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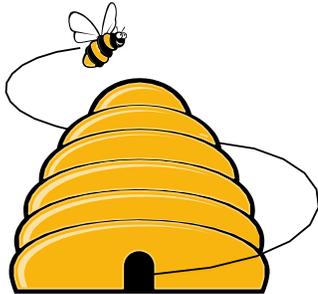
General Meeting

Monday, March 18th, 2024 (7:00 p.m.)

Douglas County Fairgrounds Bldg. 21N

2110 Harper St., Lawrence KS

Main Program: An overview of the Double-Screen Board and it's many uses such as swarm control and honey production. The Demaree method will also be touched upon presented by Matthew Brandes! Matthew is an EAS Master Beekeeper with over 5 years of experience and can remotely monitor his hives through sensors inside the hive.



Beelines by President Cheryl Burkhead

We had a great turnout for our Beginning Beekeeping class. It's energizing to see new people excited to learn about bees and beekeeping. I hope many of you; both new and current members will return and participate in our monthly meetings. Those that participate in the club and continue to learn and ask questions will have the best chance to be successful in their beekeeping adventure. We all benefit by sharing and learning from one another. I hope you will renew your membership and continue to share your successes and challenges with your bees.

Many colonies can starve out in March so check your colony's weights weekly and make sure they have enough resources. Feed only if necessary. A 1:1 syrup may be fed in March to stimulate the colony in preparation for making splits in April. Clean bottom boards and reverse hive bodies if all the brood is in the top box; this will allow room for the colony to expand upward. Make sure frames of honey are next to the cluster.

Robert Hughes has invited our organization to distribute information about our NEKBA club at his bee package and nuc pick up times during the month of April. I'd like to get as many volunteers as possible to cover during his Friday and Saturday distribution dates in Lenexa at Beekeepers.com. In working some of these events this past year, I became aware that many customers did not belong to any beekeeping club and their knowledge was limited. I would like to encourage them to become involved in our club. Please consider donating a few hours of your time in April. A link to SignUpGenius has been provided. Thank you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044BABA82BA3FD0-47751624-club>



2024 Meeting Dates:

- March 18, 2024, Monthly Meeting (Bldg. 21)
- March 23, 2024, Beginning Beekeeping Class
- April 6, 2024 Open Apiary 9am
- April 7, 2024, Open Apiary 1pm
- April 13, 2024, Open Apiary 9am
- April 15, 2024, Open Apiary 5pm
- April 15, 2024, Monthly Meeting (Bldg. 21)
- April 20, 2024, Open Apiary 9am
- May 20, 2024, Monthly Meeting (Bldg. 21)
- June 1, 2024, Fun Day!!



Beekeeping Class



A one-day *Beginning Beekeeping* class is in Gardner this year. Lunch will be provided but a book will not be provided at this class. The class topics and schedule is at the end of the newsletter, so be sure to sign up. We look forward to seeing you there!

The cost for this class is \$55.00 per person. You may see the complete program for each class by going to the Northeastern Kansas Beekeepers website at [HOME \(nekba.org\)](http://HOME(nekba.org)). You may register and pay for the class online. If you wish to pay with check, you mail your payment to NEKBA, Attn: Robert Burns, Treasurer, 7601 W. 54th Terr., Shawnee Mission, KS 66202. Print the available registration form and include it with your check.

We have many knowledgeable and experienced beekeepers who are freely giving of their time to get you started off on the right foot as a new beekeeper. Come with questions and the expectation of gaining beekeeping knowledge. If you have any questions; call, text, or email Kristi Sanderson at 913-768-4961. Email - Sandersonk09@gmail.com [HOME \(nekba.org\)](http://HOME(nekba.org)) for additional information and to register.

Kristi Sanderson, Special Events Coordinator

Ol' Bee Gal



“Why Hives Die” was my topic at last month’s meeting. It sparked some additional conversations on Facebook, and I really appreciate that. It was a timely topic. Most winter kills happen in March, increased brood rearing results in increased food consumption. Wild weather swings can result in split clusters and the hive’s inability to thermoregulate correctly. Queen breeders have propagated stock that will build up very early in the year, facilitating hives readiness for pollination. Here in Kansas, we really aren’t pollinating

anything in February, March, and April, but our hives are busting out of the seams, and we need to be proactive about their care.

Should you feed your hive? First, is your hive hungry? How many frames of honey/food are available to them? Does the food need to be repositioned for easier consumption? It is not surprising to find that a well provisioned hive from the fall may have honey reserves for the spring build-up. They SHOULD have honey reserves. Hives in nature need to have honey to take them through to the first blossoms of the year. If your hive doesn’t, by all means, feed them! At this time of year, a 1:1 ratio of sugar syrup is recommended because it most closely mimics our nectar sources.

If your hive seems to be lethargic, lagging, not as active as you think it should be, feeding 1:1 might provide the stimulation they need. But, over-feeding of supplemental syrup can lead to hives packing the brood area with syrup, leaving little room for actual brood rearing. That’s exactly what you don’t want to happen. To provide gentle stimulation, restrict the quantity of syrup. We prefer a contact feeding system using quart or ½ gallon jars. During spring buildup, to provide a gentle stimulation, we will use lids with only 2-3 tiny holes. The bees will have access to syrup but are not flooded with it and will not pack the brood area with excess syrup. Many also suggest that feeding sugar syrup in the spring will help the hive deal naturally

with chalk brood and European Foul Brood symptoms. (A heavy infection of either of these brood diseases will need to be dealt with more aggressively but feeding is often adequate for minor infections.)

If you want to grow your apiary by dividing colonies, feeding will stimulate colony growth and give you more options for splits. Again, don't overfeed, just feed lightly for stimulation. Once fed, you need to monitor these colonies closely because feeding can also promote swarming behavior. This is a fine line, and a careless beekeeper can create more problems for himself.

When should you ALWAYS provide feed? Starting a new colony. Whether starting with a package or nuc, you have drawn comb or foundation, you have resources to provide the young colony or not, feed them. Feeding stimulates the colony growth and foraging activity. That seems counter intuitive. If I'm providing feed, won't that mean that the bees are foraging less? Exactly the opposite, if we provide feed for the growing colony, they will have increased wax production. The wax carries a pheromone that triggers both foraging and brood rearing. By feeding our colonies, we will actually see them grow faster and forage more. Also, during these first months of spring, the uncertain weather may have your bees trapped inside the colony for days. Without ample feed, growth will stop and in extreme situations, bees may be forced to cannibalize their larva to sustain the hive. The colony can easily lose growth. Second, feeding encourages queen acceptance. Particularly in package installation, you want that queen to be ready to lay eggs and grow the colony. Feeding primes the hive and gets them ready to grow, grow, grow. How much should you feed a growing colony? Feed until the hive is ready for you to add honey supers. Then you MUST remove all supplemental feed. But that's good news, you are ready to produce honey. **Becky Tipton**

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ASK QUINBY & REMI

Dear Quinby and Remi: This is my first year, my bees made it through the winter but what should I do now to get the bees ready for spring?

Quinby and Remi answer: Congratulations on making it through your first winter! Just know that as the hive populations get larger there is still a danger of losing a hive to starvation. When fruit bloom starts you can start the following:

Clean the apiary of winter debris. Unwrap or take down winter protection or windbreaks.

Remove any insulating materials, Remove entrance reducers or change to a larger entrance on the weaker hives. Clean bottom boards. Feed if needed. Inspect hives for mites, treat them if needed. Find clean water sources for your bees or set them up. If all the bees are in the top hive body, you can reverse them, so the empty box is on top. If you have a bad comb, now is the time to replace any comb or frames. Mark any hives that need to be requeened. Now is a great time to evaluate your hives.

Dear Quinby and Remi: I have my bees ordered and my hive is put together but where should I locate it?

Quinby and Remi answer: Try to find a spot with full sun. It can have a wind break or some afternoon shade. But really, not too much. Both small hive beetles and varroa thrive in shady locations. Also, choose where there is some water, a pond, a creek with water all year or a bird bath. Remember, if it is too high, you'll have trouble lifting supers up and off the hive. We like it high enough to get it off the ground, like as high as a few cement blocks. I've seen people put their hives on tables, crazy! It's way too high to work them, and the hive gets so heavy the table could collapse! We like to be able to work from the side. You also want to make sure that you can drive into the area year-round. Don't pick an area that is too wet. There is nothing worse than carrying gallons of syrup in or carrying out supers full of honey.

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

Funday!! (Sign up now, you don't want to miss it!!)

The Funday committee is working on some exciting new things for this year! Mark your calendars and "Save the Date" for Saturday, June 1st. The Funday Expo will be held at the Douglas County Fairgrounds, 2110 Harper, Lawrence, KS. The one-day beekeeping expo will be one of the highlights of your beekeeping career. You will celebrate with great food, fresh-baked breads with honey butter and creamed honey, a delicious hot lunch and homemade honey ice cream! We are also planning a BBQ dinner (for an extra fee) where you will get to mingle with our guest speakers. If you purchase one of our sponsorships at the Queen or Drone Level, you will get to sit at a table with one of them!

Guest speakers will include Blake Shook from Texas, a commercial beekeeper and owner of The Bee Supply; Dr. Jennifer Tsuruda from the University of Tennessee; Dr. Judy Wu-Smart from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln; Dr. Autumn Smart from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln; Rogan Tokach from Auburn University (currently in Thailand studying the Tropilaelaps mite); Eugene Makovec, editor of the American Bee Journal; and many others plus our own local talent. We'll have our swarm demo, value-added presentations, and live hives to go through with an experienced beekeeper. Hives with problems will be present so you can diagnose issues.

Vendors! We'll have a lot of vendors. HillCo will be coming! Here is a discount link for the Funday, <https://hillcobees.com/discount/NEKBA>. You can also use the code "NEKBA" at checkout. This is only for pre-orders that HillCo will bring. This does not include shipping; you will need to select "pickup" when checking out. Other vendors who have been confirmed are Dadant and Sons and Beekeepers.com. We'll keep you updated on other vendors as they confirm.

Funday Sponsorships Offered!

This year for our Funday, Saturday, June 1st, 2024, we are excited to offer a new NEKBA member sponsorship program. Since we have so many generous members, we decided to offer you a chance to support the club. We are asking for generous donors to help supplement the cost of the Funday.

If you have a business that you would like to put on our sponsor board and in our Funday Conference Program, we would love to do that. If you do not have a business but would like to have your name listed, we would like to do that as well, or you could choose to be anonymous. Please note that at the Drone and Queen Levels you can sit with one or more of our guest speakers at the Saturday night dinner. If you would like to have a vendor booth, we have a different sponsorship program for vendors.

Member Sponsorships:

Queen Level	\$1000	4 registrations, lunch, dinner at a table w/one guest speakers! Plus 20 Quilt raffle tickets.
Drone Level	\$500	3 registrations, lunch, dinner at a table w/one guest speakers! Plus 15 Quilt raffle tickets.
Worker Level	\$250	2 registrations and lunch and dinner plus 10 Quilt raffle tickets.
Honey Level	\$150	1 registration and lunch and dinner plus 5 Quilt raffle tickets.

Joli Winer, 2024 Funday Coordinator



The NEKBA Beeyard

The NEKBA Open Apiary equipment was funded with a grant from the Great Plains Master Beekeepers. The excellent educational opportunity will be held weekly in April. Because of the grant and the opportunity to have the liability insurance covered by the GPMB policy we would like for all participants to join the GPMB program at <https://gpmb.unl.edu> click on the "become a member" tab and follow the directions to join for free. 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. The hives are located at Pendleton's Country Market, 1446 E 1850 Rd, Lawrence, KS 66046. These events are free, but we do ask that you sign up so that we know that you are coming. To sign up use the sign-up genius link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C48ADA82BABF49-48334714-look>

April Dates: 6th@9am, 7th@1pm, 13th@9am, 15th@5pm, 20th@9am

Tips for March

- Sign up for GPMB, it's free and gives you great videos and information!
- Watch for starvation and know we probably have a cold snap or two coming.
- Artificial swarms or real swarms will start next month, reports are already in of capped Drones.
- Switch to 1:1 in March if feeding is needed, the hive will use lots of honey raising brood.
- Lots of feed holes help a hive put on weight, only a couple feed holes will stimulate the hive.
- The bees are making plans, determine your plans before they do.
- These next few months plan on checking on your hives weekly or bi-weekly.
- Depending on weather, full inspections can be done.
- Mite inspection!! You have some options before the honey flow if treatment is needed.



Military/Veterans Apprentice 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 Apprentice program and the connection between veterans and beekeeping that dates 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

There are lots of factors that affect the nectar and pollen sources honey bees visit. Over the next few months, I plan to write about various factors that affect honey bee foraging. Honey bees are most attracted to the colors yellow, blue, violet, purple, and white but can't see the color red. They also can see ultra violet light which helps guide the forager towards "landing zones" and food from a bloom. Our efficient bees practice flower fidelity which means there is a preference to work blooms of the same species as opposed to traveling between different species during a single foraging trip. This means honey bees are also more likely to take advantage of a large grouping of the same flower or a tree in bloom.

In February, NE Kansas starts slowly with nectar and pollen sources blooming one by one. As spring progresses our area will begin producing a succession of overlapping blooms producing nectar from late April until the first week in July. That will be our main nectar flow. Keep in mind that this can be different for every location and available food sources.

According to my past records we are at least two weeks or more ahead of previous years. This makes it a little more difficult to report in advance what to expect. In past years, dandelions began blooming April 1. This year beekeepers have spotted dandelion blooms at the end of February. Honey bees utilize the pollen from dandelions to rear large amounts of brood. Dandelions are plentiful and produce a very nutritious pollen. Nature's timing between dandelions and brood rearing is quite beneficial.

Our first weed to bloom is Hen bit. You can find Hen bit creeping across lawns, fields that haven't been tilled yet, and areas where the soil has been disturbed. Typically, Hen bit blooms in the third week of March but again, several beekeepers have reported seeing Hen bit blooming in various locations during the last week of February. Hen bit produces a distinctive reddish-purple pollen.

Pussy Willows or Goat Willows produce catkins. As the catkins develop, they will slowly open and begin displaying pollen. The pollen is usually produced about the third week of March. Honey bees will seek out the yellow pollen produced by the male catkins but both male and female catkins produce nectar.

It's possible the apricot blooms were affected by the deep freeze we experienced the last week of February. Apricots seem to get caught by a hard freeze most years in our area. The K-State Extension office can make recommendations of late blooming varieties if you are interested in planting them.

March typically brings red buds, fruiting and ornamental cherries, peaches, plums, the native current bush, and crab apple blooms. Crab apples are a popular landscape tree and there are many different varieties available. With careful planning, you could provide a succession of crab apple blooms for weeks instead of one week.

Many gardeners like planting crocus and grape hyacinths together. In NE Kansas the crocus begins blooming the second week of February. The grape hyacinths usually bloom in March and provide nectar and a greenish, yellow pollen.

If converting grassland or pasture to pollinator friendly acreage is one of your goals, I would recommend contacting your local Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). The NRCS is a division of the US Department of Agriculture. They can be your first step in planning. Recommendations about other agencies can be suggested if needed. There are cost sharing programs available. Technical and ground preparation assistance can be provided as well. An agency representative can do an on-sight visit to talk about your goals and evaluate your property. To locate the nearest NRCS office to you visit www.nrcs.usda.gov.

For those thinking on a smaller scale, the University of Minnesota Extension website has many helpful ideas to help create a pollinator habitat. They have archived presentations on various topics. You might enjoy watching Creating a Pollinator Friendly Garden, Planting a Pocket Prairie, or Bee Lawns. View these presentations at <https://secure.smores.com/n/7aew0#b8ms4w9d1d> These videos were created with Minnesota residents in mind, but the principles and plant species will apply to Kansas. For detailed information about local plant species and habitat, I recommend checking out www.mowildflowers.net. They have pictures and detailed descriptions of native species for our area. Their list also describes how each plant would look in your home landscape.

Take advantage of some of the learning opportunities and plant sales in the area. The Paola Spring Plant Sale is April 25-27, in the parking lot of the K-State Extension Office, 913 N. Pearl, Paola KS. They will feature locally grown pesticide-free plants. Get more info at www.maraisdescygnets.ksu.edu

The Overland Park Arboretum will host its annual plant sale on April 25-28 at the parking lot of the facility. Their website promises a list of available plants soon. <https://artsandrec-op.org/arboretum/spring-plant-sale/> In past years, I have purchased some unusual native shrubs at this sale such as Ozark Witch hazel and currant bushes.

The Anita B. Gorman Conservation Discovery Center, located at 4750 Troost Ave, Kansas City MO, will also hold their annual spring plant sale on April 20. Visit the website <https://moprairie.org/event/kansas-city-native-plant-sale-4/> to learn about vendors and preorders. The Discovery Center has many opportunities to learn about nature. Their website is <https://mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places/anita-b-gorman-conservation-discovery-center> **Jo**

Patrick, Honey Plants Chairman



The Kansas Honey Producers, Third Thursday, Extracting More \$\$\$ from Your Hives.

The Kansas Honey Producers Association- 3rd Thursday, Extracting More \$\$\$ From your Hives, is at 7pm Central., Thursday, March 21st, 2024.

To register for the meeting and to get the link go to our website at www.kansashoneyproducers.org and click on the Extracting More \$\$\$ button-it will send you to a zoom program to register and you will immediately get the zoom link in your email. If you have registered before, you still may have to register again to get the link.

Upcoming programs:

March 21, 2024, 7pm Central – Producing, Selling and Marketing Comb Honey, Shelby Kittle presents.

April 18, 2024, 7pm Central – Bee Huts presented by Joel Lanz.

May 16, 2024, 7pm Central – Collecting Pollen and Preparing it for Sale, presented by John Speckman.

If you have something that you would like to share with the group or have an idea for a future program, please call or text Joli at 913-593-3562 or email heartlandhoneyks@gmail.com.



Quilt Raffle

This year we again have a beautiful quilt for our quilt raffle. This quilt was donated by Jenny Latendresse, owner of the [L'il Red Hen Quilt Shop](#) at 7 South Agate St., Paola KS. She has donated several quilts over the years to be used to help fund both the Youth Scholarship program and our Apprenticeship for Veterans and Active-Duty Service members. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. The drawing will be held at our Funday Expo on Saturday, June 1st. Tickets will be available at all our in-person events and meetings plus at the Funday.



The Honey Pot

We LOVE cabbage! Slaw, rolls, stir fried, and in soup, cabbage is versatile and yummy. Here's an easy and delicious recipe using just a little honey for sweetness. Now is the time to plant cabbage. If the weather doesn't get too hot too soon, we can grow lovely cabbage.

Skillet-Roasted Cabbage Wedges with Hot Bacon Dressing

8 thick-cut bacon slices, cut crosswise into thin strips.

1 small (2 ½ lb.) head green cabbage, cut into 8 wedges (core removed)

1 tsp. salt

¼ c. honey

¼ c. whole-grain Dijon mustard

2 TBSP. apple cider vinegar

1 tsp. cracked pepper

Preheat oven to 450°F. Cook bacon in large cast iron skillet (oven safe) until crisp and brown. Transfer bacon to a bowl, reserve about 7 TBSP of drippings and place in a small sauce pan (do not wipe the skillet). Arrange cabbage wedges in the skillet. Brush the tops with about 1 TBSP of the reserved drippings. Sprinkle with salt. Roast the cabbage until it is tender, about 20 – 25 minutes. Heat the remaining bacon drippings over low heat until warm. Remove from heat, and whisk in honey, mustard, vinegar, and pepper. Drizzle the honey-mustard mixture over the cabbage and sprinkle with the reserved bacon. Serve immediately. **Becky Tipton**

Northeastern Kansas Beekeepers Association (NEKBA) Queen Rearing Workshop with Gary Reuter

May 10-12, 2024, 8:30-5 (Friday and Saturday) 8:30-10:30 (Sunday)
Johnson County Extension Office 11811 S Sunset Dr.,
Olathe KS 66061

Gary Reuter retired from the University of Minnesota Bee Lab in 2021 after almost 30 years and is now back part time as Bee Lab coordinator. Gary began working with Dr. Marla Spivak in 1992. He maintained the research colonies, helped train and work with students in the field. He designed and built specialty equipment. He's a great guy!



Requirements and Information:

- Must attend all 3 days.
- Have 3 years beekeeping experience.
- Limited to 24 participants (minimum 18)
- Must register by April 27th, (Class may fill up earlier, don't delay).
- GPMB Course Approved
- \$250.00



What you will learn:

- Introduction to Queen Rearing Systems and Techniques
- Biology of Queens and Drones
- Preparing Starter, Finisher and Mating Colonies
- Procedure from Egg to Queen
- Hands on Grafting and Alternatives to Grafting
- Queen Mating

What is included:

- Beverages, lunches, and snacks
- Your own set of queen rearing equipment
- *Successful Queen Rearing Manual*

Hotel info: A block of rooms has been set aside at the Sleep Inn at 20662 W 151st ST, Olathe KS 66061 913-390-9500 Group Name: NE Kansas Beekeepers Group number: MC55T3 Make reservations by April 18th.

If you are interested, contact Joli Winer at 913-593-3562 or heartlandhoneyks@gmail.com or Kristi Sanderson at 913-768-4961 or sandersonk09@gmail.com for registration and payment information.



Beginning Beekeeping Class
March 23, 2024
Gardner Grange Hall
(on Johnson County Fairgrounds)
136 E Washington St
Gardner, KS 66030

March 23 Saturday

8:00-8:20	Registration
8:20-8:30	Introduction Welcome - Kristi Sanderson
8:30-9:00	Equipment - Kristi Sanderson
9:05-10:05	Honey Bee Biology - Joli Winer
10:10-10:25	Break
10:30-11:30	Starting Right with Bees - Kristi Sanderson
11:35-12:20	Hive Inspections - Matthew Brandes
12:20-1:20	Lunch
1:25-2:25	Beekeeping through the year - Joli Winer
2:25-2:40	Break
2:45-3:30	Diseases and Pests - Matthew Brandes

*Topics or presenters subject to change

Class will be IN-PERSON at the at the Johnson County Fairgrounds, Gardner, KS.

Lunch is being provided.

Enrollment at www.nekba.org via PAYPAL Credit or debit bank cards accepted.

Questions: Kristi Sanderson Email: sandersonk09@gmail.com or Phone: 913-768-4961

Or print enrollment form available on the website & mail check payment to:

NEKBA, Attn Robert Burns, Treasurer, 7601 W. 54th Terr., Shawnee Mission, KS 66202

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Additional family member's name _____ (Youth Membership (18 years of age or under)	\$12.50	_____
Membership for Kansas Honey Producers Association	\$15.00	_____
American Bee Journal (discounted rate through the association)	1 year \$29.75	_____
Bee Culture Magazine (or subscribe online at www.BeeCulture.com)	1 year \$34.00	_____
Scholarship / Military/Veteran's Appr. Donation		_____
	Total	_____

Make checks payable to: NEKBA or Northeastern Kansas Beekeepers Assn.

Mail to: Robert Burns, 7601 W 54th Terr., Shawnee Mission, KS 66202 ph. 913-481-3504, rburnshoney@gmail.com

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Need help with your hives? -Spring inspections, installing packages, making splits, queen evaluation, diagnosis of pests and diseases, mite monitoring and treatment, etc. I can help you with your beekeeping needs! I am a certified master beekeeper with 30+ years of beekeeping experience. I will leave you with a written course of action after our session at your hives. Call or text 913-768-4961 or email Kristi Sanderson at sandersonk09@gmail.com for pricing and appointment times.

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Beekeepers.com (Jordy's Honey Company) in Lenexa, KS. Beekeepers.com is your only local full-service beekeeping store. We carry a full line of Beekeeping Supplies, Protective Clothing, Bottles, Bee Packages, Nucs and Queens. Visit our website Beekeepers.com, to view our entire line of beekeeping supplies. You can also shop in-person at our store in Lenexa. We ship queens directly to YOU! Order at QueenBees.com. Queens available March - October. Our hours are Monday-Friday 9:00-4:00, Saturday 9:00-12:00. You can find our honey at The Overland Park Farmers Market. **Robert Hughes**, 14054 W 107th St, Lenexa, KS 66215, 913-681-5777 or email Info@Beekeepers.com

COTTIN'S HARDWARE & RENTAL

Cottin's stocks a full line of beekeeping equipment year-round including items manufactured by Harvest Lane Honey, Little Giant, and Bug Baffler. Products include hives, supers, frames, foundations, extractors, tools, and protective apparel. We also stock a full line of Home Brewing Mead Making supplies. Located in Lawrence, KS at 1832 Massachusetts Street (South of Dillon's). We are open Monday - Friday 7:30 am - 6:00 pm, Saturday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, and Sunday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm. You can follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Call us at 785-843-2981 or email us at hardware@sunflower.com.

CB'S HONEY

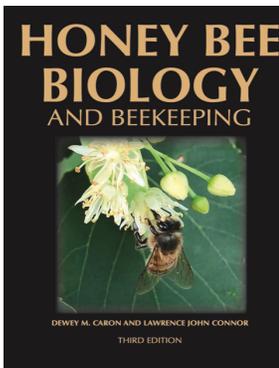
CB's Honey is now accepting orders for 5 frame nucs. Queens will be marked upon request. Don't delay as I make a limited number and sell out every year. Order your 2024 Nuc by completing form the [CB's Honey 2024 Nuc Order Form \(google.com\)](#) or via [CB's Honey | Facebook](#). Pure raw Kansas honey available in 5 gal buckets. Located just SE of Topeka. 4521 SE 61st Street, Berryton, KS 66409. Call or text Cheryl Burkhead at 785-224-9077 or email @ cherylbhoney@gmail.com.

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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. Beekeeping classes will tentatively be held in January and February for 2024. 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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