

**Monica Melissa King- Some Background.**

***This just in- a few words on Monica King who will be giving our beginning beekeeper presentation this Thursday. Thought you'd all like a little background on Monica and how knowledgeable she is about beekeeping. In her own words....(with a few comments NOT from her.)***

**“Monica Melissa King was born into beekeeping. Her family started keeping bees in 1936. According to the book of Greek baby names, Monica means “queen of”, Melissa means “honeybees”.**

***(How perfect!! Beekeeping was her destiny from the very beginning!)***

**Her childhood found her working alongside her parents, who were in pollination and honey production and then went on to be one of the largest queen producers in the United States. After school, allowances were earned by finding and caging queens which earned you \$.25 each!**

***(Gotta ask her just how she did this- hard to image an eight-year-old digging around inside a LIVE HIVE to find a queen-!!! And your parents let you do this??!! Bees must have been like, way different back then!)***

**Monica moved to Arizona in 1994 And alongside her husband Dan, they have been living off grid in the Altar valley of southern Arizona. Monica teaches Beekeeping classes and does live Bee removals. She is the past president and current VP of the southern Arizona Beekeepers Association and a member of the pollinator stewardship counsel.”**

***Okay- thank you Monica! I don't know about you guys, but I am impressed! I can't wait to hear what she has to say for all us beekeepers- No matter what stage you may be in- she's got a lifetime of experience to cover it all! Thank you again Monica! Look forward to meeting you THIS THURSDAY. Okay people- this is one presentation you DON'T want to miss!***

***BEE smart- BEE there!!***