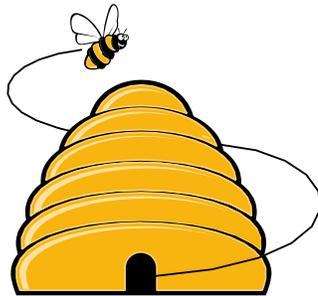
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Main Program: All Things Honey Extraction –

From pulling honey supers, extraction, storage, & bottling.

Beelines

By President Cheryl Burkhead



Summer has arrived in more ways than one. The temperature has already reached 100 degrees and many nights the bees are bearding heavily as they regulate temperature in the hive and ripen honey. The longest day of the year has passed, and colony numbers will begin to wane in the following weeks. Mite numbers will be on the rise so be diligent in your monitoring and have a plan for treatment.

Many of you will be harvesting soon and I will soon begin the arduous task of pulling honey. Many yards will require standing in the bed of the truck to pull supers while others only managed to produce a few. Yards that were split severely in the spring, had limited forage, and/or swarming issues weren't as productive. Rains kept missing many of us while others were inundated with rain. Both had impacts on honey production in different ways. Each year is different and unique.

The clover is pretty much done in my area and the bees are visiting other flowers for pollen and nectar. The Vitex is already a buzz with bees. The forecast is promising to continue to be hot so use extra caution when you are out working. A little planning and prevention will keep you safe, healthy, and cool this summer: Work your hives in the morning, drink plenty of fluids, take breaks in the shade or air-conditioned car, wear loose light-weight clothing but still allow for protection of your face and neck, carry your cell phone or work with a bee buddy, and know the signs of heat stroke. Don't let heat exhaustion ruin your successful harvest.

2024 Meeting Dates:

- July 11th, Joli and Cecil's Open Apiary at 5:30pm
- July 15th, Monthly Meeting via Zoom
- July 18th, Open Apiary at Pendleton's at 5:30pm



- Aug 11th, Open Apiary at Pendleton's (Pulling honey)
- Aug 15th, Open Apiary at Pendleton's (Treating for Varroa)
- August 19, 2024, Monthly Meeting (Bldg. 21)



O' Bee Gal

I love teaching about bees, sharing the knowledge I've gleaned from over nearly 35+ years of beekeeping. The bees are fascinating and the work they do is crucial to our very existence on this planet. The stresses experienced by both our honey bees and the native pollinators have sparked a tremendous interest in bees and backyard beekeeping. And that is very good for the bees.....usually.

I received an email query from someone I had spoken with for a few minutes at our market. This man is interested in having bees in his urban area backyard. He has a garden and feels like he just doesn't have the bees to pollinate his fruits and vegetables. His location is very good-- close to the river, lots of potential forage and little row crop contamination.

But his caveat just blew me away. He said he'd like to have bees, but he doesn't have time to attend any classes to learn about bees. (I'm sure I'd mentioned to him that we teach classes in the Topeka area.) I took a deep breath and tried to compose an answer that didn't sound like the bee Nazi, "NO BEES FOR YOU!"

Honey bees are complex, social organisms, plagued by non-native predators and often expected to do tasks far beyond natural ability (ex. pollination of almonds). In my reply to him I estimated the monetary investment needed to purchase a hive of bees. We highly recommend starting with 2 hives if at all possible. Two hives will vastly increase the new beekeeper's chance for a honey harvest and if problems arise, one hive may be used to help save the other. The purchase of a single beehive could equate to the purchase of a head of livestock, cow, horse, or a small herd or goats. I wonder if any of us would consider keeping any of these without investigating how to keep them healthy, how to best house and feed them, and possible medication needs? I also told Mr. Wantsbees of the many class opportunities and meeting opportunities and even Internet class opportunities available for people needing/wanting to educate themselves about bees. Volumes have been written about caring for bees and although I think it's a bigger challenge, you can self-educate about beekeeping and become a good beekeeper.

Once upon a time, bees were so prevalent in our country; destruction beekeeping was the accepted norm. After bees had filled sheets of comb with honey, the combs would be cut from the skep or gum and either consumed as comb honey or crushed and drained to be consumed as liquid honey. Bees are not so easily acquired now nor of such trivial value that we should be careless with their lives and their survival.

So, for every one of you who attended new beekeeper classes (many more than once), thank you. For everyone who reads current research articles in ABJ or Bee Culture, thank you. For everyone who comes to the monthly meetings, asks questions and tries to better understand why our girls do what they do and how we can work to keep them healthy, thank you. If you are looking for the answer to a question, a class, a book, or even a mentor, the NEKBA is an excellent place to begin your search for knowledge. Stepping down from the soapbox now, thank you! For everyone else, please plant flowers.

Full disclosure: This is a re-write of an article from July 2016! I'm headed to Alaska to try to find some fireweed honey and see a whale. Did you know that Alaska has the highest, per hive, honey production? Bees are amazing! **Becky Tipton**

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ASK QUINBY & REMI

Dear Quinby and Remi: My hives keep falling over and I'm not sure what I should do to keep them upright.

Quinby and Remi answer: This has been such a wet year we've had several people tell us of hives tipping over. Some suggestions are to make sure that your hives are on a solid foundation. We've seen several set ups where hives are on stands with legs, legs can sink into the ground as your hive gets heavier with honey and with this rainy weather it can make them sink too and topple over. Add high winds to that and you

have a disaster waiting to happen.

You really want to make sure that you have a stable set up, cement blocks work well or pallets. Once you add rickety platforms, you're in big trouble. A lot of folks also add ratchet straps so if your hive falls over it at least stays together! Of course, the better plan is not to have them fall over.

Dear Quinby and Remi: I am going to be taking off my honey and extracting it for the first time, do you have any advice?

Quinby and Remi answer: Check your moisture, if it is above 18.6 on the refractometer that you will need to run a fan and a dehumidifier for a few days to bring the moisture content down. Honey above that will ferment and will not be fit for human consumption. It's an old beekeeper's tale that honey that is sealed with beeswax in the frame is the right moisture to extract, honey with wax cappings can still have moisture that is too high.

Another tip is to turn off/unhook your garage door so if you are going to extract in there you don't leave your garage door open and have your garage fill up with bees, who will rob their own honey back and you'll have nothing! It is best to extract in an area with a floor that is easy to clean up. Have everything ready ahead of time so that you aren't taking off your honey and waiting several weeks to extract it. Both wax moths and small hive beetles can ruin your honey crop if your honey supers sit for too long before they are extracted.

Quinby and Remi would love to answer your questions. Contact them by emailing their owner at heartlandhoneyks@gmail.com.



The NEKBA Beeyard

We are changing the dates of the open apiaries from Saturdays to the 3rd Thursday of the month for the rest of the year- except for pulling honey on Sunday, August 11th. We are struggling to find folks to mentor/teach at the apiary and the attendee crowd has also been low- so we'll give this a try. In August we'll pull honey and set up a day to extract! Watch for that date. It'll be fun to do it together as a club! Proceeds from the sale of our honey will go to maintaining our hives in the future.

At the open apiaries you can expect to go through hives to see all stages of brood, queens, and take part in assessing the hives and queens. A great deal of time is also spent on using your smoker and hive tool and talking to participants about issues they are seeing in their hives. Bee suits are available and only NEKBA hive tools and smokers will be allowed in the apiary. The hives are located at Pendelton's Country Market 1446 E 1850 Rd, Lawrence, KS 66046. These events are free if you have signed up to be a GPMB member. To sign up to be a part of the Great Plains Master Beekeeping program go to <http://gpmb.unl.edu>. but we ask for a \$10 donation for others, cash. The money will be used for future maintenance of the club bee yard. We do ask that you preregister at our sign-up genius link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C48ADA82BABF49-48334714-look>

Dates subject to change:

Thursday, July 18th 5:30-7

Sunday, August 11 10-12 (pulling honey)

Thursday, August 15 5:30-70 (treating for varroa)

Sunday, August 18 10-12 (extract honey)

Monday, August 19th (before the meeting) 5:30-6:30

Monday, September 16th (before the meeting) 5:30-6:30 winterizing hives

Thursday, September 19 5:30-7 winterizing hives

Thursday, October 17 5:30-6:30 winterizing hives

Spring Hill - Heartland Honey Beeyard

This excellent educational opportunity will be held monthly on the second Thursday of the month. Dates are July 11, August 8, and September 12th at 5:30 pm. The July topic is removing honey and extracting. These open apiaries offer an opportunity to go through hives with another beekeeper- we look for eggs, larva, and queens. A great deal of time is also spent on using your smoker and hive tool and talking to participants about issues they are seeing in their hives. Bee suits are available, wear close-toed shoes and long pants. The hives are located at Heartland Honey at the home of Joli Winer and Cecil Sweeney at 19201 S Clare Rd Spring Hill KS 913-593-3562 call or text or email heartlandhoneyks@gmail.com so that we know that you are coming. Fee is \$10 if not a GPMB (Great Plains Master Beekeeper) participant. To sign up for this free program go to <http://gpmb.unl.edu>.

Tips for July

- Drink some water!! It's getting hot out there.
- Bees can get grumpy - wear a little more protection.
- Hopefully you are spinning out honey this month, if not hopefully getting set up good for next year. Healthy summer bees will make healthy winter bees, you have time to build up strength on certain colonies.
- Some feed in July to keep the bees simulated and others don't....so many different ways to keep bees.
- Weed-eat around the entrance to your hive.
- Wear as much protective clothing as you want, make sure you feel comfortable when working your hives so that you won't be afraid to get into them.
- Use your smoker each and every time you check your bees.



Military/Veterans Apprenticeship Program

I am Buck Bradley. I will be continuing the excellent work that Andy Nowachek and his team have done over the last few years. I was born and raised in Ottawa, Kansas. After a 21-year career in the Marine Corps, I recently returned home from North Carolina and am now settled in the Baldwin City area. I have been keeping bees for

the last several years and had up to 25 hives before moving back home.

In following newsletters, I will share more information on the NEKBA Military/Veterans Apprenticeship program and the connection between veterans and beekeeping that dates back to the end of World War I.

I hope everyone had a good holiday season and that you have your bee equipment ready for Spring.

Buck Bradley, Military/Veteran Appr. Liaison



Honey Plants

For many of us the first week of July signals the end of our main nectar flow. On June 25, 2024, Matthew Brandes, rural Franklin County, mentioned on social media that the nectar flow was over in his area and hives are already losing weight as the bees were beginning to consume their stored honey. Matthew incorporates the use of scales in his apiary. Beekeeping is local, so that may not be true for all in NE KS. Beekeepers should monitor food stores as a summer dearth can lead to starvation. There are usually few blooming sources until the sunflowers begin blooming in mid-August. Whether you put honey supers back on for a fall flow is up to you and your location. Leaving the fall honey for winter food stores is an option to consider.

There are no more trees as a nectar and pollen source for the year, with a few exceptions. Two novelty trees that bloom during this summer dearth; Vitex and Korean Evodia. Vitex is also called the Chaste Tree. My Vitex, in Olathe, began blooming about June 20, which was a little early this year. This small tree reaches about 15 ft. in height and is bushy. The beautiful, small blue blossoms last 3-4 weeks and produce a pleasant aroma. It is a honey bee magnet! This tree originates in the Mediterranean region. Vitex is easy to establish, and I have one in heavy clay soil that does just fine. I don't think you will find this tree at a local garden center. It is best to look online or become friends with a beekeeper than has a tree. The tree produces many seeds, and it is not uncommon to see seedlings underneath the tree in the spring. I have had good luck digging up the seedlings while they are less than 6-8 inches tall and transplanting them into pots. Once roots are established in the pot, they are easier to transplant successfully in to the ground.

Another uncommon tree, from Northern China and Korea, is the Korean Evodia, or the Bee Bee Tree. It is another tree that you will only find online or mail order. This tree produces yellow blooms in July. As the name implies it is also a honey bee magnet. In early summer, many showy, flat-topped flower clusters appear. The white, fragrant blossoms attract a multitude of bees. The Bee Bee Tree typically grows 15-25 ft. tall and is as wide as it is tall. It prefers moist, fertile, well-drained soil. The Korean Evodia is not as easy to transplant as the Vitex tree. I have tried to start this tree from seed, but failed, I'm sure under more sophisticated methods someone else might be more successful.

Floral sources are still available, but usually on a smaller scale. Some of the prairie and garden plants available are Milkweed, Thistles, Rudbeckia, Slender Mountain Mint, Lemon Balm, Catmint, Lavender, Purple Coneflower, Culver's Root, Joe Pye Weed, Marigolds, Zinnias, and Russian Sage. Catmint is a great nectar source and easy to find at garden centers. It's very hardy. In its second year, after planting, Catmint takes on a nice, mounded shape. It blooms for several months and is attractive in the home garden.

A weed that begins blooming in July is Blue Vine. A couple of names given to it are honey vine or honey vine milkweed. Farmers have worked diligently to eradicate this perennial herb that is native to eastern and central U.S. states. Leaves are heart-shaped, and blooms are white or yellow. The blooming period occurs from mid-summer to early fall and lasts about 1-2 months. The flowers have a strong honey-like fragrance. Like other milkweeds, its seeds erupt from pods and are dispersed on light, feathery filaments. Being a member of the milkweed family, it is a host plant for Monarch butterflies. Milkweed is a good food source for honey bees. So, that is two good reasons to coexist with Blue Vine.

Those of you with apiaries in rural areas may have soybean fields nearby. Planting soybeans is often done when farmers can get in the field so bloom time can vary. Honey bees are not necessary for soybean pollination, but they can increase yields by as much as 20%. Honey bees utilize both nectar and pollen from soybeans. There is some discussion whether warmer temperatures aid in increased soybean nectar production. An opposing viewpoint suggests that higher temperatures encourage accompanying plants, such as clovers, to produce more nectar and that is what honey bees are working. It is known that honey bees seldom visit soybeans after 5pm and never when not in bloom. Pesticide applications are recommended during the times when the honey bees are not present.

This time of year, a lot of bargains can be found as trees, shrubs, and blooming plants are marked down. I have taken advantage of summer clearance sales many times. This time of year, as temperatures soar and keeping plants watered is critical, I like to manage my bargain plants with care. I re-pot, if necessary, hold them in a protected area near a garden hose, and wait. Fall planning is ideal when planting permanent additions to the landscape. Roots will continue to grow through the winter so that in the spring the plant will really take off and flourish. It is highly recommended to keep newly planted trees, shrubs, etc. watered, at least monthly, the first year if there is lack of moisture. This includes the winter months. Watering can be done anytime the ground is not frozen. **Jo Patrick, Honey Plants Chairman**

NEKBA Merch available at the general meetings! Get your T-Shirts and sweatshirts with the NEKBA logo! T-Shirts are available in goldenrod, cranberry and blue. Sweatshirts are zip-up hoodies in grey. See you in-person in August.

A large stainless steel extractor with a red frame and a hand crank. The extractor is a cylindrical tank with a handle on top and a spigot at the bottom. It is supported by four red legs.

3 DAY EXTRACTOR RENTAL

- ✓ Uncapping Tank
- ✓ Uncapping Pick
- ✓ Serrated Knife
- ✓ Bucket with Gate
- ✓ Double Sieve

BOOK YOURS AT BEEKEEPERS.COM

After last month's monthly meeting on getting entries ready for a fair, I thought I would invite you all to enter the Johnson County fair! Entries can then be taken to the Kansas State fair in Hutchison. Entries should be delivered to the fair on either Monday, July 29th from 6:30-9pm or Tuesday July 30th from 8-10 am at the Open Class building at the Johnson County Fairgrounds in Gardner. Honey Joli Winer, Chair 913-593-3562 heartlandhoneyks@gmail.com

1. Please enter your exhibits online at www.jocokansasfair.com. Be sure to print your entry tag to attach to the back of your exhibit.
2. Open to all beekeepers.
3. Exhibitor must produce all honey, except in class 6815, honey & products can be from other sources.
4. All jars must be glass plain and free of labels. No inner seals in lids.
5. Judging criteria will follow state fair guidelines.
6. Extracted Honey: Also known as strained honey is honey that has been separated from the comb by centrifugal force, gravity, straining or other means. Shall consist of 3 one-pound Queen line or Classic glass jars.
7. Chunk Honey: Shall consist of 1 strip of cut comb (full length of jar) in three 1 lb. round glass jars.
8. Comb Honey: Three "rounds" "cassettes" (clear lids both sides, no pressure sensitive label), or "basswood sections" (cardboard carton with window, no producer's name or address).
9. Cut Comb Honey: Three comb honeys cut and placed in commercial plastic comb honey boxes (4X4).
10. Crystallized /Creamed Honey: Shall consist of three glass jars between 8 oz. and 16 oz. all jars must be the same.
11. Gift Package: Items must be clearly labeled, as they would be offered for sale – except any marks identifying the entrant must be obscured or removed, or fictitious. Gift basket if wrapped, must be able to be unwrapped for judging.
12. Beeswax: 3 lb. block, geometric shape, not decorative, smooth surface top and bottom.
13. Beeswax Candles: four molded or dipped candles. No non-beeswax enhancement allowed, except wick.
14. Art Design in Beeswax: Entries must be 2 pounds minimum weight, 100% beeswax: may be more than one piece but must be firmly joined together: may be cast in mold or carved. No non-beeswax enhancement allowed.
15. Frame of Honey: Shallow or medium depth. Frame must be in a display case, both sides visible. Display case available upon request.
16. Youth entries ages 18 and under.
17. Class 6815 is for 1st year beekeepers only.
18. All photos must be matted with the mat size of 11 x 14 that has an 8 x 10 opening that fits over and frames the photo. Do not mount the photo onto a board. The mat should fit over the photo and the photo should be taped securely to the back of the mat. These mats can be used year after year and are available at craft stores. There should be no lettering or words (signatures) put on the exhibit by the photographer either on the mat or on the photo. Photos with lettering on the mat or photo will be disqualified.

Class Honey Class Description

6800 Liquid, light colored honey	6812 Youth - Extracted Honey:
6801 Liquid, dark colored honey	6813 Dark Youth - Honey Gift Package
6802 Comb Honey	6814 Youth – Frame of Honey (shallow or medium depth)
6803 Cut Comb Honey	6815 Honeybee Themed Gift Basket 1st year beekeepers only
6804 Chunk Honey	6816 Honeybee Themed Photo 8" x 10" – youth under 17
6805 Crystallized/Creamed Honey	6817 Honeybee Themed Photo 8" x 10" – adult 17 and over
6806 Honey Gift Package	
6807 Beeswax	
6808 Beeswax Candles	
6809 Art Design in Beeswax	
6810 Frame of Honey - shallow or medium depth	
6811 Youth - Extracted Honey: Light	

The Kansas State Fair is fast approaching. This year the fair is September 6-15. We need volunteers 2 days before the fair starts for set up, during the fair and 1 day after the fair ends to put stuff away. Signupgenius will be used to coordinate volunteers. The program will go live the 2nd week in July. If you have volunteered before you will automatically receive a notification. If you haven't volunteered before you may find the link on our club website, call or text Kristi or see it published in our next newsletter.

Consider submitting entries to the Kansas State fair. Go to the kansasstatefair.com to submit your entries online. Once on the website go to "competitions" then to "agriculture". There are several classes to enter honey in including black label which is judged on taste only. Beware you must enter 2 other classes to submit an entry in this one. Only 1 best tasting honey will be awarded of all that are submitted. Maybe yours will win and you will have bragging rights of the best tasting honey in Kansas. If you have questions about getting your entries submitted online or need some help in transporting your entries to or from the fair contact Kristi at 913-768-4961 via phone or text.



ENTRY DEADLINE IS AUGUST 1, 2024

All entries are required to be done online.

If you need assistance with entry, please contact the Fair Office M-F, 8 AM-5 PM at 620-669-3621.

Please check the receiving schedule below.

August 2 (12:01 a.m.) to August 15 (11:59 p.m.) - \$5.00 late fee, per exhibitor.

August 16 (12:01 a.m.) to August 20 (11:59 p.m.) - \$25.00 late fee, per exhibitor.

No entries will be accepted after August 20 (11:59 p.m.)

Agriculture Receiving Times: Tuesday, September 3, Noon – 5

Wednesday, September 4, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Thursday, September 5, 8 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Release/Pick Up Times: Sunday, September 15, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Monday, September 16, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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American Bee Journal (<u>discounted rate through association</u>)	1 year \$29.75	_____
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CB's Honey offers pure raw Kansas honey available in 5 gal buckets.. [CB's Honey | Facebook](#). Located just SE of Topeka. 4521 SE 61st Street, Berryton, KS 66409. Call or text Cheryl Burkhead at 785-224-9077 or cherylbhoney@gmail.com

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Tecumseh Creek winds its way through the home yard lending its name to the brand. Located between Lawrence and Topeka, T Creek offers 5-frame nucs, online honey sales, custom honey packing, wholesale delivery to the Topeka / Lawrence area, 5-gallon buckets of honey, and drop-shipping wholesale service to rural grocery stores and agritourism destinations. Visit www.tcreekbees.com Email: tcreekbees@gmail.com or find the bees on Facebook. Owner: Tim Urich. LLC in the State of Kansas and licensed by Kansas Dept of Ag.

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Meeting

Monday, July 15th, 2024 – via Zoom

The Northeastern Kansas Beekeepers' Association

Membership is open to anyone interested in bees or bee culture. Dues are \$25.00 per calendar year (December 31-December 31) for the first in the family joining. Those joining in July or later in the year may pay \$12.50 for ½ year. Additional members of a family wanting voting privileges shall be assessed dues at \$1.00 per year. Youth memberships (18 years of age and younger) are \$12.50 per year. Please submit new memberships and renewals to the treasurer or on-line at www.nekba.org.

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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. 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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