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General Meeting

Monday, March 16th (7:00 p.m.)

K-State Research and Extension office
11811 S. Sunset Dr., Olathe, KS

Main Program: Marion Pierson M.D FAAP - "Beekeeping, Honey, and Health"



Dr. Marion S. Pierson is a highly accomplished Board-Certified Pediatrician and Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics (FAAP) with over 25 years of experience practicing in the Kansas City area. She is known for her dedication to personalized care, community service, and environmental advocacy. She is the founder and board president of MO Hives KC, a non-profit that converts vacant, blighted urban lots into honeybee farms to support community development, provide education, and promote urban agriculture.



Beelines

By President Jessica Popp



Hello Beekeepers,

We've had two great classes so far this year and there are still two more to go. If you haven't taken a class yet, or just need a refresher, please consider signing up for one of the Beginning Beekeeping Classes happening this month. You can find more information and register on our website.

Spring is just around the corner and the nice weather we've been having is getting me excited. March is one of the most important times of the year for beekeeping. Did you know that we typically lose the most hives in March? Be sure to check on your hives and make sure they have adequate food resources available.

If some (or all) of your colonies have made it through the winter, now is the time to make a plan. Will you split them? What mite treatment will you use this season? How much supplemental feeding might they need?

It's not too late to order bees (packages, nucs, singles) or queens if you're planning to expand or replace colonies this year, but time is running out. Be sure to place your orders as soon as possible. If you need help finding a reputable company, please ask the officers or other club members for recommendations as there are so many scams on Facebook.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the monthly meeting on Monday, March 16th at 7:00 PM. As a reminder, this will be our last meeting in Johnson County for a while. Beginning in April, we will return to meeting at the Douglas County Fairgrounds.



2026 Meeting Dates

Mar 14th, Mar 21st Beginning Bee Classes
Mar 16th, Monthly Meeting
Apr 20th, Monthly Meeting
May 18th, Monthly Meeting



Ol' Bee Gal

Becky Tipton



In a recent beekeeping class, the topic of relocating hives arose among a group of mostly second-year beekeepers. After spending a year in their initial hive locations, many decided it was time to move. This discussion highlighted the importance of thoughtfully selecting hive placements, especially for first-year beekeepers.

When choosing a location for your hives, it's essential to take the following factors into account:

- **Sun Exposure:** Hives positioned in full sunlight tend to have fewer varroa mites and small hive beetles. However, keep in mind that the angle of sunlight changes throughout the year. Trees with dense foliage in summer can cast shade that may affect your hives.
- **Wind Protection:** A natural windbreak, especially from the north, is beneficial. If none exists, consider creating one to shield your hives.
- **Orientation:** Hives facing east, southeast, or south are more productive. Morning sunlight hitting the landing board helps energize the bees early in the day.
- **Accessibility:** Ensure easy access for maintenance and honey harvesting. A well-drained location is vital to avoid standing water or frost pockets.
- **Water Source:** Proximity to a reliable water source, whether natural or artificial, is important.
- **Forage Availability:** This is the most crucial factor. Bees require diverse nectar and pollen sources free from pollutants to maintain good nutrition. Aim for an area with flowering plants across all three seasons of the honey production year. While no location is perfect, try to incorporate as many of these elements as possible.

Regardless of your chosen new location, certain principles can facilitate a smooth transition:

- **The Two Feet or Two Miles Rule:** Bees navigate primarily by the sun, with scent being a secondary aid. If you move a hive only 5-10 feet, returning foragers may become disoriented. A movement of two feet allows them to find their way back, though larger colonies may become agitated. To manage this, allow the hive to settle for about three days before moving it an additional two feet. Using a wagon or rolling cart can simplify this gradual process.
- **Moving Over Two Miles:** Preparation is key when relocating hives two miles away. Bees typically forage within a range of 1.5 to 2 miles. Moving hives this distance helps them reorient based on the sun's angle. To ensure a smooth transition, secure the hive entrance the night before or early on the day of the move. Employ a window screen shaped like an "L" to allow airflow while keeping the bees contained.
- **Secure the Hive:** Always strap the hive components together; relying solely on propolis is insufficient.
- **Morning Moves:** Conduct the move early in the morning. After placing the hives at their new location, check for level and then remove the screens to release the bees. Be cautious, as they may be agitated after the move.
- **Myth:** Blocking the hive entrance with grass or debris helps bees reorient. **Truth:** This method is ineffective. Bees rely on landmarks for navigation, but obstructing the entrance does not aid them.
- **Truth:** Bees can easily overheat, making ventilation crucial during longer moves. Never leave bees confined inside a hive or nuc box for extended periods.
- **Weather Considerations:** Bees can be moved in inclement weather. If temperatures are low enough for clustering, short moves can be made without adhering to the two-foot rule, provided bees remain inside for three days. In very cold conditions, avoid moving a

colony, as disrupting the cluster may lead to freezing.

This guidance ensures that beekeepers can successfully relocate their hives while minimizing stress for the bees.



Ask Quinby & Remi

Dear Remi and Quinby: My bees died over the winter- should I burn my equipment and get new?

No! Brush out as many dead bees as you can. Take your frames and knock them on the side of the hive and try to knock out those bees. The more you can get out of there the less mold you'll get on your equipment. The new bees that you add can clean up the rest. If you have honey and pollen you can reuse it for your new bees.

If you have some damage from mice, you may choose to replace some of those frames and foundation. But clean off your bottom board and get your hive ready to receive your new bees!

Dear Remi and Quinby: My hive is very strong! I have some questions- should I feed them? Should I split them? Should I treat Varroa? Should I requeen?

You have several options: Remember the rule of thumb- don't feed unless you need to. If your hive has 6-8 frames of honey, you probably don't need to feed. But if it has less than that you may choose to feed. If you want to split your hive, you may choose to feed to build them up.

To split your hive, you'll want to count your frames of brood and leave the equivalent of 3 frames of brood (during the first 2 weeks of April) and then you can take the rest and add a new queen and there you have it- a new hive of bees. You know, if you do not do this, you can risk the chance that your hive will swarm. A really strong hive in April cannot be controlled with other methods. If you do not want more hives, you can sell some frames of brood or get a friend involved in beekeeping and you can sell them a nuc.

Varroa? You know Joli is rolling her eyes, thinking you need to do a test! Check your mite levels and treat if needed. It is best to get your mites under control as early

in the spring as you can. This can determine how well your hives will do the rest of the year. Now is the time to prepare your hives to make it through this season and on to next year!

Requeening? It's up to you. But for the last two years Joli and Cecil have requeened every hive, every year. They have found that they have less swarming and less hives that die the next winter and less supersedure of the queens. They have just felt that their hives have been more successful. If you have a queen you don't want to kill, start a resource hive to keep for emergency use.

Dear Remi and Quinby: This is the end of my first year of beekeeping and I'm headed into the second year, do you have any advice for me?

It's all about education! Come to the open teaching apiaries. Come to the meetings. Come to the Funday. Don't think that you know it all because you don't, beekeeping is always in a state of flux; different products being introduced, research to help you be successful. There's so much to learn. Also, networking with other beekeepers is essential to your success!

Joli thinks that spring is the most joyous time to work the bees. Working your hives, cleaning it up, reversing hive bodies, splitting hives, requeening, and watching your hive grow into a hive that produces honey and wax.



Tips for March

- Equalize hives to minimize swarming; brood from healthy hives may be transferred to a weaker colony. Food frames could also be shared. **WARNING:** never move frames unless you know where your queen is. **Find the queen first.** Never make an exception to this rule.
- You should have several frames of brood in your hives now. If you don't, then you have a problem. It may be your queen or there aren't enough nurse bees to take care of the brood. The queen won't lay more eggs than the workers can care for or keep warm.
- Scrape off your bottom board.
- Check the level of your hives, they should tip slightly forward.
- Check colonies for food-if they need food, feed. If they have food-don't feed unless you want to make some splits or increases-if you feed too much it encourages swarming. Know what your plan is for your hives before you take actions that have consequences. Bad weather can limit foraging opportunities for your bees. Feed 1:1 sugar syrup (by weight) to stimulate brood rearing -this translates to 1- 4 lb. bag of sugar to ½ gallon of hot water.
- Check pollen stores, usually pollen is on the 2nd frame in on both sides-the outside frame is usually honey and the next frame in is usually pollen.
- Evaluate your brood patterns to decide if you need to requeen your hive.
- If you plan to treat for varroa mite, it is best to treat early when you have lower bee populations
- Replace any old or damaged comb-specifically any comb that has been damaged by mice.

2026 Open Teaching Apiary Dates and Information



Register through our Sign-up Genius platform at www.nekba.org

Dates and times may change.

We appreciate it when you sign up online on our Sign-up Genius so we can notify you of any changes or cancellations

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054DA9A72CA2FAC70-62509815-open>

(please choose texting option).

Watch our Facebook page and the Buzzer for any “Pop-ups” to include releasing queens, feeding, treating for varroa, removing honey from the hives and extracting. We have extra beekeeper jackets and gloves but if you have beekeeping clothing, please bring it. We will be going through some hives and talking about what you should be doing now in your own colonies. We will also answer your questions about your hives.

Open Teaching Apiary - Pendleton's Country Market

1446 E 1850 Rd. Lawrence KS

- Sunday, March 22nd 2:00-4:00 (weather dependent)
 - Saturday, April 4th 1:00-3:00
 - Sunday, April 12th 2:00-4:00
 - Monday, April 20th 5:00-6:30 (Before general meeting)
 - Sunday, May 3rd 2:00-4:00
 - Saturday, May 9th - 10am-12pm
 - Sunday, May 17th 2:00-4:00 (Midwestern Beekeepers Event)
 - Monday, May 18th 6:00-8:30 (General Meeting at the hives!)
- Time may change- watch the Buzzer and website*
- Monday, June 15 5:00-6:30 (Before general meeting)

Open Teaching Apiary- Spring Hill KS

19201 S Clare Rd., Spring Hill KS

Joli Winer and Cecil Sweeney will hold Open Teaching Apiaries at their home. To register call or text 913-593-3562.

2nd Tuesday of the month from 5pm-6:30pm.
April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11, September 8, October 13.

Please bring your beekeeping clothing- we do have some extra, if needed.

Honey Plants

Jo Patrick, Honey Plants Chairman

This month I think it's a good time to talk about pollen. On February 10th, I observed my honey bees gathering nectar and pollen from my Ozark Witch-hazel. It was a nice day, around 60 degrees. The next day, the Silver Maple blooms opened producing yellow pollen. That became the focus of foragers. A few days later, the bees were filling pollen baskets with yellowish-grey pollen from elm trees. It may not be officially spring until March 20th, but our bees are not waiting to begin spring build up.

The first week of March is typically when Red Maples, Wild Plums, and Apricots bloom. Following close behind will be Weeping Willows, the native shrub willows, and Pussy Willows. While male willow catkins produce a highly nutritious yellow pollen, both male and female catkins produce nectar. Red Maples also produce yellow pollen while Apricots produce yellowish-brown pollen. Crabapple trees are great sources of nectar and greenish-yellow pollen, they will also start blooming around the third week of March.

Henbit, with unusual reddish-purple pollen, and Dandelions, with bright orange pollen, can start making their appearances in mid-March. While dandelion pollen isn't very nutritious, it is abundant. By April 1st, Henbit and Dandelions will be in peak bloom and vexing homeowner's associations.



Henbit

Recently I have been searching for answers to questions I have regarding the connection between pollen, nutrition, and honey bees. Beekeepers realize the importance of pollen. Foragers bringing in pollen and nectar encourages the queen to lay eggs while developing larvae require an ample supply of pollen.

Rusty Burlew, an American Bee Journal magazine columnist, makes this confusing topic easier to understand. In a May 1, 2018, article entitled, "So Much Pollen, So Little

Nutrition", Rusty explains some of the mysteries of pollen. The honey bee requires protein, fats, lipids, vitamins, and the critical amino acids that pollen supplies.

Like humans, honey bees can convert protein to amino acids. Depending on the plant species, protein content can vary between 2.5%-61%. That is quite a variance in quality. The go-to answer seems to be providing a variety of different pollen sources. This increases the honey bees' odds of collecting high quality protein and amino acids. Knowing this, we can understand why many migratory beekeepers worry about unhealthy bees after spending two or three weeks in the almond groves of California. Growers have created almond groves in an unnatural environment. We are fortunate in NE KS that we have a wide variety of floral sources.

The publication, Honey Bee Nutrition, by the Honey Bee Health Coalition, states that unlike pollen, commercial diet patties are not stored in the colonies. "In addition, commercial diets are eaten by a proportion of the adult honey bees in a hive, and these patties are not directly fed to the larvae." In short, feeding supplemental pollen patties doesn't assist in brood rearing. Pollen patties are also very attractive to small hive beetles.

Learn more at

[HBHC Nutrition Guide to Supplemental Feeding](#)

March is an excellent time to plant fruit trees. Apples, cherries, apricots, plums, and peaches are all very good sources of nectar and nutritious pollen. These fruit trees bloom in March and April during spring colony build up.

You might find the following events and plant sales interesting:

Douglas County Extension Master Gardeners Big Ideas Garden Show

This event will be at the Douglas County Fairgrounds, Saturday, March 21, 9am-3pm. Featured will be educational booths, demonstrations, guest speakers, workshops, a kid's corner, food trucks, and vendors. Bring your gardening questions for the Master Gardener Hotline staff to answer. Visit <https://dgemgks.org/> for further details.

Deep Roots KC - Native plant sale

Saturday, April 11, 10am-2pm, at the Anita Gorman Conservation Discovery Center. Missouri Wildflowers will be there too. They are a wonderful source of native plants and seeds.

Learn more at www.deeprootskc.org

The Paola Spring Plant Sale

April 23, 24, and 25th. This year the sale is planned for indoors at the Miami County Fairgrounds, Building #2, 401 Wallace Park Dr., Paola, KS. This sale features a wide selection of garden plants, butterfly host plants, native perennials, annuals and more. Hours vary so check for additional information at www.maraisdescygnets.ksu.edu

Overland Park Arboretum Botanical Garden Plant Sale

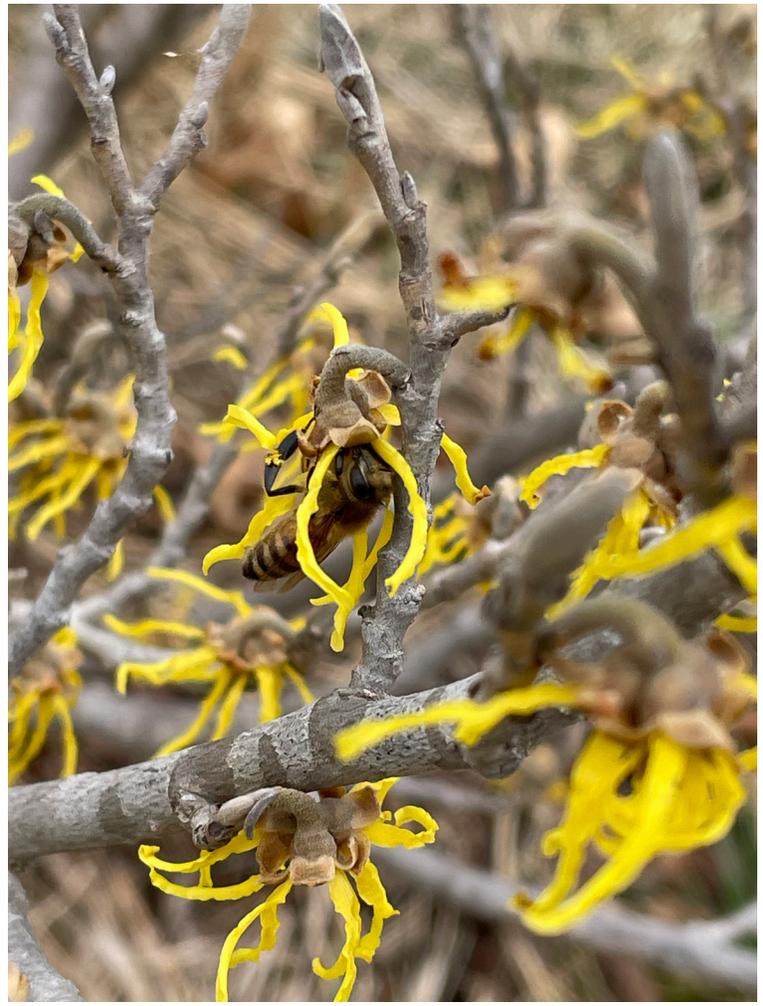
Another large plant sale will be on April 23-26th at the Overland Park Arboretum Botanical Garden, 8909 W 179th St, Overland Park, KS 66013. The sale usually features a large selection of annuals, perennials, garden vegetables, etc. Johnson County Extension Master Gardeners will be available to answer questions.

Wyandotte County Extension Master Gardeners Annual plant sale

May 1st and 2nd in the Wildcat Room of the WyCo Extension Office, 1200 N. 79th St., KCK. This sale will feature annuals, herbs, and perennials grown by the Master Gardeners.

Grassland Heritage Foundation Native Plant Sale

This will be at Trinity Episcopal Church, 1101 Vermont St., Lawrence, KS, May 16th, 10am-1pm. The GHF Native Plant Sale raises funds for this non-profit organization to continue their important work in maintaining, planting, and preserving prairie lands. For best selection attend early. Discover more at www.grasslandheritage.org



2026 Beekeeping Classes

Kristi Sanderson, Special Events Coordinator (classes)

The Beginning Beekeeping Class

Each Beginning Beekeeping class is a single day event. This class is recommended for anyone in their first 1-3 years of beekeeping. There is always something new to learn and we'll try to present best practice beekeeping for our area.

March 14th

Wyandotte County Extension Office, KCKS

[\[Click for Course Outline\]](#)

March 21st

Johnson County Extension Office, Olathe KS

[\[Click for Course Outline\]](#)

To register and pay for classes visit
<https://nekba.square.site/classes>



2026 Funday and Queen Rearing Day

Joli Winer & Milisa Suckow, Special Events Coordinators (Funday)

Queen Rearing Day!

One of the most powerful ways to elevate your beekeeping skills is to learn how to raise your own queens.

Dr. David Peck and David Burns bring years of hands-on queen-rearing experience to guide you step by step through the process. You'll learn firsthand how to select superior stock, graft larvae, build and manage starter and finishing hives, and understand the essential biology behind successful queen rearing.

Date: Friday, June 5th, 2026

Time: 9am – 3pm

Location: Dreher Building, Douglas County Fairgrounds, 2120 Harper St. Lawrence, KS 66046

Cost: \$100, includes boxed lunch and beverage

What to Bring: Veil or bee jacket

Registration is limited to 40 participants, so don't wait, register now! You need one year of beekeeping experience and be at least 12 years of age (with a registered adult).



Click on the following link or URL to get registered for Queen Rearing Day!

<https://square.link/u/LsO9QYKn>

2026 Funday

Join us for a day of beekeeping education and hands-on interactive sessions! Featuring expert guest speakers, an open teaching apiary, and value-added talks. Our interactive sessions are designed to help you grow your beekeeping skills with hands-on learning and real conversation. These aren't just lectures, you'll have the chance to ask questions, share experiences, and work through real-world hive situations alongside experienced beekeepers. Enjoy lunch and honey ice cream!

Our Key Note Address will be presented by David Burns, “Critical Thinking”.

Our Presentations

- Honey Bee Microscopy – Dr. Judy Wu-Smart
- Bee-Friendly Policy & Advocacy Training for Beekeepers – Dr. Judy Wu-Smart
- Overview of the American Honey Institute and Their Testing Programs Underway – Brian P. McCornack, PhD
- Hive Technology – Matt Brandes
- Creamed Honey – Buck Bradley
- Swarms – Tim Gogolski
- The Beekeeper's First Year – Jess Popp
- Stay tuned, more will be announced soon!

Our interactive sessions

- Inspecting Your Hive and how to Accomplish It All In 12 Minutes – David Burns In addition to learning how to inspect your hive, will include mite sampling, lighting a smoker, and hive tool manipulation for new beekeepers. Items to bring: veil, bee jacket, smoker (if you want to practice.)
- Soap Making – Joli Winer, limited to 25 participants, age 12+ (with a registered adult), please select this class at time of registration.
- Making Splits – Kristi Sanderson
- Stay tuned, more will be announced soon!

Evening Presentation & Dinner

“Beekeeping in Jordan” – Prof. Mohammed

Highlighting local beekeeping practices, key challenges, and the importance of honey bees in Jordanian agriculture. She will also discuss bee products (including honey, pollen, propolis, royal jelly, and beeswax), their importance, and practical methods for producing them.

We will also have a Photo Contest & Hive Painting Contest again this year.

Date: Saturday, June 6th, 2026

Time: 8am – 5pm, plus an Evening Program

Location: Douglas County Fairgrounds, 2120 Harper St. Lawrence, KS 66046

Cost: \$50, Youth (6-18 yrs) \$15; additional \$20 fee for the Evening Presentation & Dinner



Click on the following link or URL to get registered for Funday!

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Parking your RV or travel trailers will be allowed on the Douglas County Fairgrounds. There are sixteen sites that have electricity (30 amps & 50 amps each), NO water, parked on gravel, and the cost is \$15 per night. There are eight sites that do NOT have electricity or water, parked on dirt/grass and there is no cost for these sites. You will need to make reservations for the sites.

Contact Paige Vannicola at pvannicola@dgcoks.gov and provide her your arrival date and departure date. She will send you an electronic invoice that will need to be paid by credit card. If you have questions for Paige, she can also be reached by telephone at 785-832-5296.

We have reserved a block of rooms at Holiday Inn Express for Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, \$139 per night. The hotel is located at 3411 S. Iowa St, Lawrence. Telephone number is 785-749-7555. The World Cup teams and visitors will be in the Kansas City area, including Lawrence, during this time frame so hotels may book up earlier or prices may be increased so we encourage you to make your plans earlier than usual this year. If you call in the code is Bee Keepers Meeting. The URL Link: [Beekeepers Meeting](#)



Northeastern Kansas Beekeepers Assoc. Enrollment for 2026

Please include your selection and contact information below

2026 Year-2 & Bee-Yond Class (Feb.21, Saturday-Olathe, KS location)

Name(s) of those attending:

2026 Bee-ginning Beekeeping Class (Feb.14, Saturday – Lawrence, KS location)

Name(s) of those attending:

2026 Bee-ginning Beekeeping Class (Mar.14, Saturday-Kansas City, KS location)

Name(s) of those attending:

2026 Bee-ginning Beekeeping Class (Mar.21, Saturday – Olathe, KS location)

Name(s) of those attending:

Class registrations include annual NEKBA membership and delivery of the monthly newsletter via email.

Your contact information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Enrollment at www.nekba.org via PAYPAL and at <https://nekba.square.site> .

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Questions?: Kristi Sanderson Email:

sandersonk09@gmail.com Phone: 913-768-4961

Starting year 2-&-Beyond

This class is for you. Requeen, making splits, maintaining healthy hives. Anyone having hives less than 5 years will learn valuable information.

February 21, 2026. Johnson County Extension Office – Olathe, KS 11811 S Sunset Dr, Olathe, KS

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1) February 14, 2026 Douglas County Fairgrounds 2110 Harper St, Lawrence, KS

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Or 2) March 14, 2026, Wyandotte County Extension Office – Kansas City, KS 1216 N 79th St, Kansas City, KS

X \$50 each = _____

Or 3) March 21, 2026, Johnson County Extension Office – Olathe, KS 11811 S Sunset Dr, Olathe, KS

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Total Submitted _____

Complete print form & mail check payment to:
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7601 W. 54th Ter., Shawnee Mission, KS 66202

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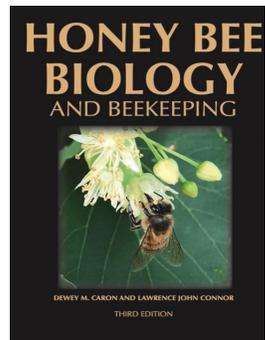
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Honey Bee Biology and Beekeeping, Third Edition Dewey M. Caron and Lawrence John Connor, \$90 postage included.

This book should stay on the dashboard of every beekeeper's truck. It's that good, and that necessary. Kim Flottum, Bee Culture. This comprehensive textbook easily replaces many beginner books while adding comprehensive details of bee biology essential to becoming a successful beekeeper and student of the honey bee. First released in 1999, Honey Bee Biology and Beekeeping is widely accepted as a major textbook of Apiculture (beekeeping). Beekeepers and bee clubs use it to teach other beekeepers. Universities use it to teach college students bee biology and beekeeping. It concentrates on the 'why', 'how' and 'when' of beekeeping. It explains bee and beekeeping basics in a manner meaningful to people who lack an extensive back-ground in biology. Yet it is not over-simplified, and provides a meaningful source of beekeeping information for the informed beekeeper. The Third Edition has been carefully edited, updated and expanded to 480 pages. New chapters have been added, as have colorful new graphics and photographs. The Glossary has also been expanded.



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Meeting

Monday, March 16th, 2026 - Johnson County Extension Office

The Northeastern Kansas Beekeepers' Association

Membership is open to anyone interested in bees or bee culture. Dues are \$25.00 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 \$12.50 for ½ year. Additional members of a family wanting voting privileges shall be assessed dues at \$1.00 per year. Youth memberships (18 years of age and younger) are \$12.50 per year. Please submit new memberships and renewals to the treasurer or on-line at www.nekba.org.

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 to through the treasurer or on-line. The American Bee Journal is offered at a discount through the Association only.

The Association meets each month, generally on the third Monday at 7:00 p.m. except during the months of January and July. 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 canceled.

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