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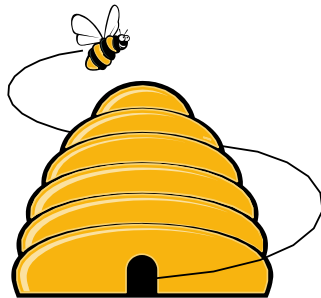
August 2024

**General Meeting - (Back to in-person)  
Monday, August 19th, 2024 (7:00 p.m.)  
Douglas County Fairgrounds Bldg. 21N  
2110 Harper St., Lawrence KS**

**Main Program: Fall Management** – TIPS for August Beekeeping from harvesting to mite treatments, presented by Andy Nowachek. Andy was honored as the Beekeeper of the Year in 2014 by NEKBA. He continues to contribute to the beekeeping industry and inspires others through his passion for bees.

### **Beelines**

**By President Cheryl Burkhead**



It's August, and the bees are stockpiling for winter utilizing whatever nectar sources they can find. It has been by observation that soybean foraging varies from year to year and even from colony to colony in a single yard. Temperature/humidity, weather conditions, soil type, other floral competition, & bean variety can all impact the degree to which bees will visit this white or purple-flowered legume. For beekeepers in the city, the flow has definitely ended.

August is the time to pull those final supers and commence mite treatments. You'll find that many times your biggest and most productive colony will have the highest mite numbers. Pick a mite treatment that is effective and works best for you. To help you in your decision, Honey Bee Health Coalition has an excellent tool to help you choose the best management strategy.

<https://honeybeehealthcoalition.org/varroatool/>

Make sure to test prior to treatment and again a week or so after treatment to determine if it was effective. You can use an alcohol or soap wash or a powdered sugar shake sampling method to get an accurate picture of the mite levels. Varroa mite mitigation and monitoring is essential to maintaining strong healthy colonies. Don't procrastinate!

### **2024 Meeting Dates:**

- Aug 11<sup>th</sup>, Open Apiary at Pendleton's (Pulling honey)
- Aug 15<sup>th</sup>, Open Apiary at Pendleton's (Treating for Varroa)
- Aug 18<sup>th</sup>, Honey Extraction in Wellsville, KS
- Aug 19<sup>th</sup>, Monthly Meeting (Bldg. 21)
- Sept 16<sup>th</sup>, Monthly Meeting (Bldg 21)





## O' Bee Gal

We are quickly approaching the home stretch of the beekeeping season. From now until we really put the bees to bed for the winter, we evaluate. What went well? What went poorly? What should we change? What do we want to increase? Make a list, a Venn diagram, or just have a serious self-talk, but consider these issues.

One of the biggest challenges to successful beekeeping is finding suitable terrain for our apiary. We are looking for a location(s) with sufficient forage, provisions of fresh water, eliminating the potential for a toxic event, minimizing the chance of vandalism or theft, and mitigating the dangers of natural disaster (fire or flood). Although all of us want bees in our backyard, that may not be the best location for the safety of your bees and the productivity of the hives.

When the location of your hive(s) was chosen, you may not have realized that the hive was receiving nearly full shade. There were no leaves on the trees, the sun was at a different angle, a structure has been added to the bee landscape; any of these could have changed the sun/shade ratio. Your bees need nearly full sun to have optimal health. Small hive beetle and varroa mite numbers will both be less if the hive is in full sun. Moving a hive a few feet can be accomplished without too much stress. We adhere to the 2 feet or 2-mile axiom. A good time to move your hive will be this fall when you can enclose the hive without fear of overheating. We like rainy days for moving bees; it's cool, the bees stay inside, and after 3 days, the bees have reoriented and will fly out like nothing happened.

Now is an excellent time of year to consider, did your bees have good forage all spring, summer, and all fall? The Egyptians put bee colonies on barges and floated them down the Nile to take advantage of blooming crops. (I didn't witness this floating apiary but that's what's been reported). A western Kansas beekeeper we knew put his hives on a trailer to take advantage of scattered rain and the resulting flowers. Senior members of our group have remembered making abundant honey crops from flowers (weeds) that are no longer available to us because of changed farming practices. If your honey crop wasn't what you'd hoped, what forage did your bees have to utilize? Maybe your back yard isn't the best apiary location, but what is? Placing hives too far from your home can result in hives being ignored. If you must drive an hour to get to the hives, a 30-minute inspection just became an all-afternoon chore.

Kansas farmers are trying to mitigate the problems of changing environment by changing some crops. Cotton, canola (rape seed), and sunflower are just a few newcomers to the growing Ag world. Each comes with pest challenges that could impact our bees if placed in the foraging area and each offers a nectar opportunity if bees can access the blossoms. Does the risk outweigh the reward? You'll have to be the judge of that but before moving hives into proximity of those crops, a conversation with the farmer is warranted. Each crop would benefit from honey bee pollination. Helping the farmer realize that and working with the beekeeper to keep our livestock safe takes good communication.

Unfortunately, some of the other risk factors associated with an apiary location may not be apparent until it's too late. Will your neighbor burn a pasture that's close to your hives? The trickling creek could become a torrent in one of our summer storms and threaten hives. Vandalism has been reported more frequently than theft this past year. Neighbors who did not want "the risk" of bees in their neighborhood took aggressive matters into their own hands. Secure your hives as best you can. NO apiary is perfect. Limiting and impactful factors can change year by year and season by season. Just give it some thought.... what to change, what was good, what was great. Don't let it keep you awake at night, just something to think about as you fall asleep dreaming of honey.

**Becky Tipton**

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**ASK QUINBY & REMI**

**Dear Quinby and Remi:** What can I do to help my bees in this heat? They are hanging outside.

**Quinby and Remi answer:** Water, Water, Water! Bees do not store water, but they do need it to cool the hive. The bees prefer to go 300 feet or less to gather water. Water foragers take water into their honey stomach rapidly and fly 50-100 round trips per day from the hive to the water. Some bees become 'water specialists'. If there are not natural water areas nearby it is best to supply water using shallow water sources.

Also, sources with slanted sides work well- anything to keep the bees from drowning! A bucket with rocks, a bird bath- just make sure to keep replenishing the water.

**Dear Quinby and Remi:** My bees are bringing in some dark, funny tasting honey- any idea of what it could be?

**Quinby and Remi answer:** Can you rule out buckwheat? Buckwheat makes a great cover crop but an icky flavored honey (Joli's opinion). Another thing it can be is called Honeydew. Honeydew is not nectar but the exudations of plant-sucking insects such as aphids. These insects sink their mouth parts into plants and excrete a concentrated waste of high sugar content. Bees gather the honeydew and bring it back to the hive to ripen as they would nectar or sugar water. Honeydew crystallizes rapidly and is not great for the bees to winter on. Bees prefer to forage on nectar plants but will forage on honeydew if nothing else is available.

**Dear Quinby and Remi:** It's August! Why are we worrying about winter now?

**Quinby and Remi answer:** Crazy, right? But it is so critical to have healthy fat bees going into winter. With varroa controlling how we work our bees and plan out our years it has changed our beekeeping habits. We try really hard to get our honey off early in August and extracted. That gives us time to treat for varroa mites so that the bees can raise several rounds of healthy bees. Also, if your bees need to be fed it is better to feed them now and in September and October while the weather is warm, the bees can store the syrup and process it so that it can help them through the winter.

Quinby and Remi would love to answer your questions. Contact them my emailing their owner at [heartlandhoneyks@gmail.com](mailto:heartlandhoneyks@gmail.com).



**The NEKBA Beeyard**

We are changing the dates of the open apiaries from Saturdays to the 3rd Thursday of the month for the rest of the year- except for pulling honey on Sunday, August 11th. We are struggling to find folks to mentor/teach at the apiary and the attendee crowd has also been low- so we'll give this a try. On August 11 we'll pull honey and extract on August 18th at Matthew Brandes 4741 Highway K 68, Wellsville, KS 66092! It'll be fun to do it together as a club! Proceeds from the sale of our honey will go to maintaining our hives in the future.

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. A great deal of time is also spent on using your smoker and hive tool and talking to participants about issues they are seeing in their hives. Bee suits are available and only NEKBA hive tools and smokers will be allowed in the apiary. The hives are located at Pendelton's Country Market 1446 E 1850 Rd, Lawrence, KS 66046. These events are free if you have signed up to be a GPMB member. To sign up to be a part of the Great Plains Master Beekeeping program go to <http://gpmb.unl.edu>. but we ask for a \$10

donation for others, cash. The money will be used for future maintenance of the club bee yard. We do ask that you preregister at our sign-up genius link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20FOC48ADA82BABF49-48334714-look>

### **Dates subject to change:**

Sunday, August 11th 10-12 (pulling honey)

Sunday, August 18th 10-whenver extract at Matt Brandes honey house (4741 Highway K 68, Wellsville, KS 66092)

Thursday, August 15th 5:30-7:00 (treating for varroa)

Monday, August 19th (before the meeting) 5:30-6:30

Monday, September 16th (before the meeting) 5:30-6:30 winterizing hives

Thursday, September 19th 5:30-7 winterizing hives

Thursday, October 17th 5:30-6:30 winterizing hives

### **Spring Hill - Heartland Honey Beeyard**

This excellent educational opportunity will be held monthly on the second Thursday of the month. Dates are August 8th, and September 12th at 5:30 pm. These open apiaries offer an opportunity to go through hives with another beekeeper- we look for eggs, larva, and queens. A great deal of time is also spent on using your smoker and hive tool and talking to participants about issues they are seeing in their hives. Bee suits are available, wear close-toed shoes and long pants. The hives are located at Heartland Honey at the home of Joli Winer and Cecil Sweeney at 19201 S Clare Rd Spring Hill KS 913-593-3562 call or text or email [heartlandhoneyks@gmail.com](mailto:heartlandhoneyks@gmail.com) so that we know that you are coming. Fee is \$10 if not a GPMB (Great Plains Master Beekeeper) participant. To sign up for this free program go to <http://gpmb.unl.edu>.

### **Tips for August**

- Club Apiary has some great events this month, honey extraction and treating for varroa!
- Harvest your spring or summer honey, getting ready for fall.
- Check colonies and plan for an effective mite treatment before the winter bees come along.
- Bees will be looking for water, they'll need lots of it to cool the hive.
- Winter preparations start now, make sure your bees are getting healthy.
- Organize your notes from the honey flow for referencing next year.
- Be sure to take breaks in the heat, some will work earlier in the day before it warms up.



### **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**



We've reached that time of the year when honey bees are focusing on flowers in the fields and gardens. Currently there aren't any trees blooming. Blue Vine, Ironweed, Black eyed Susans, Chicory, and Joe Pye Weed are still blooming. Some parts of the NE area have had sporadic rainfall and that has kept them flourishing and producing nectar. Today, July 29th, I observed that my neighbor's yard is blooming with White Dutch Clover again and yes, my bees are visiting that patch.

Native and annual Sunflowers are starting to bloom. Some members of NEKBA move colonies close to cultivated annual sunflower fields. Bloom times on these cultivated sunflowers vary according to when they were planted. Gieringer's Family Orchard and Berry Farm, Edgerton, KS, has had annual sunflowers blooming since the last week of July. Annual sunflowers are excellent for providing pollen and are a very good nectar source. Its pollen is a bright yellow.

The native sunflower, Maximilian Sunflower, produces a very good pollen, which is orange. It is a good nectar source as well. This year they are blooming early. I spotted some, near Gardner, in bloom the last week of July. They can bloom through the fall until frost.

Smartweed or Knotweed is a nectar and pollen source that is a bit of a mystery to me. This delicate looking "weed" has pink or dark pink, erect spikes of numerous flowers and bloom July through October. What I call Smartweed is blooming now, but I seldom see any bees working the blooms in that patch in my backyard. There are documented sources that will tell you that Smartweed is a great nectar plant. This blooming nectar source goes by a variety of different names and to add to the confusion, there seems to be many different weeds that are also called Smartweed.

For clarification I turned to an article in Bee Culture Magazine, Dec. 21, 2015, by Connie Krochmal. There are approximately 20 different species of Smartweed growing in the Great Plains. Its origins are in Europe, and it has naturalized in all states except Hawaii. Most grow in bottomlands, low woods, moist spots, and fields. The species that is prevalent in NE KS is, I believe, *Polygonum persicaria*. It is also commonly called Heart's Ease, Lady's Thumb, Jesusplant, or Redshank. Honestly, it takes better eyes than I have and a magnifying glass to tell the difference between some of the different species. *Polygonum persicaria* is an annual that spreads by seed. The Bee Culture article touts it as "One of the best species for bees, this is a very good honey plant. It typically yields 100 to 200 pounds or more of honey per colony." It is unclear how many acres of Smartweed are needed to produce 100 pounds of honey. This "weed" is related to buckwheat and produces a dark honey with a bitter after taste, a lot like buckwheat. Online, I found a company, from Delaware, which sells a varietal honey they labeled as "Smartweed Honey." They describe their honey as "sweet, bold, and full bodied" and suggest making BBQ sauces and marinades with it.

Two other notable bloomers are Hardy Hibiscus and Rose of Sharon. Both are from the hibiscus family and come in a variety of colors. They are useful sources of white pollen. Rose of Sharon is a woody stemmed shrub that can take over and spread. Hardy Hibiscus begin blooming in July and shouldn't be confused with the Tropical Hibiscus that are not winter hardy. Bloom time depends on the variety. Their large blooms come in an array of colors, some brilliant, and create a show during the heat of summer. The Hardy Hibiscus is late to emerge and leaf out in the spring and then they die back in the winter.

You may be considering adding nectar and pollen sources to help fill in blooming gaps. Or did you find a summer sale at your local nursery that's too good to pass up? I encourage you to buy them. Plants bought now should be put on hold, in their pots, and kept well-watered. October and November are fantastic months to plant trees, shrubs, and perennials. Plan on watering for the first year. In the winter, if there is not much precipitation, try to provide water at least once a month when the ground isn't frozen. Those plants will grow a strong root system over winter and be ready to flourish in the spring.

**Jo Patrick, Honey Plants Chairman**

NEKBA Merch available at the general meetings! Get your T-Shirts and sweatshirts with the NEKBA logo! T-Shirts are available in goldenrod, cranberry and blue. Sweatshirts are zip-up hoodies in grey.



### **NEKBA Open Apiary Extracting Party!**

Join us on Sunday, August 19th at 10am until we are finished extracting the honey from our open apiary yard! We'll meet at Matthew Brandes fabulous honey house at 4741 Highway K 68, Wellsville, KS 66092. Please call or text Joli at 913-593-3562 to let us know that you are coming. Beverages and snacks for volunteers! All the proceeds from the sale of the honey will be earmarked for future expenses to maintain the club bee yard! Help us celebrate our bounty!

### **Johnson County Fair Honey Show results**

Many thanks to those that entered their honey products in the JOCO Fair honey show!  
The winners are:

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| <b>Light Extracted:</b>                                      | 1st Kristi Sanderson<br>2nd Joli Winer                      |
| <b>Dark Extracted:</b>                                       | 1st Kristi Sanderson<br>2nd Joli Winer                      |
| <b>Gift Basket</b>   | 1st Wendy Nowachek<br>2nd Joli Winer<br>3rd Matthew Brandes |
| <b>Honey Bee Themed Gift Basket – First year Beekeeper -</b> | 1st Mary Patterson Reserve Grand Champion                   |
| <b>Creamed Honey</b>   | 1st Kristi Sanderson  |
| <b>Comb</b>  | 1st Kristi Sanderson  |
| <b>Cut Comb</b>  | 1st Kristi Sanderson  |
| <b>Art Design in Beeswax</b>                                 | 1st Kristi Sanderson  |
| <b>Beeswax Candles</b>                                       | 1st Joli Winer<br>2nd Kristi Sanderson                      |
| <b>Honey Bee Photo, adult</b>                                | 1st David Pekrul -Grand Champion<br>2nd Lisa Bock           |



This year, volunteers will be needed from September 3-16 at the Kansas State Fair. We start selling on Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. Our time frames for selling will be 4-hour shifts with the 1st one from 9AM-1PM and the 2nd one from 1PM-5PM, and a 3<sup>rd</sup> shift from 5PM-9PM.

Don't be bashful and think "I don't know enough about bees". You have more knowledge than the public and there will be other beekeepers present alongside you to help. For every day an entry ticket is needed, and one will be provided for you at the guest services office once you get to the fair. Here is the link to sign up to volunteer at the fair. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C48ADA82BABF49-50332433-2024#/>

Shifts are available for you to sign up for the times that fit your schedule. If you have signed up this way in the past, you have already received an email notification to volunteer once again for 2024. If you need assistance signing up to volunteer, please contact me, Kristi Sanderson, either by phone or text at 913-768-4961.

Thank you for your help, and I will see you in Hutchinson at the Kansas State Fair.

**Kristi Sanderson, NEKBA Program Chair**

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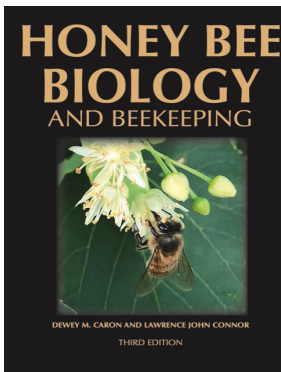
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Monday, Aug 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – (in person)

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