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### General Meeting

**Monday December 17 2018 7:00 p.m.**

**Note: We'll be in the Flory Meeting Hall this month. It is on the right as you turn into the fairgrounds.**

### Holiday Cookie Exchange

**First 15: Winter Emergency**

**Feeding Options.**

**Presented by Chad Gilliland**

**Main Program: Lavender as a Source of Pollen & Nectar – Presentation by**

**Jim Morford**

Douglas County Fairgrounds Flory Meeting Hall  
(on the right as you turn into the parking lot)  
2110 Harper St, Lawrence KS

This is the month of our annual holiday cookie exchange members are asked to bring cookies to share -you may also bring some copies of your recipes.

Chad will talk about Winter Feeding options.

Our main program will be presented by Jim Morford, long time backyard beekeeper and lavender grower/propagator. His presentation will focus on value of lavender and other pollinator friendly plants to supplement nature for bee health and productivity.

**Directions:** The address is 2110 Harper St. It is easily accessible from 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, 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.

### Auction Results

Last month at our annual auction we raised \$1,161.50. Many thanks to those that brought items and those that bought items. We had a pretty small crowd this year—probably due to the Chiefs game! We got home in time to see at least an hour of the game. A huge thanks to Stricker's Auction of Gardner for providing an auctioneer.

### Welcome to our new Officers for 2019

At the November meeting, after the passing of the revised constitution, the following officers were elected.

- President -Steve Messbarger
- 1st VP-program chair-Chad Gilliland
- 2nd VP Librarian-Ed Darlington
- 3rd VP Honey Plants-Cheryl Burkhead
- Secretary-Sara Murry
- Treasurer- Robert Burns
- Youth Scholarship Chair-Joli Winer
- Military/Veteran Apprenticeship Liaison  
-Andy Nowachek
- Editor-Matthew Merz
- Special Event Coordinator, Position 1 (New Beekeeping Class)-Becky Tipton
- Special Event Coordinator, Position 2 (Funday)  
-Jo Patrick

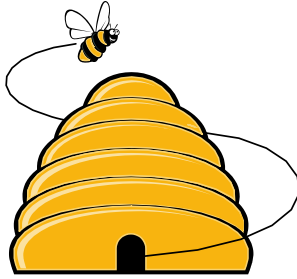
### Youth Scholarship Applications for 2019 Due by December 31<sup>st</sup>-

Do you know of someone that might qualify for our youth scholarship program? All information is on our website [www.NEKBA.ORG](http://www.NEKBA.ORG). Interested people can call Joli Winer at 913-593-3562.



## Beelines

By President Steve Messbarger



I can't believe this weather. The winter stayed way to long this spring and then went right in to a hot summer and back to an early winter. I hope all your colonies were able to build up enough stores to get by this winter. I'm afraid with this unusually early cold winter, most of our bees will struggle. I hope everyone has been checking on their bees. We've been feeding ours for some time now, a few are fine, most others have needed fondant.

I would like to thank all of our members that not only brought items for our auction last month but were very generous on their bidding. I think we raised a little over 1000.00, not our best but with the Chiefs game that evening it made up for a smaller attendance. Thanks for all of you that participated we had a great event.

Don't forget if you know of any young people that would like to apply for a scholarship please have them fill out an application as soon as possible. The cut off time will be coming soon. The form is available on the [www.nekba.org](http://www.nekba.org) website.

I hope all had a great thanksgiving and I hope to see everyone at the next meeting I think we have our cookie exchange, lots of goodies.

I'll see you there.

As Always Bees First, Steve

### New Editor for American Bee Journal

The American Bee Journal has a new editor! It is Eugene Makovec. Eugene was editor of the Missouri State Beekeepers Newsletter for many years and did a great job! He'll do a fine job for ABJ too

## Ed Fisher "The Beeman" passes

It is with deep sorrow that I have to report the death our good friend, Ed Fisher or Fisher Bee Supply from Smithville Missouri. Ed had been ill for several years but he and Jean continued to serve the beekeeping industry. Ed mentored many beekeepers over the years. He was such a fine person he will be missed by many of us. Ed and his wife Jean bought the business from Paul Clegg in 1986. At the time of the funeral, Jean had decided to continue with the beekeeping supply business.

### Military/Veterans Apprenticeship Program

Andy Nowachek

It's hard to believe that the year will be over in the blink of an eye. This was our first year with our Military/Veterans Apprenticeship Program and it was absolutely great to meet and work with these two Veterans who were a part of this. This was a group effort with our committee that helped this, mentors who gave their time and talent to guide them through a year in beekeeping and of course the support of our club. Our goal was to give something back to our Military Veterans for their service to our country with the hope that they would pass on their knowledge to other Veterans. Our goal again for 2019 is to have veterans apply for this apprenticeship and pass on their skill to other Veterans. I would like to Thank John Overend and Justin Eller for their service and taking part in our program. Both of these men have said they would help out with our new applicants when needed and this is what we wanted, one helping another. Many Thanks to our committee members and our mentors, without this it would not have happened. Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a Happy New Year from the Military/Veterans Apprenticeship committee, mentors and myself

Renew your membership at

[www.Nekba.org](http://www.Nekba.org)

or by mail or at the meeting



### 2019 Meeting Dates

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Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup> (Second Monday)

Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup>

Sunday's, March 3 & 10 New beekeeper class

Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>

Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>

Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup>

Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> Funday

Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup>

Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup>

Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup>

Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>

Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup>

Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup>

Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>

## Upcoming Events – Mark your Calendars

**American Beekeeping Federation meeting, January 8-12, 2019 Myrtle Beach Convention Center, South Carolina**

**Sunday's March 3 & 10 2019 NEKBA Beekeeping class for 2019 Dr. Juliana Rangel from Texas A&M will present on March 10<sup>th</sup> Lawrence KS**

**Friday and Saturday March 8 & 9 2019 Kansas Honey Producers Meeting, Lawrence KS Dr. Juliana Rangel from Texas A&M and Jerry Hayes, now with Vita Bee Health but previously the Chief of Apiary inspection in Florida and with Dadant and Sons**

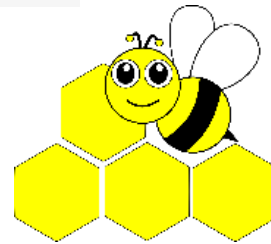
**Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 Funday Guests include Randy Oliver from Scientific Beekeeping, Katie Lee**

from the University of MN Bee Squad, Dr. Judy Wu-Smart from the University of Nebraska Extension, Dr. Matthew Smart and Dr. Marion Ellis retired from University of Nebraska Extension.









**September 8-12 2019 Apimondia, Montreal Canada. After September 12 there will be tours for those that wish to go on them. This international beekeeping meeting will be excellent. Cecil and I attended the one in Vancouver in 1999 and it was quite an event. If you think you are interested you can go to [apimondia2019.com](http://apimondia2019.com) for more information.**

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**October 18 & 19 2019 Kansas Honey Producers Meeting, Wichita KS**



## December Tips

-  Renew your membership to the NE KS Beekeepers Association. Keep "The Buzzer" coming. It's a great source of information!
-  Monitor hives for flight on warm days (sunny and above 50 degrees) and check for dead-outs throughout the winter.
-  Keep bricks or rocks on your lids to prevent the wind from blowing them off.
-  Monitor food stores in each hive. Check hives by lifting the back of the hive—are they light?
-  Plan some honey gift ideas for friends and co-workers.
-  Heavy snows can block entrances preventing bees from necessary cleansing flights. Brush snow from the entrance of the bee hive.
-  Make some of your honey into creamed honey—add cinnamon or pecans.
-  Order woodware for new hives or replacements for your own Christmas gift

## Editors Note:

As many of you know this is my last issue of the Buzzer. I've been editor for many years (somewhere between 15 and 20 years). I have been honored to be your editor and hope that you have enjoyed and learned from it. At least once a month someone comes up to me to thank me for my service to the club. Those comments have meant so much to me. I frequently wondered if anyone read the Buzzer and then I'd put in something stupid, like last winter, when Cecil painted hives in the living room-Many of you commented about that one! It was always refreshing to know that it was read!

It was always my goal to educate the members with common sense beekeeping ideas. I hope that I have done that. I have had bees since 1973 and have seen a lot of changes in beekeeping during that time. I was fortunate enough to keep bees for many years before varroa.

Over the years I have had a lot of help and I would like to thank so many people. A special thanks to all of those that wrote regular articles for me. Presidents, Honey Plants people, program chairs, Becky Tipton, Robin Kolterman and so many others. Special thanks to Cecil who frequently helped with ideas for articles. And, of course, a special thanks to my dogs Buzz (deceased) and Quinby who graciously answered your questions for many years.

Over the years many members have helped me with the mailing. When we were sending out 600 plus Buzzers it would take us up to 4 hours just to fold, tape, label and stamp the newsletters. For many years we sent them out by bulk mail and Ed and Margarette Bishop would come from Lawrence to Overland Park to take on that task. After they stopped doing it Andy and Wendy Nowachek volunteered. They did it for many years until we closed Mid-Con and worked out of our home-then while I was work Cecil would do all of the folding, taping, labeling and stamping by himself. What an angel! It truly was a very difficult job. Now that we send so many out by email that job has diminished to sending out about 200 each month and emailing the rest. Trust me, it is still a big job!

Lately, Robert Burns has helped a lot with getting it out. He also has very ably managed the address and membership list and the email list. Robert you are a gem. Thank you so much.

Thank you all for allowing me to serve the association as editor-it has been my pleasure- but I'll be doing the happy dance in a few hours when the last Buzzer is emailed and in the mail!

I am very confident that Matt Merz will do a fine job.

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## Varroa Bombs

One of our guest speakers at the March 8&9 2019 Kansas Honey Producers meeting is Jerry Hayes. (The meeting will be in Lawrence) Jerry writes **The Classroom** in the *American Bee Journal*. In the October issue he wrote a great article about varroa bombs. What does that term mean?

Because of varroa mites' bees can not live and establish long-term colonies in the wild and survive. Honey bees require management to survive, prosper and reproduce. With out active beekeeper management, varroa mites and the varroa/virus complex will weaken and kill and untreated colony in 12-18 months.

As you know there are some beekeepers who choose not to sample and survey varroa and then treat appropriately. Their bees die every year and they blame everyone and everything but the cause of the death of the colony. These beekeepers are causing varroa bombs.

A varroa bomb is a colony of bees where varroa is taking over as they use the honey bee colony to reproduce. The colony gets weaker and weaker and acts as a reservoir for varroa as it slowly dies. As it slowly dies, other honey bee colonies see this as an opportunity to steal whatever honey is in the colony. They get in easily because the hive is too weak to defend itself. Varroa aren't stupid and they jump on these robber bees and are taken back to neighboring hives—thereby infecting them with huge loads of varroa. That'd the bomb!

Bee a good neighbor, monitor your hives and treat-please. The varroa virus is so horrible and deadly!

## Ask Quinby



**Quinby Speaks:** This is my last article and it has been my pleasure to answer your questions for 3 years. Also, in the picture is my friend, Remi. I just have a few pointers or reminders for you to help you become a better beekeeper:

- 🐝 Attend the meetings and quit making excuses about why you can't—education will make you a better beekeeper and getting to know other beekeepers is also a big help
- 🐝 Never dump your smoker residue while it is still burning out on your sidewalk. You can burn down your house. Instead either plug your smoker with a cork or something and lay it on its side or get a metal box to keep it in between uses. We know people who have burned up vehicles by not plugging up their smokers.
- 🐝 Attend any beekeeping meetings that you can—our Kansas Honey Producers meeting will be in Lawrence. Attend a national meeting if you can. This year the international organization is as close to us as it has ever been—in Montreal—what an incredible opportunity.
- 🐝 Mark your calendars now for the June 1<sup>st</sup> Funday. It is by far the finest beekeeping meeting in the Midwest and it is right here in Lawrence, put on by this association. If you need to save \$2 a week until the Funday so that you can go. No excuses!
- 🐝 Always have an extra hive tool
- 🐝 Always make sure that someone knows when you are going out to the bee yard
- 🐝 Make sure that someone knows where all of your bee yards are located

## Library News

We are astounded at the number of books from the library that have been out for a very long period of time—Members, please, the library belongs to everyone please check at home to make sure that you do not have any books checked out. We hope to send out emails or postcards before the December meeting to those that have books out.

## Books for Beekeepers



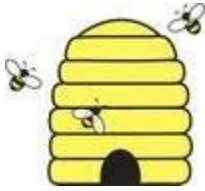
I just ordered my own Hanukah present today. Rarely do I order anything online but I was pretty sure our local bookstores wouldn't have this one! In 2015 Petra Ahnert wrote a great book called "Beeswax Alchemy". In it she had great ideas for making candles, soaps, balms, salves and more. It was a great book! In fact, we had Petra at our 2015 or 2016 Funday—I can't remember which. A few months ago, Petra emailed me and told me that she had a new book coming out. Please note that there is also another book with the same title of "Beeswax Alchemy" so make sure you order Petra's.

I was I really was impressed by her first book. Her second book is called "***Beehive Alchemy***" ***Projects and recipes using honey, beeswax, propolis and pollen to make soaps, candles, cream, salves and more.***

I'm looking forward to seeing this new book.



## Honey Plants



**Jo Patrick**

Last August I had the opportunity to attend an event concerning pollinator conservation at the Baker Wetlands Discovery Center in Lawrence, KS. This class was taught by the Xerces Society and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation District. If you are unfamiliar with them, the Xerces Society is best known for their work on protecting butterflies including the Monarch. They also work to protect all invertebrates, including native bee species and honey bees. The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) provides financial and technical assistance to support conservation efforts for pollinators and other wildlife on farms, ranches and forests. NRCS conservation programs can help landowners establish and manage pollinator-friendly plantings of native and naturalized species.

Here is some of the information I learned. In 1935, President Franklin Roosevelt signed a bill that established the Soil Conservation Service. The name has since been changed to the Natural Resources Conservation Service. This program is dedicated to creating good stewardship of our natural resources. The 2008 Farm Bill made pollinator habitat a priority for every USDA land manager and conservationist. This was followed by the 2014 Farm Bill which added provisions on the creation of habitat to support beekeepers. The first step, in the program, is for the landowner and NRCS agent to meet and talk, one on one, so the agent understands the landowner's goals. Using science-based conservation practices, a plan is then created to fix any problems the land owner is experiencing. The plan includes a map of the property and suggestions for improvement. For those who would like to create areas of nectar and

pollen sources for their honey bees and other pollinators, the NRCS can assist in educating, planning, suggesting forage for wildlife, and the implementation of those plans. Financial assistance is also available to qualified applicants and many programs have no minimum acreage requirements.

To support pollinators, on a farm or ranch setting, some practices that can be applied include field borders, pollinator/ insectary strips, cover crops, flowering hedgerows, filter strips, understory plantings, pivot corners, and pesticide drift protection (or non-flowering plantings). Field borders are much like the name implies. This is an area framing a field, approximately 40 feet wide, and planted with non-invasive species. The purpose is to invite pollinators to visit the area and would also serve to protect lakes and streams from field run off. If the field crop requires insect pollination, they will already be drawn to the area and ready to work. To learn more about field borders visit

[https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/cmils\\_proxy/https://ecm.nrcs.usda.gov%3a443/fncmis/resources/WEB/P/ContentStream/idd\\_D07B6262-0000-C098-A01C-6354CA1EE7EB/0/E386136Z.pdf](https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/cmils_proxy/https://ecm.nrcs.usda.gov%3a443/fncmis/resources/WEB/P/ContentStream/idd_D07B6262-0000-C098-A01C-6354CA1EE7EB/0/E386136Z.pdf)

Pollinator or insectary strips can be used as part of an integrated pest management program as well as to provide food sources. Insectary plants can border or surround crops, edible gardens, and ornamental plants, or be interplanted in clumps or rows. Planning and research are needed for this is to be an effective method of controlling unwanted insect pests as well as benefiting honey bees. Plant selection should include species that are desirable to pollinators, be locally adapted, be suited to the site, and succession planting should be considered. To read more about insectary strips visit the following website.

<https://beebettercertified.org/habitat-highlight-insectary-strips>

Planting cover crops can benefit the beekeeper and the land manager. In addition to providing nectar and pollen sources, cover crops can help control

soil erosion, suppress weeds, improve soil health, reduce fertilizer costs, conserve soil moisture as well as protect overall water quality. For example, planting a cover crop of a mustard species in late spring or early summer will provide forage for bees in late summer or fall when there is usually a shortage of nectar sources. Planting Buckwheat in the spring to late summer will provide forage during the summer to early fall.

Filter strips are areas of grass and other perennial (non-woody) vegetation that are established between agricultural fields and waterbodies. Filter strips are designed to improve the quality of lakes and streams, reduce bank erosion, improve floodplain function and recharge ground water aquifers. Properly designed filter strips can provide habitat for feeding, nesting, and resting wildlife. This government publication gives a good description of filter strips, their maintenance, and suggest plantings.

<https://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/references/Public/L/filterstrip.pdf>

Pesticide drift protection can be done by creating a buffer zone between treated crops and pollinators. These zones are typically filled with non-flowering plant species.

Pivot corners are common in fields that are irrigated. Unused pivot corners are an ideal location for pollinator plantings. Due to lack of consistent moisture, native plants would serve these areas best. Effective pollinator plantings in pivot corners contain a diversity of flowers that bloom through the entire growing season to provide a steady supply of nectar and pollen. This means having flowers of different colors, shapes and sizes that blossom in the spring, midsummer and late summer to early fall.

There are many different programs provided by the NRCS. It's best to meet with a local NRCS agent to determine which programs fit your needs. A good place to begin is by visiting

[www.nrcs.usda.gov/GetStarted](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/GetStarted)

The Kansas state office of the USDA Natural

Resources Conservation Service is located at 760 South Broadway Boulevard, Salina, KS. 785-823-4500. There are also numerous local service centers located throughout the state. USDA Service Centers are designed to be a single location where customers can access the services provided by the Farm Service Agency, Natural Resources Conservation Service, and the Rural Development agencies. Here are a few in the Northeast Kansas area. Manhattan (785) 776-7582, Iola (620) 365-2901, Oskaloosa (785) 863-2221, Ottawa (785) 242-3260, Paola (913) 294-3751, Topeka (785) 266-9053, Lyndon (785) 828-4631, Lawrence (785)843-4260, and Holton (785)364-3329. You can see a list of all the available local service centers at <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/ks/contact/local/>

Should you be interested in establishing a pollinator meadow from seed, the Xerces Society has information available on its website at <http://xerces.org/pollinator-resource-center/>. [They also recommend pollinator plants for different regions of the country, conservation guides, native bee identification tools, and nurseries and seed companies that distribute native species.](#) [I hope this information gives you some possible ideas of some resources that are available to those beekeepers who would like to enhance forage possibilities for their colonies.](#)

**Renew Your Membership** as soon as possible please. When you do so it would be in your best interest to also add a subscription to one or both of the national beekeeping magazines. Either the American Bee Journal or Bee Culture Magazine. They are both fine publications that will help you to be a much better beekeeper! They will also offer differing views that ours!

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### Mentoring

There was some talk on Facebook about the club offering mentoring but we couldn't really get anyone to state what they were looking for-what is it you want from the club? Email joli at [joil@heartlandhoney.com](mailto:joil@heartlandhoney.com) and I'll take your thoughts to the next board meeting.

## NORTHEASTERN KS BEEKEEPERS' ASSOC. 2018 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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 Membership Northeastern KS Beekeepers per year (July.-Dec. \$7.50) \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Additional family members wanting voting rights \$1.00 per person \$1.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Additional Family member's names \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Youth Membership (18 years of age or under) \$7.50 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Membership for Kansas Honey Producers Assn. \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
 American Bee Journal 1 year \$24.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bee Culture Magazine 1 year \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
**Scholarship Donation** \_\_\_\_\_  

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

Mail To: Robert Burns, 7601 W 54<sup>th</sup> Terr., Shawnee Mission KS 66202 913-481-3504 email [rburnshoney@gmail.com](mailto:rburnshoney@gmail.com)

Now you can pay online at [WWW.NEKBA.ORG](http://WWW.NEKBA.ORG)

### Wyoming Bee College Meeting

The Wyoming Bee College beekeeping pre-conference workshops and conference will be held at Laramie County Community College, Cheyenne, March 22, 23 & 24. The pre-conference, Friday, is offering 4 different workshops and the main conference everything from beginning beekeeping, journeymen to gardening for bees. For more information <http://www.wyomingbeecollege.org>

### Wyoming Bee College Pre-Conference Workshop,

Cheyenne, Friday, March 22, 2019, offering a choice of four all day educational options. You can expand on your current beekeeping skills with the MN Bee Squad, consider raising queens with Dr. Tom Repas, the hive as a medicine chest with Apitherapy or use the hive's other products and create crafts to gift, keep or sell in Bees Wax Alchemy. Cost of the workshop by itself is \$125/person.

The Wyoming Bee College a two-day conference Saturday, March 23 and Sunday, March 24, 2019. Open to everyone interested in bees, beekeeping or gardening for bees. We are pleased to offer three great keynote speakers to keep you inspired with bees and beekeeping! The Bee College offers

five (5) tracks on day one including beginner basic beekeeping and four (4) tracks on the second day, in addition to 3 keynote speakers. The cost of the conference is still \$85 and includes, lunches, dinner, snacks, coffee and tea. You can sign up for a package deal of both workshop and main conference for \$195. Bee Buddies, kids 7-15, are free with a paying adult. For more information <http://www.wyomingbeecollege.org>

Speaker line up for the pre-conference workshops are: Frederique Keller for Apitherapy, Dr. Tom Repas MD for Queen Bees, Petra Ahnert for Bees Wax Alchemy and the University of Minnesota Bee Squad for Beyond the Basics.

Speaker line up for the two-day conference, March 23-24 are: Dr. Tammy Horn Potter, Timothy Baker, Hilary Kearney (Girl Next Door Honey) are my three keynote speakers they will also be doing a separate one-hour program.

Other speakers for march 23-24; Dr. Carolina Nyarady DVM, Dr. Joe Carson, Donald Studinski, Tate Belden, Albert Chubak, Ronda Koski, Dr. David Lewis MD, Michael Jordan, Julie Daniels.



## MENTORING-SWEET PRAIRIE HONEY

Have a Master Beekeeper come help you at your bee hive. I have an EAS and a Mid-West Master Beekeeper certificate. Evaluating your hives after winter, installing package bees, requeening, making splits, or a one on one lesson at your bee hive are just some of the things we can do. After each visit I will leave you with a written evaluation sheet from each hive we go through. Call or text Kristi Sanderson at 913-768-4961 or email sandersonk09@gmail.com for pricing and appointment times.

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## HEARTLAND HONEY & BEEKEEPING SUPPLIES

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Call: 620-365-5956 after 8:00 p.m.

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## THE BEE STORE

We carry a complete line of bee supplies, along with honey and honey related products that we produce here in the store. We also offer beginning beekeeping classes, queens, bees, and feed. Located in Lawrence at 23rd and Louisiana in The Malls shopping center (a few doors west of Westlake Ace Hardware). We are open Tuesday to Saturday, 1 pm to 6 pm, Sundays, 2 pm-5 pm and 4:30-6:30 on Mondays when there is a NEKBA meeting in Lawrence. Phone 762-BEE-HIVE. website: [www.AnthonysBeehive.com](http://www.AnthonysBeehive.com).

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## Address Service Requested

**Meeting**  
**Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**Flory Meeting Hall**

### ***The Northeastern Kansas Beekeepers' Association***

Membership is open to anyone who is 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. New memberships and renewals should be submitted to the treasurer.

The *Bee Buzzer* is the official publication of the Northeastern Kansas Beekeepers' Association, Inc. and is published monthly. Commercial ads are accepted in the newsletter for a fee, non-commercial ads by paid members are accepted & are free.

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 for through the treasurer.

The Association meets each month on the third Monday at 7:00 p.m. except during the month of January. A beekeeping class is held in March. This is a nonprofit organization; elected officers serve without pay. Everyone is invited to attend the meeting. Check *The Buzzer* or our website at NEKBA.ORG each month for the actual date, time and location. If the weather is bad call an officer or check the [www.NEKBA.org](http://www.NEKBA.org) website to find out if the meeting will be held.

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