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**General Meeting**Monday, August 20<sup>th</sup> 2018

7:00 p.m.

**Value Added Products Extravaganza****Making Creamed Honey****Lotion Bars and Lip Balms****Furniture Polish****Making Beeswax Paper Wrap**

Douglas County Fairgrounds Bldg 21N

2110 Harper St, Lawrence KS

Are you interested in making value added products from ingredients in the beehive? Have you wanted to learn how to make creamed honey, beeswax-based lotion bars, lip balms, furniture polish, or beeswax paper wrap? This will be the perfect opportunity to see up close how to turn those raw ingredients from the beehive, like your beeswax cappings, into a useful product. Join us as several of our own NEKBA members share with us how to make value added products from the beehive.

**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 after you turn into the fairgrounds.

## **Guest Authors wanted to write articles for the Buzzer.**

Between now and the first of the year I would love to have some of you volunteer to write some articles for the Buzzer. They have to be about some aspect of beekeeping. I would love at least one on top bar or hives other than Langstroth. Ideally you can contact me with your topic and get

the ok that I don't have too many people lined up (wishful thinking) and then you can email your article to me. Please keep them to 1 page or under. I use Calibri 12pt as the type style and size. So that should help you with the article size. Please contact me at [joli@heartlandhoney.com](mailto:joli@heartlandhoney.com) or feel free to call me at 913-593-3562 or talk to me at the meeting on August 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Upcoming Events**

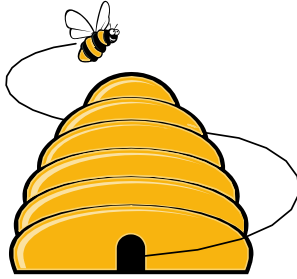
- **Friday and Saturday, October 26 and 27 2018 Great Bend KS Fall Kansas Honey Producers Meeting – Guest speakers: Gary and Ginger Reuter, Candy Vinduska, Iowa Beekeeper Pat Randol, John Miller, Commercial beekeeper – a lot of workshops—one of which is a full day queen rearing workshop**  
[www.kansashoneyproducers.org](http://www.kansashoneyproducers.org) for more details. Full details should be ready in a few days. Plus, will be in the next Buzzer
- **Saturday, June 1, 2019 NEKBA Funday Mark your calendars now for next year. Some guests include Randy Oliver,**

## **Volunteer at the Kansas Honey Producers Booth at the Kansas State Fair September 7th-16th**

Have fun volunteering at the Kansas State Fair Honey Booth. Receive an entry ticket for each day a 4-hour shift is worked. Sign up at [signupgenius.com](http://signupgenius.com) or contact Kristi Sanderson at 913-768-4961. You may call or text.

## Beelines

By President Steve Messbarger



It's still hot and dry here, and we happen to be in that spot of severe drought. With that, lots of porch bees with nothing to work. Although some of mine did find some soybeans blooming, not sure where, our honey production is down by a third this year, I guess not bad for the crazy weather we've had all year.

I've been working outside a lot this summer, planted tons of pollinator friendly plants and the bees, bumble bees and butterflies are working some of our Lavender and Russian sage. My favorite bush, the Caryopteris, has bloomed also and they're happily working that as well. It's been a tough year for planting all new plants like we did, and trying to keep them alive in this drought and severe heat - I can't say they've all survived.

On a good note, I've been seeing Monarch butterflies on the move. It's been really interesting and cool to watch them as they drift by.

A special thanks to our By-laws and Constitution committee for their hard work. Our By-laws and Constitution were way overdue for being revised. Thanks to Chad, Becky, Marlene and Joli for their dedication and hard work in doing this! We all know, change isn't easy and it is inevitable. As our membership grows, we have to make changes to meet the needs of our members. It's tough but it must be done. I hope everyone realizes the amount of work that goes into this - this committee deserves a big thank you! At November's monthly meeting, we will be voting on the approval of the revised By-laws and Constitution.

It's still hot but I guess it's time to bring in all your supers and start treating for mites. If you treat for mites, which I strongly suggest, make sure you read the instructions because most mite controls have temperature parameters that they are to be used in. My choice of treatment this time of year is Apiguard. Its temperature range is 60° to 105°. Just be sure to check weather forecasts prior to treatments.

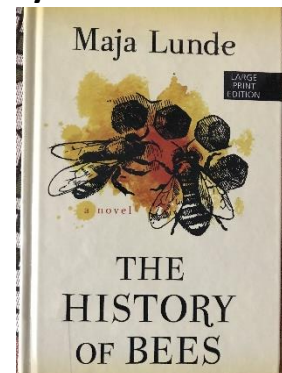
I hope everyone is beating this heat and I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting.

As Always, Bees First! Steve Messbarger

## Books for Beekeepers



By Marlene Pantos



### The History of Bees, by Maja Lunde

This book is a novel which has three story lines: William, a British biologist and seed merchant in 1851 who invents a new type of beehive, George, a beekeeper in 2005 from Ohio who struggles with modern beekeeping issues, and Tao, a Chinese woman in 2098 who hand paints pollen onto the fruit trees, since all the bees have disappeared. Each story line also contains family concerns. It is obvious that the author has quite a bit of knowledge about bees. Her stories will keep you interested, with the additional bonus of being about beekeeping. It's a quick and interesting read. Enjoy!

## 2018 North American Mite-A-Thon

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 TO SATURDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 15, 2018

Mite-A-Thon is a tri-national effort to collect mite infestation data and to visualize *Varroa* infestations in honey bee colonies across North America within a one-week window. All beekeepers can participate, creating a rich distribution of sampling sites in Canada, the United States, and Mexico. Their *Varroa* monitoring data will be uploaded to [www.mitecheck.com](http://www.mitecheck.com).

The parasitic mite, *Varroa destructor* (*Varroa*), and the viruses it vectors is a significant driver of this honey bee colony mortality. Yet, indicators suggest that many beekeepers are not monitoring honey bee colony *Varroa* infestations and therefore not able to connect infestation to colony loss.

For Mite-a-thon Information:

This is the web site for the upcoming Mite-a-thon, a nationwide data collecting effort with the Pollinator Partnership  
[www.pollinator.org/miteathon](http://www.pollinator.org/miteathon)

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### What Should You do About the Mites this Fall?

First, I'd like to start by cautioning you to **never** put anything into your hive that is not approved for use in a beehive. **Ever**-whether treating for varroa or small hive beetle. I have seen on Facebook that people are using products that have not been approved but beekeepers heard about it online. Please be careful—the beekeeping industry does not need anymore problems than it has already. Unapproved chemicals found in honey are a horrible thought.

They used to say if you had 8 varroa mites in a sample then you should treat—now the recommendation is if you have 1 varroa mite—we all have 1 or more varroa mites!

You need a pint jar with a lid with screen on it and a few tablespoons of powdered sugar. Open

your hive, find your queen, then take your sample from another frame that doesn't have the queen! Your sample should be about 300 bees which is about a cup of bees or 1/3 of your jar. Put your sugar in, roll it around in the jar and then let it sit for about a minute. Then over a white sheet of paper shake the upside-down jar, those little reddish specs with legs are varroa mites.

What are your choices for treating?

1. Apiguard—is a thymol based miticide which is suitable for natural use. It is as easy as removing the foil lid and placing the container on top of the frames in your hive. Use it when temperatures are between 60-105°F. It takes two treatments, the first one is one for 2 weeks and the second from 2-4 weeks. If using screened bottom boards you'll need to cover them for this treatment or it will be ineffective. The vapor needs to stay in the hive to take care of the mites.
2. Oxalic Acid – go to [www.scientificbeekeeping.com](http://www.scientificbeekeeping.com) for complete directions
3. Formic Pro Formic Pro has an 83-97% efficacy and kills mites under the cap. There are two treatment options when local thresholds are met: Option One: 2 strips for 14 days. Option Two: 1st strip for 10 days remove and replace with 2nd strip for an additional 10 days.
4. Mite-A-Way Quick Strips Working with beekeepers all over the world this new strip formulation of formic acid not only kills adult Varroa mites but also kills 95% of the varroa under the cappings. Treatment consists of simply laying the strips across the frames for only 7 days with the daytime temperatures of 50-85 degrees F. Can be applied during honey flow and leaves no residue. Leave it on the hive for the bees to dispose of or the strips can be removed and composted. **Note: Do not remove the papery wick around the gel.**
5. Api Life Var-Wafer applied 3 times 7-10 days apart. Temperatures between 64-95°

## How the Association Started

(photo by Robert Burns)



### N.E.K.B.A. History (Looking back at our roots)

Respectfully re-submitted by Robert Burns

(Re-printed from NEKBA's *The Bee Buzzer*, March 1992 page 6 – from a letter written by Maynard Curtis in 1970, Editor: Miles Raymond)

This association first met as a small group of beekeepers in the year 1943, the appointed leader at that time being Mr. Lonnie Wells. The first meeting was held in the Paul Lippus home, in the month of June. The group dismantled a short time after that due to the scarcity of gas due to the war.

In 1949, the group reorganized and the first meeting was held in the Wyandotte County Court House. A man by the name of Captain Roberts nominated Mr. Lawrence Cunningham for president, and he was elected.

Going back to the first group, they sometimes would have a speaker appointed the month before. Some meetings had only questions and answers.

Mr. Vernon Adey was one of the first notable speakers. Mr. Guy Diemer from Liberty attended several of the meetings, and often spoke on queen rearing, and supplied queens to members.

Meeting announcements were made by sending out post cards, which could be mailed for a penny. Mr. Ferguson sometimes placed ads in the Kansas City Kansan.

From the very start of the meetings, refreshments were always served-the drinks being furnished by the host or hostess. One time in October, a wiener roast was enjoyed after the meeting.

No dues were assessed for several years after the start of the association, but donations

were always in order for little incidentals that came up. Early on, the association formed a honey COOP, which operated for some time.

The number that actually attended at first were around 12 to 15, and about 5 years later, it had increased to around 25, including women and children.

For several years, a Mr. Will Roberts was editor. He edited a very good paper. He was a candy salesman. For several years, Mr. Roy Ferguson was editor, and his good wife, Emma, was program chairman. Much credit is given them for their faithfulness and invaluable contribution to the success of the association. Following Mr. Ferguson, came along Mr. Curtis, Mr. McDowell, and Mrs. Elton Fenton.

Following Mr. Ferguson as president, came Mr. Victor Franklin, Mr. Curtis, Henry Brame, and Carl Hultgren. For secretaries, Mrs. Parrish, Mrs. Stevenson, Mrs. McDowell, & Mrs. Saxby. For Treasurer: Queberg, then Fenton.

*Editors note: I frequently run into family of members mentioned above they always mention that their family started the association—they are usually quite surprised that we remember many of them.*

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### 2018 Meeting Dates

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- Monday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 7 pm
  - Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 7 pm
  - Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 7 pm
  - Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 7 pm
  - Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 (Flory Meeting Hall) 7 pm
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**I am very sorry for the lateness of this especially to those that receive the Buzzer by mail. I hope that you have the meetings in your calendars so that you know about them automatically!**

## Honey Plants



### Jo Patrick

It is time to look ahead to the fall nectar flow. The weather pattern in Northeast Kansas will have to change for us to even have a fall nectar flow. We need rain and plenty of it. Even if blooms are present, that doesn't mean those blooms will produce nectar. There are a number of factors for blooms to produce nectar. Moisture in the soil is at the top of the list. If you have trees or shrubs that contribute to your honey crop you should consider watering them, if you are able to do so. The tops may look like they are managing this drought, but the damage to the root systems can be extensive. Even when the weather pattern returns to normal, the damage may be so great that the roots can't take up enough moisture to sustain the tree. Your highly valued tree or shrub may die a slow death next year or the year after. Depending on when they were planted and rainfall, sunflower crops are beginning to bloom.

We have NEKBA club members who move their colonies near fields of sunflower crops. On their Facebook page, Grinter Farms reports that they experienced some weather related setbacks. Their first anticipated Sunflower bloom is Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>. Grinter Farms is located northeast of Lawrence, 24154 Stillwell Rd, off of 24 Highway, and is open to the public.

Another sunflower grower is Berryhill U Pick Farm, just south of Topeka, at 5950 Southeast Croco Road. Their sunflowers began blooming around August 10<sup>th</sup>. Similar to Grinter Farms, it is open to the public. If visiting either location, be

sure to take your camera. Guests are asked to pay \$1 per bloom picked at both locations.

A third location is Gieringer's Family Orchard and Berry Farm at 39675 W. 183<sup>rd</sup> St., Edgerton KS 913-893-9626 or call for hours. Best to go their Facebook page for when they are open. They have a \$2 per person over 24 months old field access fee plus \$1 per bloom picked. You get to ride a tractor to the sunflower field plus you can probably U-Pick peaches and you can get some great blueberry donuts and strawberry slushes.

Buds are beginning to form on *Caryopteris* shrubs. Sometimes called Bluebeard, *Caryopteris* is an excellent summer source for nectar when there is little else in bloom. It is attractive, and easy to grow. *Caryopteris* blooms on current season's growth so cutting back in late winter or early spring will encourage more buds the next bloom cycle. Crepe Myrtle, in this region, grows as a shrub. It often freezes back to the ground in winter, but is a very good summer blooming nectar and pollen source. Rose of Sharon is another shrub that is abundant in the area. It is a moderate source of pollen and a little nectar. The Rose of Sharon suckers easily from the roots and can take over an area. I mention it because it is heavily planted in landscapes.



Some native nectar and pollen sources that are currently blooming throughout the area are Partridge Pea, Joe Pye Weed, Wild Senna, some milkweeds, Trumpet Vine, Blue Vine, Sneezeweed, *Liatris*, Tall Ironweed, chickory, native Petunia, and *Verbesina alternifolia*, commonly called Wingstem. Wingstem is a native to eastern Kansas and is a honey bee and pollinator magnet. Commercial sources for Wingstem seed appear to be rare. I located Witt's End Homestead, a native plant and seed nursery in Nebraska, which carries Wingstem seed. Their website is [www.prairielegacyinc.com](http://www.prairielegacyinc.com). The seed will need to be winter sown or stratified before it is sown. In early fall, our honey bees will gather critical nectar and pollen from asters, the invasive *Lespedeza cuneata* (Woods, T.M. et al), *Lespedeza thunbergii*, Sedums, Snow on the Mountain, Goldenrod, Sunflowers, Boneset, and White Snakeroot. The Aromatic aster will be one of the

final blooms, sometimes up to November. We often hear about the Goldenrod nectar flow. There are approximately 100 species of Goldenrod in the United States. According to <http://www.discoverlife.org/mp/20q?guide=Solidago>, Kansas is home to 11 species of Goldenrod. Old time beekeepers, in NEKBA, will tell you that they never see a honey bee working Goldenrod. Some parts of the country benefit from Goldenrod, but not Northeast Kansas.

Thanks to the Kansas Soybean Commission, I was able to attend a Pollinator Conservation Planning Course taught by the Xerces Society. I picked up some valuable information on honey bees and pollinators that I hope to share with you in future newsletters. It was emphasized to the class that research is showing the need for more fall nectar sources for Monarchs to feed from, as they migrate south to Mexico. The most critical states are Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas. For several years the mantra has been to plant milkweed. Milkweed plays a vital role in the Monarchs journey north. It is absolutely needed for Monarchs to lay eggs on and feed their young as they progress northward. For Kansas, some of the recommended nectar plants, for fall, are Zinnias, Mexican Sunflower, Maximillian Sunflower, Buttonbush, Thoroughwort, Blue Pitcher Sage, Goldenrod, Sneezeweed, and asters. Honey bees and butterflies have similar feeding preferences and our honey bees can benefit from some of these nectar plants.

There is a Native Plant sale scheduled to benefit the Missouri Prairie Foundation. It will be Saturday, Sept. 15, 9:30 am-2:30 pm, at the Anita B Gorman Discovery Center's Monarch Mania event in Kansas City, Mo. Vendors present will be Missouri Wildflowers Nursery, Pure Air Natives, Gaylena's Garden, and Green Thumb Gardens. Customers may place pre-orders with Missouri Wildflowers Nursery and some of the vendors. Some vendors accept credit cards; some only cash or check.

If you missed hearing Dr. Marla Spivak speak at our Funday, there is another opportunity to hear her presentation, "Why Care About Propolis". Thanks to the folks at Brushy Mountain

Bee Farm, there is a wonderful video available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xsj8mB4KKZs&t=1988s>. Dr. Spivak speaks of her team's research, at the University of Minnesota, regarding the importance of Cottonwood trees and colony health.

### **Bibliography**

The invasive *Lespedeza cuneata* attracts more insect pollinators than native congeners in tallgrass prairie with variable impacts Woods, Teresa Marie; Jonas, Jayne L.; Ferguson, Carolyn J.

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## **Show me the Honey Becky Tipton**



This time of year usually marks the decline of our beekeeping season and the start of our harvest season. For most of us, honey is the reason we keep bees; beautiful, sweet, the flavor of flowers and the look of sunshine in a jar. Honey could not be easier to sell; it really sells itself. Many of us participate in markets, shows, or fairs selling honey and or value-added products made with beeswax and honey.

The NEKBA has supported a selling opportunity for years and years of which many of our members are unaware. The association funds booths at county fairs in our NE Kansas region. The exact fairs we have supported has varied throughout the years but if you went to your county fair, you might have seen some of our members selling their honey under the NEKBA banner. The club has supported this practice under the umbrella of bee/pollinator education. Most county groups talk to the public about the benefits of bees and honey throughout their fair. They often bring educational materials including literature, observation hives, and demonstrations. The club also carries a liability insurance policy. Anyone who sells honey under the NEKBA banner may take advantage of using the club insurance. Product liability insurance can be quite costly if taken on individually.

For the last 10 years, the NEKBA association has had

unprecedented growth. Steve and I have been members for more than 25 years and held nearly every officer position and we have been amazed at the changes in our club! Our club has something close to 600 members!

We want every member to understand the structures of the association and have input into how our programs are chosen, how our money is spent, and how they can best benefit from membership. We want more members involved in the decision-making process and actively involved in the organization of the club. In the October "Bee Buzzer" you may have an opportunity to review the new constitution and bylaws. Pending no changes, we will vote in November at our general business meeting. But, now, talk to your board members. Anyone holding an officer position is on the governing board. That would be Steve Messbarger, Chad Gilliland, Gayan Stanley, Terry Collins, Marlene Pantos, Robert Burns, Joli Winer and Jo Patrick. Board members include anyone who has held an office and is still active in the association. Regular board meeting attendees include: Al Abts, Andy Nowachek, Kristi Sanderson, Cecil Sweeney, Alex Pantos, Steve Tipton and myself. Let them know what you'd like to see happening in NEKBA.

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## Tips for August

- Use the weed eater and mow around your hives so that the bees can get in and out.
- After pulling off your supers check your hives to make sure they have laying queens—
- Provide water for your bees- this will keep your bees alive in this heat
- Bees are hanging on the outside of the hives to help keep it cooler inside the hives—not much honey coming in so they are just keeping cool.
- ◆ Harvest any fall honey & get it extracted. Any honey that you pull off to extract should be extracted within a few days, in this heat wax moth damage can happen in just a few days also small hive beetle can also do a great deal of damage to your supers and your honey. Don't pull your honey off until you are ready to extract.
- ◆ Check the moisture on your honey-moisture is running pretty good-it's been in the normal range
- ◆ Take an inventory at your bee yards to see what equipment you need to repair or replace over the winter.

- ◆ Get your entrance reducers on towards the end of September to keep mice out of your hives. Check for mice before installing mouse guards. Check your bottom boards for holes big enough for a mouse to go through.
- ◆ Store any frames with drawn comb in paradichlorobenzene (moth crystals). Wax moth damage can be devastating to your combs. Store them in a cool ventilated area. Do not store your supers in plastic garbage bags as this acts as an incubator for the wax moth.
- ◆ Update your record book—you won't remember in the spring!
- ◆ Check your hives for stored honey. Most colonies will need 60-80 pounds of honey to winter successfully. The top deep super/hive body should be packed full of honey. If it isn't you should feed the bees some syrup. If mixing your own syrup in the fall the mixture should be 2:1 sugar to water by weight. That would be 4 lbs. of sugar to 2 lbs. of boiling water. However, you may not use corn syrup or any type of syrup that you purchase at the grocery store. It has things in it that can cause problems with your bees. NEVER feed honey purchased from the grocery store—it can spread American Foulbrood disease to your bees.
- ◆ Check your colonies to see if you need to treat for Varroa mites.
- ◆ Combine a weak colony with a stronger colony. Colonies may be split again in the spring.
- ◆ Keep a vigilant eye out for small hive beetle.
- ◆ Inspect your hives to make sure you have a good laying queen. You should see brood in all stages (eggs, larvae, capped).
- ◆ If treating for mites get your treatments on as soon as possible. Mark your calendar with the date they went in and the date they should come out. The earlier you can get your treatments on for Varroa mites the better chance you have of getting healthy young bees into the hive to make it through the winter.
- ◆ Make sure your brood is in the center of the bottom hive body. Arrange honey frames on the sides and in the top hive body--it should be full of honey. If it isn't, feed your bees syrup.
- ◆ Make sure your hives are tipped forward, just slightly, so water doesn't pool on the bottom board and cause moisture problems.

## Funday Committee Members Wanted

Did you enjoy the Funday? Do you like planning events? We'd like to invite a few members to become part of the FUNDAY planning team.

Here are the duties:

- Attend Funday Committee meetings (usually about 6: Jan, Feb, March, April, May, June (after Funday)
- Plan to take on various jobs (calling, organizing, leg work)
- Ability to communicate via email
- Funday committee participation/work assigned and voluntary
- Come with suggestions to make Funday the best it can be

Send or bring your application to: Funday Committee Chair 2019, Jo Patrick [brian-patrick@sbcglobal.net](mailto:brian-patrick@sbcglobal.net)

### Application:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years keeping bees? \_\_\_\_\_ Number of times attended past FUNDAYS? \_\_\_\_\_

Other State/Regional/National bee conferences you've attended \_\_\_\_\_

I want to be on the Funday Committee because \_\_\_\_\_

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### NORTHEASTERN KS BEEKEEPERS' ASSOC. 2018 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP+4 \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to receive the newsletter, *The Buzzer*, by email Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

**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)



## 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

We no longer sell bee supplies but will still have package bees and queens. Joli Winer/Cecil Sweeney, Heartland Honey, 19201 S Clare Rd. Spring Hill KS 66083. (913) 856-8356. joli@heartlandhoney.com

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## FISHER'S BEE SUPPLIES

We carry a complete line of beekeeping supplies. We have woodenware, smokers, containers, foundation, beekeeping books, extractors, queens and package bees. We also have extractors for rent. We will trade wax for supplies. Our hours are: 1:00 - 5:00pm Monday - Friday and Saturday after 8:30am. Please call before coming to make sure we are here. ED FISHER 4005 N.E. 132nd Street, Smithville MO 64089 816-532-4698

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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 August 20th  
Monday**

### ***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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