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General Meeting

Monday, April 19, 2021 (7 p.m.)

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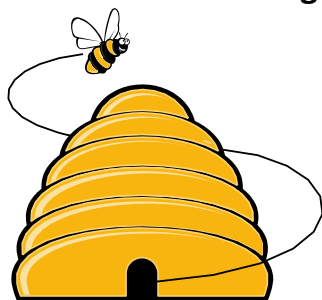
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www.NEKBA.org website.

Main Program: Video presentation on installing a package of bees and how to find and mark the queen.

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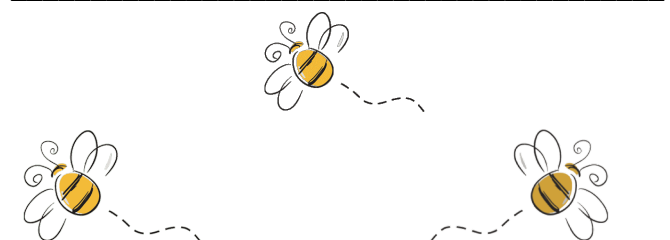
By President Ed Darlington



I need to inform everyone that for personal reasons, Steve Messbarger, our program chair and past president, has submitted his resignation to the board effective 3/18/21. While we will miss his presence on the board, we wish him the very best. I have asked Kristi Sanderson to fill out the rest of his term, which she has graciously accepted. This month or next, it appears that many of the restrictions placed on meeting together are being dropped or modified. There will be changes we will have to make, and changes we desire to make. The

board is working on a plan for the structure of our transition and future.

We are asking everyone to directly participate in this process. Please tell your board members what you have liked about our virtual meetings, what you don't think is working; and make suggestions you think will improve our overall process. Some suggestions can be made as to how often we meet in person, do we record our presentations, etc. We look forward to the general membership's participation in developing solutions and improvements to the methods we use, as we attempt to enlighten and guide our membership to successful and rewarding beekeeping experiences.



2021 Meeting Dates: (Starting Time is 7pm. Log in a few minutes ahead on Zoom.)

- April 5, 2021 (Let's Talk Bees Q & A)
- April 19, 2021
- May 3, 2021 (Let's Talk Bees Q & A)
- May 17, 2021
- June 5, 2021 Fun Day via Zoom
- June 7, 2021 (Let's Talk Bees Q & A)
- June 21, 2021- In person meeting at the Pollinator Project Garden in Olathe. This is an outdoor event with lots of space for everyone to social distance.
- July 5, 2021 (Let's Talk Bees Q & A)



Ol' Bee Gal

What is a 'value-added product'? The USDA defines them this way: A change in the physical state or form of the **product** (such as milling wheat into flour or making strawberries into jam). The production of a **product** in a manner that enhances its **value**. In our industry, honey and beeswax are our raw materials and the things we choose to do with them can definitely increase our revenue stream.

The Kansas Honey Producers is starting a new program series all focusing on value added products from the hive. We're calling it, "Extracting Extra \$\$\$ from Your Hives." (Jo Patrick thought of that sweet name!) Each class will be held via Zoom the 3rd Thursday of each month. We have a FULL YEAR of fantastic programs mapped out. We will kick this off on April 15th with Nebraska Beekeeper, Megan Vetter, talking about Batik. Batik uses beeswax in the dying process. Megan makes beautiful art with her batik. But the process is really simple and anyone can make interesting batik designs with basic shapes. So many "art for fun" venues have popped up offering a night of creative fun. Batik might just be the next fun thing they want to try.

In May, we will showcase making comb honey. Although comb honey was produced eons before extracted honey, it is now a specialty item and usually nets over \$1/ounce. (That's \$16/pound!!) That is a value-added product! All those foodies want a chunk of beautiful comb honey as the star of their charcuterie board.

What else? Making mead and honey beer, using pollen, propolis and even apitherapy (your hive as a medicine cabinet). Take that beeswax and make beautiful candles, soaps and lotions your skin will love, and balms and salves for all types of skin issues.

Have you tasted creamed honey? With just a little equipment, you can make lovely, spreadable honeys. Have you seen Sioux Bee's "Hot Honey"? This new flavor sensation is easy to make and just the stuff to create a new product buzz at your next craft festival. We'll show you how to make your own unique infused honey.

Want to join us for some/all of these excellent programs? KHPA members will receive a link to every special session by email. Membership is only \$15/year and supports beekeepers all across Kansas. www.kansashoneyproducers.org. A link will also be posted on the KHPA website (look in the calendar of events).

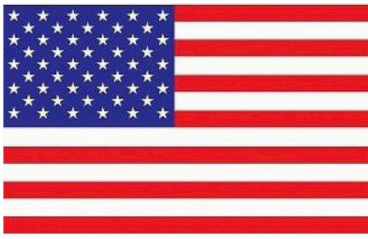
Becky Tipton, Special Events Coordinator



Mentoring

Joli Winer and Cecil Sweeney are mentoring at their home bee yard. The cost is \$10 per person with the money going to the youth scholarship and military apprenticeship programs. You must notify us by either email or text to let them know you are coming at joli@heartlandhoney.com or call/text 913-593-3562. You must have your own protective clothing. Typically, we go through our hives with you and do a hive inspection-- looking for the queen, drones, workers, eggs, larva, sealed brood and honey and pollen. We'll share tips for using a smoker and a hive tool. We also talk about what to do during that month. Meetings are weather dependent. Our address is 19201 S Clare Rd., Spring Hill KS 66083

This year's dates are: Monday, April 12th @ 6:00pm; Monday, April 26th @ 6:00pm; Monday, May 10 @ 6:00pm; Monday, June 10 @ 0600pm; July-No Meeting; Monday, August 9th @ 6:00pm



Military/Veterans Apprentice Program

Greetings all and hope this finds everyone doing well and that the bees are flying and building up for this spring and summer's honey crop. From our committee Steve Messbarger, Cecil Sweeney and myself, I hope everyone had a Good Easter and Passover and was finally able to enjoy it with family and friends and hopefully we will be able to meet and see friends in the near future.

On March 29 National Vietnam Veterans Day is observed and to ALL the Veterans of all branches of the service and wars, a big Thank You goes out to each and every one for your sacrifices. Spring may have finally appeared and with the opening of different businesses and organizations, it is our hope to be able to have some Veterans, who meet our requirements, contact us. It has been a little over a year since COVID turned our lifestyle upside-down and hopefully now we will be able to promote our program more this spring and summer. If you know of a Veteran who may be eligible and meets our requirements, please do not hesitate to have them call me or one of our committee members.

Andy Nowachek, Military/Veteran Appr. Liaison



Online Auction for the Funday

The club will have an online auction to benefit the Northeastern Kansas Beekeepers Association. The auction will run from Friday, June 4 at 9 am to Sunday June 6th at 7 pm. You do not have to

attend the Funday to participate in the auction. The link will be available in the May Buzzer, on the www.nekba.org website, and the NEKBA Facebook site.

If you would like to donate an item, please fill out the form that is available at the www.nekba.org website. You can either scan the form and send or take a picture and send. If I can get someone to make a PDF to fill out online, I will do that! Remember, to attach a picture. You can include up to 3 pictures. Pictures/images need to be jpeg, tif or gif. PDF and HTML will not work. Send the form to Joli@heartlandhoney.com. We need all the information on the form to get your item entered in the online platform. If you have any questions, feel free to email or call Joli at 913-593-3562. All forms must be returned by June 1st.



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



(Ron Smail with youngest son, Scott, making nucs.)

My name is Ron Smail and I operate Deer Creek Honey Farm. It is a small operation, running 130 production hives and 18 support hives. We raise most of our own queens, sell nucs in the spring, and market our honey directly to our customers. Deer Creek was first founded in the late 1980's. Times and prices have certainly changed since then.

It all began when the company I was working for did a massive lay-off. I spent that summer working for a commercial beekeeper and I was hooked. I managed to amass almost 150 hives. One of the biggest differences from then to now is the fact that, in those days, farmers often planted fields of clover and beekeepers could expect a yield of 100-150 lbs. of honey per hive. A quart of honey was selling for \$2.00-\$3.00 and nucs sold for \$20. There were no mites or hive beetles to contend with and no one had even heard of plastic foundation.

I remember going to the state beekeepers meeting and there were field and commercial beekeepers. With my 150 hives, they considered me a hobbyist. After a few years, life, work, and family kind of took over and something had to give. Unfortunately, for me, it was time to give up my bees. (I voted to sell the kids, but for some reason, my wife objected.)



(A nuc mating yard)

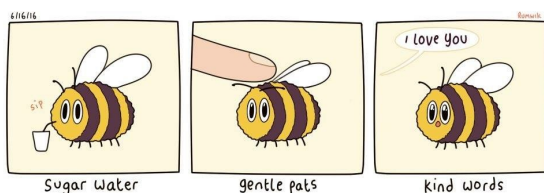
Flash forward to 2012, my daughter was involved in catching a swarm and called me to help. She said she wanted to start a hive, and my wife cringed. She knew that there would never be such a thing as "a Hive" for me. She was right! I began to get involved in swarm catching, doing cut outs, and splitting my hives. I began to build my yards again. Then in 2015, it felt as if history was repeating itself. The company where I was working suddenly shut down and I was just a few years short of my retirement. I had always maintained my love of bees and had often proclaimed beekeeping was something I wanted to do again and the timing seemed right.

Once again, I found myself at a KHPA meeting and this time, the tables had turned. There were very few commercial beekeepers and most were hobbyists. Because beekeeping had changed so much, I found myself on the computer doing a lot of research and networking with others. Adding all this new info to my past knowledge led me to helping others. The fact that I was starting over helped me to see the process through the eyes of new beekeepers and I found myself pulled into a role of mentor. I joined the Heartland Beekeeping Association of Southeast Kansas and began speaking and holding workshops on the subject.



(Ron with a spring class of beekeepers)

I thoroughly enjoy being out in my apiaries working my bees and trying to figure out the puzzles that nature provides on a regular basis. I continue to use a combination of old ways, and freely mix what I have learned with new methods. But I find that more and more, I only want what is natural to the bees. I have also found that teaching about bees and their ways has become a passion of mine. I continue to give talks. I am still mentoring new beekeepers to this day. I feel that it is extremely important to pass along what I have learned, so that others can experience the joy and wonder that I have come to appreciate by working with these marvelous creatures.



The Honey Pot

by Marlene Pantos

Wings in Honey Sauce

- 2 lbs. chicken wings
- 2 cups honey
- ¾ cup soy sauce
- ¾ cup chili sauce
- ¼ cup oil
- 1 teaspoon prepared minced garlic

Rinse chicken, pat dry and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Place wings on broiler pan and broil for about 20 minutes, 10 minutes on each side or until lightly brown. Transfer to slow cooker sprayed with vegetable cooking spray. In bowl, combine honey, soy sauce, chili sauce, oil and garlic and spoon over wings. Cover and cook on LOW for 4-5 hours or on HIGH for 2-2 1/2 hours. Garnish with dried parsley.

ASK QUINBY & REMI



Dear Quinby and Remi: Can I make a split? Would it be ok to make a walk away split now? Quinby and Remi answer: Cecil and Joli have a rule of thumb with regard to making splits; Any hive with more than 3 frames of brood in the hive during the first week of April gets to keep 3 frames of brood and the rest of the brood gets taken away. The 2nd week leave 4 frames and the 3rd

week leave 5 frames. It's their experience that leaving more brood than that leads to excessive swarming. Several years ago, they had excessive brood and were not able to get queens from their supplier. They made some walk away splits- turns out it was a huge waste of brood and bees because the hives did not get good, mated queens back in them- they were duds. They would have been better waiting for queens and making nucs when they had them.

The cost of a queen is cheap compared to losing your brood and therefore a honey crop from a hive that didn't make it.

Dear Quinby and Remi: I've gotten into my hive and found queen cells, what should I do?

Quinby and Remi answer: First you need to determine what kind of queen cells you have. If they are at the bottom of the frames, hanging down like peanuts, those are swarm cells, and your hive is getting ready to swarm. Chip Taylor always says that if your swarm cells are already sealed than it is likely that your hive has already swarmed. At that point, Cecil and Joli just let the hive do its thing. The don't try to cut out queen cells, they don't try to requeen, they literally just leave it alone for a couple of weeks and then come back to see if it has a laying queen.

If the queen cells are up on the face of the frame, near the top bar, that is a supersedure cell. The bees are trying to replace and aging or failing queen. That is a different story. You will want to find a queen to replace your failing queen. Then you will need to find you old queen, kill her and replace her with a new queen and destroy any of those queen cells.

Dear Quinby and Remi: I just got a bucket to keep all my bee gear in—what should I include in it? It's the stuff I'll take with me out to my beehive.

Quinby and Remi answer: That's a great idea to keep your equipment together. It is a good idea to include a hive tool, smoker fuel, matches in a plastic container and/or a long nosed lighter, magic marker, notebook to take notes in, hammer and nails, duct tape and a queen marking pen. Include a smoker and something to seal the end with after use, like a cork or stick that fits in the opening. This helps to put out your smoker and preserves any leftover smoker fuel and keeps you from burning down anything! Last year Cecil and Joli kept some

lemongrass essential oil and cotton balls with them too—it really helped in their swarm capturing efforts.

Quinby and Remi are happy to answer your questions. You may contact them through Joli at joli@heartlandhoney.com.

“April Showers Bring a May Full of Flowers”



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

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NEKBA Funday

June 5, 2021

We are planning a daylong virtual event for beekeepers of all skill levels. There will be guest speakers, from across the country, educating us on the latest beekeeping information available. This is a wonderful opportunity to take your beekeeping skills to the next level. The cost is \$25. Registration information is available at <http://www.nekba.org/>. Watch for updates as they occur at nekba.org and Facebook.

There will also be an online auction to benefit NEKBA educational programs. Viewing and bidding of auction items will be available a few days before and after Funday. Log on to <https://www.biddingowl.com/NortheasternKansasBeekeep> to view and bid. You might find a one-of-a-kind treasure.

For information, questions, or suggestions please call or text Jo Patrick at (913)645-8947

Or email Jo@brian-patrick@sbcglobal.net



L-R: Jennifer Tsuruda, Jim Tew, Elina Niño, Walter "Steve" Sheppard, Judy Wu-Smart



Beth Conrey

Autumn Smart

Dr. Jennifer Tsuruda: 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. At the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture, she teaches bee management and increased awareness of the importance of pollinators. Dr. Tsuruda has an amazing talent for taking fascinating photos and videos of honey bees, which she shares with her audience.

Dr. Jim Tew: Many know Jim Tew by his monthly column in *Bee Culture* magazine and by reading his book *Wisdom for Beekeepers*. In his writings and presentations Jim shares his decades of beekeeping experience mixed with home-spun humor. Jim, along with Kim Flottum, have created a podcast that can be heard at <http://www.honeybeeobscura.com> To read more from Jim, visit www.onetew.com.

Dr. Elina Niño: Dr. Niño is the California State Extension Apiculturist. She established the California Master Beekeeper Program in 2016. Ms. Niño operates the E.L. Niño Bee Lab at the University of California Davis and is also the facilities director of the Haagen-Dazs Honey Bee Haven. Dr. Niño's research interests include understanding reproductive processes involved in queen bee mating to developing and evaluating new control methods to combat Varroa mites. An article about Dr. Niño and her work at U.C. Davis can be read at <https://www.beeculture.com/elina-nino/>

Dr. Walter Sheppard: We are most fortunate to have Dr. Sheppard join us for a rare appearance in the Midwest. Walter is a beekeeper and the department chair at the Department of Entomology, Washington State University. His most recent research focuses on how fungi can be beneficial in the control of varroa mites. To learn more about his research visit <https://www.forbes.com/sites/grrlscientist/2017/06/05/can-a-mushroom-save-honey-bees/?sh=3dd9bd153228>

Dr. Judy Wu-Smart: Judy 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 her powerful presentations at past Fundays, especially Trouble Shooting a Hive and her explanation of Pests and Diseases. We are fortunate that she is returning.

Beth Conrey: Beth is the owner and operator of Bee Squared Apiaries, Berthoud, Colorado. She is a former president of the Colorado State Beekeepers Association. During her tenure as president, Beth recruited and organized area bee clubs across the state into a robust organization of successful beekeepers. She also helped found the People and Pollinators Network and serves on the board of directors of the Pollinator Stewardship Council. Visitors to her website, www.bethsbees.com, can shop from a variety of products produced from the hive, including varietal honey, bee pollen, and candles. Beth was featured in the December 2020 issue of Bee Culture magazine, page 68. To read the article visit <https://www.beeculture.com/category/2020/dec-2020/> Click on access the web edition. You will be able to view a virtual copy of the magazine.

Dr. Autumn Smart: Dr. Smart is a research assistant professor in the Entomology department at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Her research examines the impacts of external colony stressors on the health, productivity and survival of honey bees and colonies. She also teaches insect ecology and beekeeping at UNL.

NEKBA Funday 2021 Registration Form

June 5, 2021 A virtual event using Zoom

The cost per email address is \$25.00.

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Monday, April 19, 2021

The Northeastern Kansas Beekeepers' Association

Membership is open to anyone interested in bees or bee culture. Dues are \$15.00 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 \$7.50 for ½ year. Additional members of that family wanting voting privileges shall be assessed dues at \$1.00 per year. Youth memberships (18 years of age and younger) are \$7.50 per year. Please submit new memberships and renewals to the treasurer or on-line at www.nekba.org.

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The library of the association is free to all members. Books may be checked out at the meetings and kept for a period of 30 days. The bee publications, *The American Bee Journal* and *Bee Culture* can be subscribed through the treasurer or on-line. The *American Bee Journal* is offered at a discount through the association only.

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 March for 2021. 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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