

# Northeastern Kansas Beekeepers' Bee Funday Registration Form

2025 Bee FunDay, Saturday June 7th, 2025

You can register and pay online at [www.nekba.org](http://www.nekba.org) .  
Your contact information will be provided to the club via PayPal or Square.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

## Registration for the Bee Funday:

Adults \$65 per person \$65.00 \_\_\_\_\_

For non-members of The Northeastern KS Beekeepers Assn: \$75.00 \_\_\_\_\_

(Fee includes FunDay registration & one-year membership. Additional attendees only need to pay the \$65 per person rate)

Please join us for a catered BBQ Dinner following the FunDay \$20 per person \_\_\_\_\_

*Registration includes admission to the Funday, Morning snack of Wheatfield's breads, honey butter and a selection of creamed honey, lunch, drinks and homemade honey ice cream.*

*There will be an alternative meal available at lunch for vegetarians. How many?* \_\_\_\_\_

Youth (6-18) \$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Scholarship and Military/Veterans Apprenticeship Program Donation \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your check out to "Northeast KS Beekeepers or NEKBA" or register by paying online at [www.nekba.org](http://www.nekba.org)

Send check payments by mail to : NEKBA, Robert Burns, 7601 W 54th Ter., Shawnee Mission KS 66202 Email: [rburnshoney@gmail.com](mailto:rburnshoney@gmail.com)

For further information, go to <https://www.nekba.org/bee-funday.html>

Names of those attending for name tags:

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We appreciate early pre-registrations so much that at the end of the Bee FunDay we will hold a drawing of all pre-registered people and one person gets his/her registration fee back!

**Need More Info? Please contact Joli Winer at (913) 768-4961 or [heartlandhoneyks@gmail.com](mailto:heartlandhoneyks@gmail.com)**

**Receipts are sent to those registrations made via PayPal or Square.**

# Northeastern Kansas Beekeepers' Association Bee Funday

## An educational experience for all skill levels of beekeeping

Saturday, June 7th, 2025

Douglas County Fairgrounds, 2110 Harper St., Lawrence, KS

Registration: 7:30-8:30 –Program: 8:30-4:30 Dinner 5:00 – 7:00pm

Fee includes Lunch, Beverages, Honey Ice Cream and a Full Day of Fun! Bring your hat and veil or bee suit -we'll have workshops at bee hives! Cost: \$55.00 per person for those Pre-registered, \$65 after May 28 and at the door. Children ages 6-18 \$15.00 for those pre-registered. \$30 at the door. Pre-Register by May 28th to be in a drawing to get your individual registration re-funded in the drawing. To register via PayPal online, please go to [www.NEKBA.org](http://www.NEKBA.org). Contact Jo Patrick at (913) 768-1961 or [heartlandhoneyks@gmail.com](mailto:heartlandhoneyks@gmail.com) for more information.

### **SPEAKERS: (pending updates)**

**Amy Vu** State Specialized Agent & Extension Agent II. Amy Vu is the UF/IFAS State Specialized Program Extension Agent in Apiculture, where she oversees all Extension activities related to honey bees and beekeeping. She runs the University of Florida Master Beekeeper Program, the University of Florida Bee Colleges, UF IFAS Honey Bee Blog, speaker requests, media inquiries, the lab's social media pages, provides programming and support for UF/IFAS faculty and staff across the state, and is the co-host of the lab's podcast "Two Bees in a Podcast" ..

**Dr. Judy Wu-Smart** is the Extension and Research Entomologist at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Department of Entomology. The UNI, Bee Lab pursues research questions and extension programs focused on stressors impacting pollinator health in both managed and wild bee communities. We certainly appreciate Dr. Wu-Smart presentations at past Fundays, and we are most fortunate that she has accepted our invitation to share with us again.

**Kim Mehalick** is an engineer by day and beekeeper by night and weekend. She is an Eastern Apicultural Society (EAS) Master Beekeeper, past President of the Maryland State Beekeepers Association (MSBA), and is active in the Bowie-Upper Marlboro Beekeepers Association (mentoring program lead, manager of the teaching apiary), Anne Arundel Beekeepers Association (program lead) and DC Beekeepers Alliance (education committee). She is also a member of Montgomery County Beekeepers Association and Carroll County Beekeepers Association and regularly teaches a variety of topics for beginning beekeeping courses.

**Eugene Makovec**, Editor of American Bee Journal, is a 29-year, third-generation hobbyist beekeeper with about a dozen colonies. He is past-President of Three Rivers Beekeepers in St. Charles County, Missouri, has been active in several other local clubs and the Missouri State Beekeepers Association, and is the only two-time Missouri Beekeeper of the Year (2006 and 2015).

Eugene made a brief foray into politics in 2015, when he spearheaded a successful legislative effort to deregulate the sale of honey in Missouri — removing honey from the “jams and jellies” law (and beekeepers from their “food processor” status) and thus allowing thousands of the state’s beekeepers to sell their product through retail outlets without needing to register for a commercial kitchen.

## 2025 Bee FunDay Queen Rearing CLASS

**LOCATION:** Douglas County Fairgrounds

**ADDRESS:** 2110 Harper St, Lawrence, KS Douglas County Fairgrounds

**DAY:** Saturday, June 07, 2025

**TIME:** 8:30AM - 4:30PM During the FunDay event 2.5 hours

**COST:** \$ Included w. Bee FunDay Registration

**LIMITED:** Only 25 students may enroll

**LIMITED:** Each NEKBA member may only enroll themselves by contacting Joli Winer. Join us for an in-depth 2 1/2 hour class on the art and science of queen rearing this intensive session will cover the entire process of queen rearing.

Contact Joli Winer to register at [heartlandhoneyks@gmail.com](mailto:heartlandhoneyks@gmail.com) for more information.

### **Notes:**

+ There are three primary instructors working collaboratively to produce this class.  
Presenters: Jim Kellie, John Speckman, Matt Winstead.

+ Please check your schedule closely. NEKBA policy is 'No Refunds' due to the limited class space for this event.

### **PREREQUISITES :**

+ Each attendee must enroll by contacting [Joli Winer](#). Space is limited to 25 attendees.

# 2025 Bee FunDay SPECIAL EVENTS

Funday is approaching quickly. Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> in Lawrence KS. We have added some exciting new events to the day. Please check them out as they involve prior actions on your part.

1. **Deep Dive Queen Rearing, a Masterclass-** This 2 ½ hour queen rearing class will be taught by the queen rearing experts, Jim Kellie, John Speckman and Matt Winstead! This workshop will be 2 ½ hours long and you must commit to being there the whole time. It is limited to 25 pre-registered guests. There is not an additional fee, but you will need to pay the Funday registration fee, by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Of course, you will also be able to attend the rest of the Funday. I suspect that this will fill up quickly. We will also have a waiting list, **anyone not registered for the Funday by June 1<sup>st</sup> will be removed from the class and someone from the wait list will be allowed to fill that spot.** To register, call or text Joli at 913-593-3562 or email at [heartlandhoneyKS@gmail.com](mailto:heartlandhoneyKS@gmail.com). Include your email address and phone number.

2. **Honey Bee Photography Contest:** This fun event is a new addition this year! All photos must be 8 ½ X 10 inches and matted. Prizes will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place. Contest will be judged by Eugene Makovec, editor of the American Bee Journal. Photos must be turned in by 8:30 am and participants must be registered attendees at the Funday.

**Photos may be Black and White or Color**

**Photos must be of Honey bees or any aspect of beekeeping**

**Two age categories:**

**Youth: 17 and under**

**Adult: 18 and over**

3. **Hive or Super Painting/Decorating Contest:** This year we won't have a theme so use your creativity; anything goes. Prizes will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Bring in your decorated hive body or super! Entries must be turned in by 8:30 to be included in the contest and participants must be registered attendees at the Funday.

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