Kansas Honey Producers’ Fall Meeting

and Virtual Honey Show

Friday, October 23, 2020

Keynote Speakers and Presenters

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Tom Seeley, Ph.D.: Dr. Thomas D. Seeley is the Horace White Professor in Biology at Cornell University. He is based in the Department of Neurobiology and Behavior, where he teaches courses on animal behavior and does research on the behavior and social life of honey bees. His work is summarized in four books: Honeybee Ecology (1985), The Wisdom of the Hive (1995), Honeybee Democracy (2010), The Lives of Bees (2019). Tom last visited us at the Northeastern Kansas Beekeepers’ FunDay in 2014.

Tammy Horn Potter, Ph.D.: Tammy is the Kentucky State Apiarist since 2014. Tammy began keeping bees by helping her grandfather, after completing a Ph.D. in literature. She is the author of Bees in America: How the Honey Bee Shaped a Nation (2005); Beeconomy: What Women and Bees can Teach Us about Local Trade and the Global Market (2012); Establishing Pollinator Habitat (2019); She worked for Big Island Queens, during the winters in 2006 - 2010; In 2008, she started Coal County Beeworks to establish pollinator habitat and apiaries in Eastern Kentucky, working with surface mine companies. Tammy served as president for KY State Beekeepers Association, president of Eastern Apiculture Society, a director on Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees. Joli says Tammy had received her masters from Fort Hays State University in Hays, KS.
Judy Wu-Smart Ph.D.: 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.

Elizabeth Walsh, Ph.D.: Postdoctoral Research and Development, works as Post Doctoral Fellow for Agriculture and Agri-Foods Canada. (Beaverlodge, Alberta Canada. From rural Wisconsin, Liz’s undergraduate career was from rural Wisconsin at Ripon College (WI) where she majored in Biology and English. She has been a beekeeper since I was a young high school student. Liz enjoyed working on applied honey bee biological research. She was a PhD candidate in Dr. Juliana Rangel’s laboratory at Texas A&M University, where her research primarily focused on in-hive pesticides, such as active ingredients in miticides and other agro-chemicals, and their impact the health, physiology, and behavior of queens. Liz received the 2019 Outstanding Grad Student Award in the Ph.D. category.

Marion Ellis, Ph.D.: Professor emeritus of entomology and researcher from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln will be have a video presentation on Comb Honey Production. Marion has been a presenter at many of the Northeastern Kansas Beekeepers’ FunDay events. Marion and his wife, Susan, are enjoying retirement in Papillion, NE.

Sydney Paulsrud, American Honey Princess (American Beekeeping Federation): Sydnie Paulsrud is the daughter of Thea Weinberger and Jack Paulsrud. Prior to serving as a spokesperson for the beekeeping and honey industry, she studied childcare services in college. Hailing from Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, Sydnie also works for DHL-Fleet Farm Distribution Center. In her spare time, she enjoys playing flute, roller skating, exploring and spending time with her family, including her seven siblings. As the 2020 American Honey Princess, Sydnie serves as a national spokesperson on behalf of the American Beekeeping Federation, a trade organization representing beekeepers and honey producers throughout the United States. The American Honey Queen and Princess speak and promote in venues nationwide, and, as such Princess Sydnie will travel and speak throughout the United States in 2020.
**Ginny Mitchell:** We are fortunate to have Ginny continue as our Honey Judge. She's been our judge since 2012. Although she resides in Boone, IA, she's not far from her original hometown of Lincoln, Nebraska. Did you know that Ginny is the Insect Zoo Coordinator at Iowa State University Entomology in Ames, IA? Ginny has a degree in Entomology from the University of Nebraska–Lincoln and studied under Marion Ellis.