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General MeetingMonday January 11th 2016

7:00 p.m.

First 15 minutes:

Youth Scholarship Presentation

&

Program:

*Growing Fruit Trees**Presented by Chad Gilliland*

Douglas County Fairgrounds, Bldg. 21 N

2110 Harper St. Lawrence KS

Chad Gilliland is an orchardist with over 15 years experience and will talk about the best varieties of fruit trees for our area as well as other tips for successful fruit growing.

Directions: The address is 2110 Harper St. It is easily accessible from K10, turn north on Harper Street and it is just a few blocks. We are in Building 21 North which will be on your left you turn into the fairgrounds.

December Auction Results

Thanks to those of you that donated items for the auction and to those of you that purchased items or just flat out donated money to the Youth scholarship fund. We made a whopping **\$1928.50**. Our Auctioneers were the Strickers from Strickers Auction in Gardner KS-Ron Stricker and Family.

Renew your membership & Sign up for the new bee class—you'll learn more the 2nd year!

New Bee Class

Is in this Buzzer or you can go to nekba.org to register online!! Dates are Sundays March 6th & 13th at the Douglas County Fairgrounds
Great Program-Sign up today!

**Kansas Honey Producers Meeting-
Pittsburg KS****Spring 2016 Kansas Honey
Producers Meeting**Friday and Saturday March 4th and 5th 2016

Lamplighter Inn Pittsburg KS

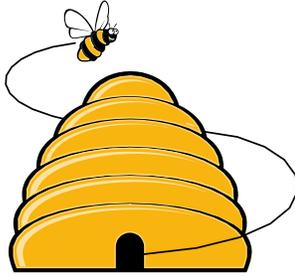
4020 Parkview Dr, Pittsburg, KS 66762 Phone:
(620) 231-8700

The spring meeting of the Kansas Honey Producers will be held in Pittsburg KS at the Lamplighter Hotel. Call to reserve your room at 620-231-8700. Our room rates are \$75 plus tax. Reservations should be made by February 2nd. We have some great guest speakers lined up—Dr. Diana Sammataro, who is currently retired from USDA Honey Bee Lab, Diana Sammataro, co-author of the Beekeeper's Handbook (4th ed. 2011), is now giving talks and lectures on beekeeping and does independent bee research under her new business name, DianaBrand Honey Bee Research LLC. Dr. Chip Taylor from KU has tentatively agreed to be a speaker—hopefully this isn't wishful thinking on my part! Several of our own association members will fill in as some of the speakers—we are so thankful to have such knowledgeable members who are willing to share their knowledge! The costs of this meeting are being kept to a bare minimum so that as many as possible can attend. To keep costs down members are asked to bring desserts to accompany the Friday night dinner. If you have questions please call me, Joli Winer, at 913-856-8356. You can see the full program & registration information at kansashoneyproducers.org

Lots of Value added presentations!

Beelines

By President Andy Nowachek



Happy New Year to all and hope everyone's holidays were filled with family, friends, and good food. Most of all, that everyone was safe and healthy. It would be interesting to see how many beekeepers received some kind of bee related item for Christmas. I'd say the odds are pretty good that there was a new ABC & XYZ or The Hive and the Honey Bee. These are great books and loaded with great information.

Thanks to all who were able to attend the December meeting and their generosity! I think the best way to summarize it was it was a blast! Great auction, lots of donated items for our scholarship fund, a fantastic auctioneer and great people. We want to extend our thanks to our auctioneer, Ron Stricker, his father, and their friend for donating their time. They do this at their Auction House in Gardner and they also own a camping store. I meet Ron about a year ago and when I asked if he knew of any auctioneers who would do this for our club, without a pause, he volunteered. I would say it was part show, part auction and just a lot of fun, you can tell when someone enjoys what they do and does it well. The generosity of Ron and the members of this club was just outstanding. Due to the generosity of this club we raised around \$1900 to be used for our scholarship fund. Many thanks to all of you, you make this club GREAT!

It's hard to believe that in a couple of months we will be seeing the signs of pollen and the queens hopefully kicking into gear laying. It seems like the other day that we were getting them treated and fed for the winter ahead and here we are, planning for the spring. As a beekeeper, I don't think you ever really take a break from it. I always try to figure out what I will be doing a year in advance not that it always happens but every now and then it works out. The last somewhat warm weekend we had we visited our hives and did a heft check and put some food on if

on the light side. We had gone through them prior to this and fed accordingly most were still on the heavy side. In talking to some members they are saying their bees are looking good with a lot of bees and ample food supplies. Time will tell what the future year holds for us, but whatever the case we as beekeepers will work with it. This is also a time to be thinking about your queen situation, is she a new queen, does she need replaced this year, are you going to make splits. Good queens make the difference of a good harvest (weather pertinent) of honey or a so, so crop. Seems there is always something to keep you busy as a bee.

I've always said to be thankful for what you have and what you have not. It's pretty sad to see our neighbors to the east lose complete homes and belongings.

Each year we have at least one board meeting and work at the coming year's meetings and events. I would say that with the Beginners Beekeeping Class in March, Fun Day in June, and monthly meetings it looks GOOD. Also at these meetings we discuss items that have been mentioned to us throughout the year and see if they will work. One thing that I would like to see is if you would put your city, town or location on your name tag. This would maybe help a new beekeeper meet someone in their area and maybe give them a hand getting them started in the right direction. I believe, we have a sound system that will let everyone hear what the program is. We feel it is important that all hear clearly what we are presenting, If not raise your hand and let us know. Our goal is to present informational programs that will be useful to new and advanced beekeepers.

Here's a little tip I learned years ago. I probably in the past two weeks have sawed around two three hour stretches on my table saw. To clean off the pitch from your blade, soak it in 409 and use a toothbrush after sitting overnight. The pitch comes off easily with the toothbrush and will not mare the blade.

Stay safe and check the bees if you get a chance weather permitting. Hopefully we will have good weather on the nights of our meetings but if in question give one of your officers a call. We do NOT want to see anyone hurt.

Have a Fantastic Day and hope to see you at the next meeting.

**Renew your membership & Sign up
for the new bee class**

Article from a Youth Scholarship Student

Hi my name is Connor McDonald and I am one of the scholarship students for 2015. Thanks to this scholarship, I have learned a lot and had a lot of fun, despite it being a difficult year for beekeeping. One thing I learned in particular was that you can't make bees do what you want them to do. No matter how many queen cells I picked off, the bees still had a mind to swarm because they know more than me. In the end, however, I still have a healthy hive with plenty of food for the winter. Something else I found out is that while books and articles are great resources with good information, I learned the most from watching and looking through the hive, especially with the help of my mentor. Thank you all so much for providing the scholarship and everything with it!

Tips for January

- Begin your recordkeeping for 2016; calendars are already 1/2 price so get one that you can write on. Vow to keep track of when different plants bloom in your area, if you fed, how your bees did, if you replaced any equipment etc.
- Check a beekeeping book out of the library—bring back any books that you have checked out
- Build or repair any equipment
- Renew your membership, send in your dues—you can do it online now by going to nekba.org
- Order your queens and package bees as soon as possible
- Check the lids on your hives; make sure they have a heavy rock or a cement block on top. We have had some fierce winds this winter.
- Plan next year's garden to include some nectar producing plants that have not been treated with neonicotinoids.
- As we go into the New Year think of all the friends you have made at the beekeepers meetings.
- Plan to attend at the Kansas Honey Producers meeting in Pittsburg KS on March 4th & 5th—excellent program for both beginners and more experienced beekeepers—details at nekba.org
- Bring at least one new beekeeper or prospective beekeeper to a meeting and get

them to come to our new beekeeper class—Dr. Diana Sammataro will be our guest the first Sunday, March 6th

2016 Meeting Dates

Meetings are held at the Douglas County Fairgrounds at 2110 Harper St. It is easily accessible from K10, turn north on Harper Street and it is just a few blocks. We are in Building 21 North which will be on your left you turn into the fairgrounds.

- Monday, February 15th *Early Spring management, what to do with dead outs, mites*
- Sunday, March 6--New Beekeeper Class 1
*Special Guest—Dr. Diana Sammataro
- Sunday, March 13--New Beekeeper Class 2
- Monday, March 21st 7 pm *Making Splits and Queening*
- Monday, April 18th 7 pm *First inspections of your hives*
- Monday, May 16th 7:00 pm *Supering your hives and producing comb honey*
- Saturday, June 4th-FUNDAY! Jam Bee Ree
Full day workshop
Keynote speaker--Dr. Jamie Ellis
- Sunday July 17th Zimmerman's Kill Creek Barn -- Bee-Bee Q (Meeting held at alternate location)
- Monday, August 22nd, 7:00 pm *Integrated Pest Management*
- Monday, Sept 19th 7:00 pm *Fall and Winter Management*
- Monday, October 17th 7:00 pm
- Monday, November 21st 7:00 pm
- Monday, December 19th 7:00 pm *Holiday Cookies and Youth Scholarship Auction*
- January 9th, 2017 (2nd Monday)

My name is Ken Clifford and I am a member of The NE KS Beekeepers. Here's my request:

I am a motorcyclist enthusiast in addition to being a beekeeper. Sometime in 2016 I would like to ride to all four corners of Kansas to collect honey from each corner of the State of Kansas. I am looking for names of beekeepers I might contact for this effort. Close to the corners of the State is good enough. FYI -I might do this in multiple rides...or a couple cities at a time. Weather and my availability will determine how I take on this task. Email me at

Pollinator15@gmail.com or call 316-992-5678

Old Bee Gal By Becky Tipton



Information is power! As we renew our membership to NEKBA (one of the very best bee clubs in the world!!) I'd like you to also consider subscribing to one of the national publications: Bee Culture or American Bee Journal. Both provide the latest in research, thought provoking articles, and best-practice beekeeping.

The January issue of ABJ has a compelling article on bee stings written by Dr. Jamie Ellis. Jamie teaches and researches at the University of Florida. He will be our Funday guest speaker—I am really excited!! I heard a talk he gave on the beehive as a super-organism that I've never forgotten. It helped me think of the hive in an entirely new way. But, more about bee stings.

Probably my most frequently asked question (from kids and adults) is, "Do you ever get stung?" This is both humorous and somewhat troubling. Asking a beekeeper if he ever gets stung is a lot like asking a baker if he ever burns his fingers. Yes, because I do interact with my bees. "Does it hurt?" Yes, because I have no super powers preventing the sting venom from penetrating my skin. But the sad part is that the sting is the most salient feature of the humble honey bee. For some folks the thought of the sting is just terrifying. And, a multitude of these folks are certain that they are extremely allergic. In reality, only 1-2% of the population is actually "allergic" to the bee venom, the rest of us have a continuum of normal, painful, itchy, annoying reactions. Normal reactions include: pain, swelling and redness at the sting site, swelling that may last up to a week, and itching. Although a more serious reaction that includes swelling, hives, redness NOT associated with the sting site is considered to be the beginnings of an allergic reaction. The sting victim often seeks out medical attention for these reactions but they are rarely life threatening. Two things—a serious reaction can be the precursor to an even more severe

reaction and someone who has shown only mild reactions to stings may suddenly develop a more significant reaction. Jamie (and this Old Bee Gal) recommends ALWAYS wearing a veil when working your bees. A bee sting in the eye calls for an immediate visit to the ER. A bee sting inside your mouth or nose can cause enough swelling to block your airways and cause complications even if you have only a normal reaction to the sting.

Bees sting for a reason—to defend the colony. If they feel threatened, they will give it their all. Another point on which Jamie and I agree, ALWAYS use smoke when examining your colonies. The smoke masks the fear pheromone emitted by the bees when the hive is disturbed. The smoke calms them so no one will get stung and no bees will feel the need to die in the defense of their home—win:win.

I hope all of you will mark your calendar for our annual Funday—June 4, 2016 (It's always the first Saturday) at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. Knowledge is power and I want you all to be powerful beekeepers!

Ask Quinby

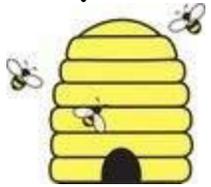


From nekba Face Book: Would love to see a discussion on insulating hives for the winter.

Quinbad (my new name lol) says: It's really too warm to insulate your hives here. Insulation causes a lot of moisture inside the hive and excess moisture in a hive can be a sure killer in overwintered hives. Bees really are capable of maintaining the optimum temperature inside the hive.

Quinby (named after Moses Quinby who invented the bee smoker) would like to take this opportunity to invite you to send your stories or questions to him c/o Joli at the address on the back of *The Buzzer* or via email at joli@heartlandhoney.com. She'll let him know of any stories or questions you pass on to her.

Honey Plants



Jo Patrick

I would like to thank Rose Lee, our previous Honey Plants Vice President, for the wonderful job she did contributing to *The Buzzer* newsletter. Her articles were timely and thought provoking. In the December newsletter, Rose provided us with a wonderful list of places and events we can use to add bee friendly plants to our gardens. Those events begin in mid-January. Recheck your December *Buzzer* for the listings.

As beekeepers, why would we want to study honey plants? The answer is simple. The more knowledge you as a beekeeper have about the nectar and pollen plants surrounding a potential yard location, the better chance of success you will have for surplus honey. Those honey plants, in that area, will aid in determining if a potential location will be a suitable place for your colony or colonies. It will also determine the number of colonies the area can support.

In *Honey Plants of North America*, John H. Lovell states, "A honey plant may be defined as a common plant which secretes nectar accessible to honey bees in quantities sufficiently large to be of importance to beekeepers." I would refer to those nectar plants as major honey plants. This is not to say that plants less desirable to honey bees can't play an important role in nectar collecting. Given proper conditions, a surplus honey crop can be obtained from those minor nectar plants as well. Not everyone has a field of yellow sweet clover (a major nectar plant in Northeast Kansas) at their disposal to place a colony in. One could choose a location near a garden with fruit trees, herbs, cucumbers and melons. Those garden plants are considered minor nectar plants, but given enough crop to work and ideal weather, honey bees can produce a surplus crop of honey.

A successful surplus honey crop is also dependent upon a colony that is ready for a major nectar flow. In order for the honey bee work force to be ready, there must be ample food for the larvae and a young maturing work force. That food is in the form of pollen. Proper timing of pollen sources is

necessary for the burst of population needed to gather and store the nectar. In Northeast Kansas, we are limited to one major nectar flow that typically starts in May and a minor flow in the fall. Beekeepers need to ensure that all the elements are in place, at the proper time, for our colonies to flourish.

Common pollen plants to watch for at the end of January into February include Silver Maples, *Acer saccharinum*, Willows, *Salix spp.* and American Elm, *Ulmus americana*. Perennials such as *Helleborus*, sometimes called Lenten rose or Christmas rose, provide both nectar and pollen in February. Check your bees on days that are warm enough for flight. You should see them bringing in a light yellow pollen from the Maple trees, a lemon colored pollen from the Willow trees, and light gray colored pollen from the Elms.

As I write this, we are receiving our first significant winter storm of the season. I can see the Goldfinches and Purple Finches fluttering around the thistle feeder in my backyard. These are the same Goldfinches that shared my native Coneflowers, *Echinacea purpurea*, with my honey bees, and a wide assortment of native bees, all summer.

Bee Happy-Elizabeth Spurlin

Bees are insects with six legs, wings, a head, a thorax, and an abdomen. They also have a stinger but bees die when they sting because their stingers have barbs. The barbs on their stingers stick into their enemies and the stinger is attached to their organs. When the bee tries to fly away, it pulls out its guts. Meanwhile, the stinger keeps digging into the enemy and injecting venom. That means that you shouldn't make bees mad at you so they don't sting you and best of all the bees won't die.

Bees also have special body parts to help them in their role in nature. They have compound eyes to see danger and flowers. Bees only see certain colors and this helps them find the best food faster. They have two sets of mouth parts. The proboscis is used to stir honey, to suck up large amounts of honey and nectar, for tasting, and for exchanging honey. The mandibles are for chewing, grasping, crunching, cutting up food, and defending the hive. On the honey bees' hind legs are two pollen baskets that the bee uses to store pollen to take back to the hive. A honeybee can carry its weight in pollen, nectar, and water while foraging.

Elizabeth sent me a copy of a speech that she gave but it is too long to print at one time so I'll print it in sections as I have space in the Buzzer—excellent information



**NORTHEASTERN KANSAS BEEKEEPERS' ASSOC.
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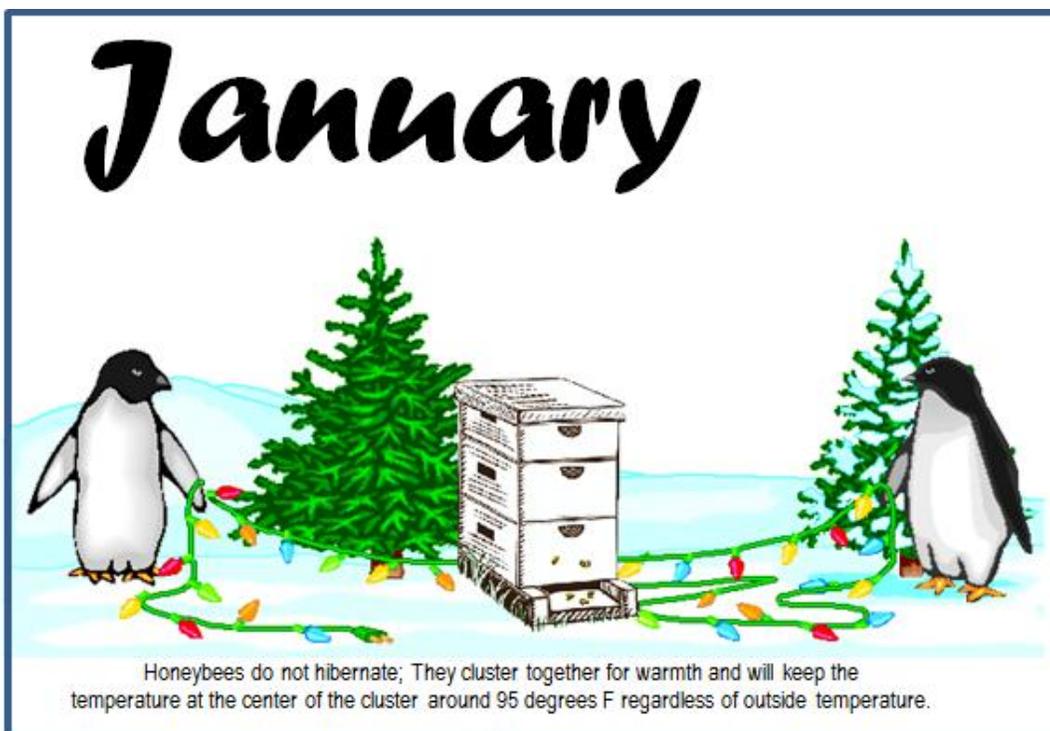
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New this year go online-- at nekba.org to pay your renewal!

The Honey Pot By Robin Kolterman We are going to try something different this year. The monthly recipes will be featured on recipe cards so they can be cut out and ready to use. A nifty idea would be to place the recipes in a book such as a 4x6 photo book. At the end of the year you will have 12 months of seasonal honey recipes ready to give to someone as a Christmas gift next year along with perhaps a jar of honey.

Recipes for January include a New Year's Eve snack and a couple New Year's Resolution "I'm going to get Healthy" nutritious recipes featuring honey. It is hoped that you will enjoy this little project as well as cooking with honey.



Honey Mustard and Onion Pretzels

Serves: approx. 6-8 cups

Ingredients:

- 12 oz. sourdough hard pretzels (the pounder)
- $\frac{2}{3}$ cup vegetable oil
- 3 tbsp. honey
- 2 tbsp. yellow mustard
- 1 tsp. onion powder

Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 275 degrees Fahrenheit and line a large baking sheet with silicone baking mats or parchment paper.
2. In a large bowl, whisk together vegetable oil, honey, yellow mustard, and onion powder.
3. Smash the sourdough hard pretzels against your countertop into bite-size pieces.
4. Pour the pretzels into the mixture and toss well to coat every piece.
5. Pour the pretzels onto the baking sheet and spread them out in an even layer.
6. Bake for 30 minutes, tossing/turning the pieces halfway through baking.
7. Remove from oven, let cool, then store in an airtight container.

Notes: Keep a close eye on the pretzels so they don't burn!

Irish Breakfast Smoothie

Author: food.com

2 servings

- 1 cup black tea (cold strong Irish breakfast)
- 1 cup frozen blueberries or raspberries or strawberries
- 1/2 cup cranberry juice or apple or other clear juice
- 1/2 cup plain yogurt or 1/2 cup silken tofu
- 1 Tablespoon honey

Combine everything in a food process or blender. Blend until smooth. Serve immediately.



Powerball Cookies – a healthy snack

Author: Thrivinghomeblog.com

Serves: 30-35 cookies

- 1 cup peanut butter or almond butter
- 1 cup honey
- 3 cups old-fashioned or quick cooking oats
- ½ cup ground flax seed or wheat germ
- 1 cup dark chocolate chips
- 1 cup any combo of nuts & soft dried fruits

1. Blend peanut butter and honey until smooth. You may want to warm them first to make this step easier.
2. Mix in oats and flaxseed or wheat germ.
3. Add chocolate chips and dried fruit and/or nuts. Stir until well combined.
4. Shape into balls (using wet hands or wet cookie scoop is easiest) and refrigerate or freeze. No Baking!

Northeastern Kansas Beekeepers' Association

Beginning Beekeeping Class 2016

Sundays, March 6th and 13th Registration 12-1, program 1-5:30 p.m., Douglas Co.

Fairgrounds, 2110 Harper St., Bldg. 21, Lawrence KS

K-10 to Harper Street, go north 2 blocks to the Fairgrounds.

On the first Sunday, March 6th we are honored to have Dr. Diana Sammataro, who is currently retired from USDA Honey Bee Lab, she is co-author of the *Beekeeper's Handbook* (4th ed. 2011), and is now giving talks and lectures on beekeeping and does independent bee research under her new business name, DianaBrand Honey Bee Research LLC as our guest speaker. Her book will be one of our textbooks.

New members will be eligible to win a starter single story hive and a 3-pound package of bees with a queen.

All other registrants will be eligible to win door prizes. You must be present to win.

Each family registration will also receive 1 set of the text books, *The Beekeeper's Handbook*, 4th edition by Diana Sammataro and Alphonse Avitabile and *Field Guide to Honey Bees and their Maladies* By Penn State University & MAAREC If you already have these books there will be an alternate choice available.

Sunday, March 6th

12:00-1:00

Registration

1:00

Introductions of club officers, President Andy Nowachek

1:05-1:45(40)

Basic Equipment, tools to use, clothing, woodware. Learn the proper names for beekeeping equipment. This presentation will give you a good idea of the equipment you have to have to keep bees. Steve Tipton presents.

1:45-2:45(60)

Honey Bee Biology 101 Dr. Diana Sammataro will present. Why do we need to know biology to keep bees? This talk will include some anatomy and development and the basics of the bee nest.

2:45-3:15(30)

Break

3:15-4:05(50)

Diagnosing problems with Bee Diseases & Pests and What to do about them. Recognition and control of diseases. Dr. Diana Sammataro presents

4:05-4:35(30)

Ways to Acquire Bees & Installing a package of bees

Our speaker Kristi Sanderson will talk about the various ways you can get bees and will demonstrate how to install a package of bees.

4:35-5:30(55)

Varroa Diagnosis and Management, Dr. Diana Sammataro presents

Sunday, March 13th

1:00-1:45(45)

Management of Package Bees & Nucs how to take care of your new hive of bees from how long you need to feed them, when to put on the next hive body and when to add your honey supers. Steve & Becky Tipton present this.

1:45-2:30(45)

Seasonal Management-Late Summer and Fall Removing your honey from the hives, fall management, includes checking your hives to make sure they have enough bees and food and getting your bees ready for winter. Cecil Sweeney presents this.

2:30-3:00

Break Participants are asked to bring refreshments made with honey for this break, you may bring your recipes, beverages will be provided.

3:00-3:45(45)

Extracting Honey Club members will demonstrate how to remove honey from your hives and uncapped your honey, extract it and bottle it for sale and gifts. Andy Nowachek presents

3:45-4:15(30)

Tips for the Beekeeper Robert Burns will demonstrate how to light your smoker, approach a hive, open it up and get started on your beekeeping adventure and safety. Robert Burns presents.

4:15-4:30(15)

Opportunities for members of the bee clubs. Books, DVD's and magazines, our library & other beekeeping clubs in the area. She'll also let you know about our Funday on June 4th. Joli Winer presents

4:30- close

Question and Answer Session & Drawing for door prizes-you must be present to win, one door prize ticket per paid registration. All presenters will answer questions.

Program and presenters subject to change

Northeastern Kansas Beekeeper's Association

Beginning Beekeeping Class *2016 Registration Form*

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Yes I would like to receive my newsletter by email *I would like to receive it by mail*

**The registration fee is per person; however, additional people in the family may attend for only an additional \$25.00. Each family will receive 1 text book and 1 ticket to be eligible for door prizes. Only new members will be eligible to win the hive and package of bees.*

Workshop Registration Fees:

For non-members of The Northeastern KS Beekeepers Assn: \$70.00 _____
 (Fee includes a one-year membership & a text book)

For current members of The Northeastern KS Beekeepers Assn: \$55.00 _____
 (Fee includes text book) You must have paid your \$15.00 2016 dues for this rate

Additional Family members who will be attending @\$25.00 each (includes presentation notes)
\$25.00 ea _____

List names: _____

American Bee Journal	1 year	\$21.00 _____
() Renewal () New	2 years	\$39.75 _____

Bee Culture Magazine	1 year	\$25.00 _____
() Renewal () New	2 year	\$48.00 _____

Youth Scholarship Fund Donation _____

Registrations Postmarked by February 6th, 2016 are entitled to take an Early Discount of **-\$10.00** _____

Total \$ _____

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NORTHEASTERN KS BEEKEEPERS' ASSOC. 2016 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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The Northeastern Kansas Beekeepers' Association

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