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General Meeting

Monday, May 19th, 2025 (7:00 p.m.)

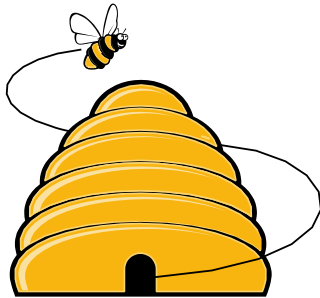
The Barn at Kill Creek Farm

9200 Kill Creek Rd, De Soto, KS 66018

Main Program: Creamed Honey by Joli Winer – Joli has been keeping bees and selling bee products for several years. Don't miss the opportunity to learn and gain insight from her real-world experience, bee keeping or bee products don't always go by the book. Come and learn and be able to ask questions from someone that's done this process before.

Beelines

By President Cheryl Burkhead



It sure got busy once the weather warmed up a bit and the rain stopped temporarily. Swarming has been a common occurrence. The honeysuckle was a bit early again and the bees are taking advantage. It seems that the rains don't tend to wash out its nectar and it is usually protected by a canopy of trees. The black locust did bloom in my area, but the bees were only able to work it for 2 days before the wind, rain, and cooler temperatures put a stop to their foraging trips across the back yard. Black Locust makes a lovely honey, but we are so limited in the years that the trees can produce, and the bees can forage on it due to weather conditions.

It seems like we are a bit ahead on our floral sources. I'm already seeing some Dutch Clover in several bee yards. Beekeeping is regional and I see differences in floral flows from yard to yard. Don't make your management decisions by a calendar but by what you are seeing in your apiaries and watching your floral sources. Try to stay ahead of your bees. Some of my colonies got their 3rd super this week and it seems early, but I let the bees tell me and try to anticipate accordingly.

Don't be discouraged if your colony swarms. Remember that only healthy colonies swarm. Many try to mitigate swarming. There are many techniques, and they are quite laborious and time consuming. The age of your queen is likely the greatest determining factor on swarming. If your colony has swarmed, there is still time to recover and make some honey especially if you already have drawn honey supers. Catch those swarms and you can possibly make a honey crop out of both.

Remember our May meeting will be at The Barn at Kill Creek Farm in DeSoto, KS. June is just around the corner. Have you registered for the Fun Day Expo? We have a great group of speakers this year. Open apiary,

activities for the kids, a bee beard competition/swarm demonstration, silent auction, vendors, and homemade honey ice cream! Don't miss out! Come and enjoy a day of beekeeping fun, fellowship, and learning.



2025 Meeting Dates:

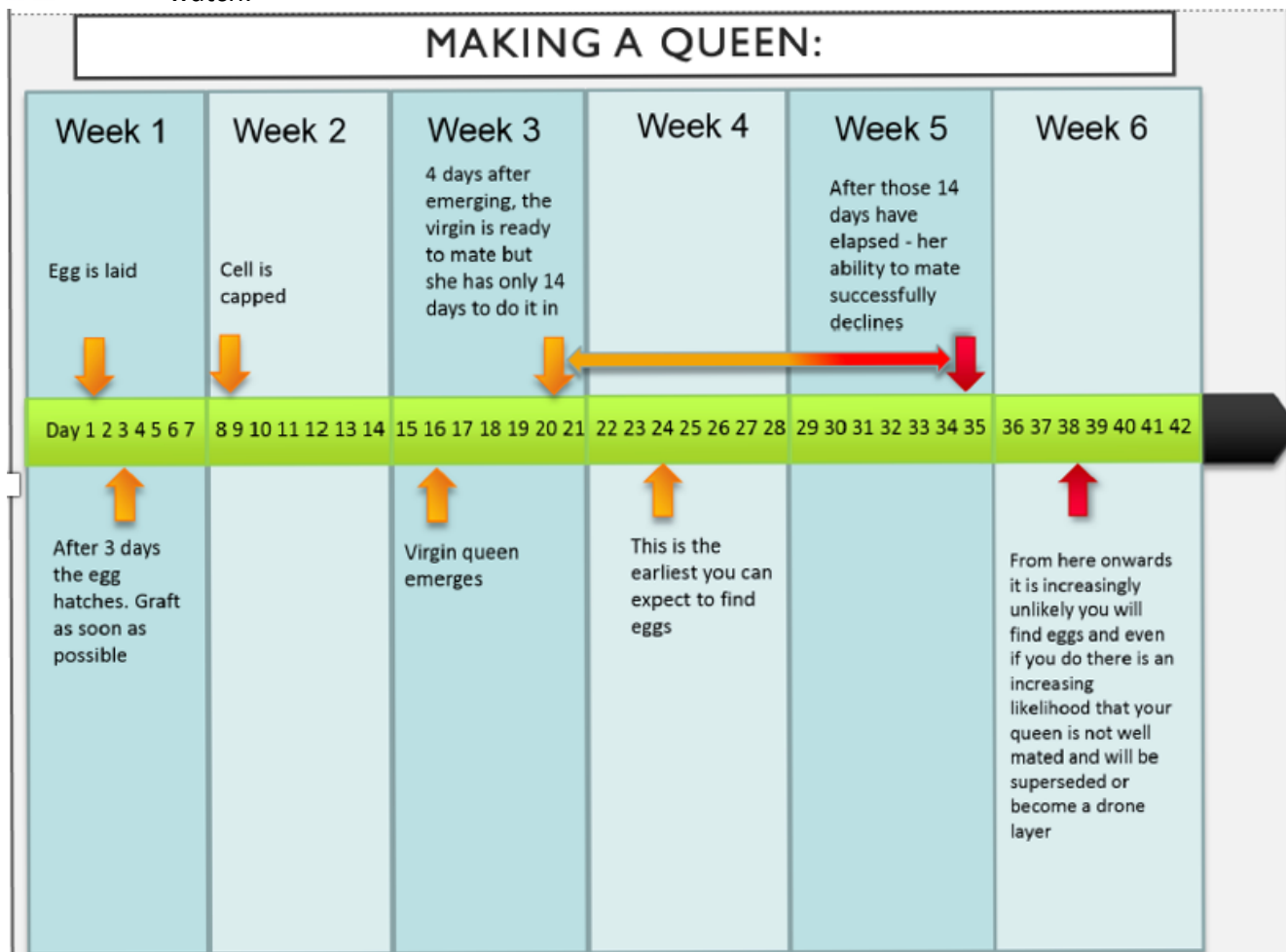
- June 1st, Open Apiary Hive Inspections at Pendleton's at 1:00pm
- June 7th – Bee Funday! All day! At Fairgrounds
- June 9th, Open Apiary Hive Inspections at Pendleton's at 5:00pm led by Kristi Sanderson
- June 12th (**2nd Thursday**), Joli and Cecil's Open Apiary in Spring Hill at 5:00pm
- June 16th, Monthly Meeting
- August, Open Apiary - 3rd, 7th, 18th



Ol' Bee Gal



This graphic, Making A Queen, is one of my favorites and I use it frequently in my classes. Unfortunately, I did not create this chart. I do not remember where I first saw this (or from whom I purloined it). But I thank them most graciously for its use. This is extremely important information for us to consider whenever we are raising queens but most importantly, when our colonies have swarmed, and they are raising queens while we watch.



When your colony prepares to swarm, they start growing a replacement queen. This is usually seen as many queen cells placed along the bottom bars of your strongest colonies. The colony caps the queen cell on about day 8-9 after the egg is laid. If you were inspecting your colony weekly, you probably saw this warning sign. About the same time as the colony caps the queen cells, they make their move—the swarm happens. The old queen leaves with bees of all ages. If you get into your colony and cut out capped queen cells, you may

inadvertently leave your colony hopelessly queenless. The old queen probably quit laying eggs 1-3 days prior to the swarm event. They will have no eggs and only older larva from which to make a replacement queen cell if you remove their capped cells. Don't do that. Most beekeepers choose to let nature take its course at this time. You COULD purchase a mated queen and try to introduce her to your hive. If accepted, it would be a much faster fix. But the girls want what the girls want...they want their own queen once they start capping queen cells.

If you've had a swarming event, the next concern is, will my new (virgin) queen get mated and when should I again see eggs in my colony. This chart clarifies that time line. If your hive swarmed on the day the queen cell was capped, you have 7-8 days until a virgin queen emerges. There will likely be more than one new queen, and they will do the superiority shuffle to find a winner. She's going to run around the hive for a day or two getting stronger and then she will take her nuptial flight(s) for another day or two. It then usually takes her a day or two to start laying eggs! So, from the time you saw the swarm leave your hive, to the earliest possible time you might see eggs in your hive again is a solid two weeks! If the weather was bad or there were other mitigating circumstances, it can easily stretch for even a third week after the swarm. If at the 3-week mark after your hive swarmed you still have no eggs, it is time to become concerned. Mating is a dangerous business. Queen bees are big and juicy and there are many songbirds who will make her dinner.

Here's another hint to gage the time line. A worker bee takes 21 days to develop from egg to emerging bee. If you still have capped worker brood, it has probably been less than 21 days since your hive swarmed. If you have no capped worker brood remaining in your hive, that's concerning.

One way that you can assure yourself that your hive is on the mend is to give them a frame of brood from another hive (no need to give them bees, just brood) making sure the frame contains eggs. If your hive is queenless, no virgin or no ability to grow a queen, they will promptly take advantage of the eggs and start growing a replacement queen. If they do not start growing queen cells, you likely have a virgin queen somewhere (by the time you've gone through all this, your virgin is probably now your Queen Mother, and all is right with the world).

Look at that time line again and now think of it along with our seasonal calendar. We are building up to our big nectar flow, yellow and white sweet clover. If your hive is essentially stagnating for 30 or more days while they requeen themselves, it can dramatically reduce their ability to produce surplus honey. If they must do it twice, the effort will change to building up to survive next winter. Preventing swarming is TOUGH. Bees want to swarm! Understanding the timeline of swarm queen development might prevent you from spending \$\$ on a queen you don't need and your bees won't accept.

Becky Tipton

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ASK QUINBY & REMI

Dear Quinby and Remi: I've started a new package of bees and right now I see black locust in bloom. I'm tired of feeding my bees would it be ok if I let them fend for themselves now?

Quinby and Remi answer: If you still have frames with foundation in them in brood boxes (hive bodies) you still need to feed syrup. It is important for your frames to be drawn out with beeswax for the bees to survive. We are also entering a period that beekeepers refer to as "blackberry winter". This is a time when nothing is in bloom, until our main honey

flow starts towards the end of May or the beginning of June. Our main honey flow is yellow and white sweet clover and some years, white Dutch clover. We will have a couple of weeks with not too much in bloom. Bee Prepared!

Dear Remi and Quinby: I'm looking at the club website for classes. They seem to be over. How can I learn about bees this time of year? I've gotten bees, but now I'm ready to learn.

Remi and Quinby answer: You are so lucky that our club has learning opportunities all year! We have our monthly meetings, held most months, on the 3rd Monday of the month—note this month, May 19th- we are meeting at the Zimmerman Kill Creek Barn in DeSoto. We also have several Open Teaching Apiaries scheduled this month at the Club Apiary at Pendletons' Country Market in Lawrence. Information is in this newsletter and on the club website at www.nekba.org. The best educational opportunity is our Funday on Saturday June 7th. At this event we have 4-5 workshops going on during each session- at least one session is specifically for beginners. We also bring in bee hives that will have educational topics at the hives.

Remi and Quinby suggest: Those people who feed us want to use this our space to tell a story! At the Funday last year, Kristi and Matthew entertained us during the swarm demonstration at the Funday by trying to see who could make the biggest bee beard! Each year, at the funday, we have a swarm demo! Last year, Kristi's queen had a stronger pheromone, and Kristi had most of the bees on her beard and Matthew had just a few! Most of his bees went to Kristi's beard. While this was fun to watch- it was educational too! We had a similar event happen today. Joli picked up a swarm at the Kansas City Ferris Wheel. When she got home, she and Cecil put it over into a beehive. Sitting next to this hive was another swarm they had picked up Sunday. After they installed the swarm, the bees were fanning to let the bees in the air know where their new home was located. It looked like the bees were settling in and then all the sudden all the bees literally marched into the hive next store. The one with the swarm they had caught Sunday. They marched right in! Join us at this year's Funday for a rematch. Amy Vu will MC the swarm demo this year.

They caught several swarms that were on the ground. They don't catch anything, just set down a nuc box and the bees will crawl right in! Some say that happens when the queens are injured or the bees headed out to swarm before the queen was ready. For her to get ready she needs to quit laying eggs so she can slim down and be more able to fly for longer distances. Successive swarms leave with a virgin queen, and she can fly for longer distances. The first swarm, called the prime swarm, has the original queen from the hive.

Dear Remi and Quinby: What is the best way to tell what is going on inside the hive? I see beekeepers post on Facebook some observations and then asking what strangers think is going on? What gives?

Remi and Quinby answer: The best way to know what is happening in your hive is to get as much education as possible! Attend our meetings, attend our Open apiaries, attend our Funday and open your hive and look! Frequently, not enough information is available- but we all answer anyway.



The NEKBA Beeyard

Join us this year at our Open Teaching Apiary (OTA) located at Pendleton's Country Market, 1446 E 1850 Rd., Lawrence KS 66046. Please use this link to sign up

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054DA9A72CA2FAC70-55554696-open> check out our

NEKBA website at www.nekba.org for more information and schedule changes. For questions call Joli at 913-593-3562.

OTA Dates (other dates may be added) Extra suits available. Sessions are like mini classes- we take you through a beehive and look at everything in the hive. We also answer questions about your hives. Each session includes monitoring for varroa mites.

Sunday, June 1	1:00-3 Joli and Cecil
Monday, June 9	5-6:30 Kristi Sanderson
Sunday, July 6	1:00-3
Monday, July 14	5:00-6:30
Sunday, August 3	1:00-3



Monday, August 18 5:00-6:30(Before the NEKBA meeting)
 Sunday, Sept. 7 1:00-3
 Monday, Sept. 15 5:00-6:30 (Before the NEKBA meeting)
 Sunday, October 5 1:00-3
 Monday, October 20 5-6:30

Open Teaching Apiary in Spring Hill

Join Joli Winer and Cecil Sweeney for mentoring sessions one day a month. Please call, text or email to secure your spot. Sessions start at 5:00 pm, about 2 hours. 19201 S Clare Rd Spring Hill, KS, 66083. 913-593-3562 heartlandhoneyks@gmail.com June 12 (2nd Thursday), July 3, August 7, September 4, October 2, 5-7pm.

Tips for May

- Want honey? Go to open apiary's and watch and ask questions!!
- Some hives will be giving honey this year, other hives this is the time to get them strong for next year.
- Tons of bees? Read and try starting a recovery nuc, so cool to watch and make your first nuc.
- SHB will start to be something to watch out for, go to Funday....learned sometimes you can crowd down a small hive to one box to get them to grow faster than leaving them with 2 boxes.
- Swarming will happen a lot this month, sometimes you get free bees and sometimes you give back to nature.
- If they still need to draw wax, feed them as they'll take it on rainy days or when nectar slows down. A bit nectar flow and they won't touch the feed.
- More colonies = more options, but it adds up fast...so it's a careful mix.
- End of May/ beginning of June you'll have a good idea of your season, but the bees love to be bees and will always do something to surprise you!!



Honey Plants

Cool, wet, cloudy, and windy weather conditions can make it difficult for honey bee foragers to take advantage of our nectar flow. Under ideal weather circumstances honey bees would be filling honey supers. I hope that your bees are doing just that. As of this writing, the Black Locust and Honeysuckle blooms are coming to an end. In my area, I think the Black Locust saw enough rain to wash the nectar out of blooms. The Black Locust is susceptible to the whims of Mother Nature, but when she cooperates, they produce a valuable, premium honey.

I am starting to see White Dutch Clover blooms popping up. The bulk of our honey crop in NE KS comes from clovers. In two week increments the White Dutch clover blooms, followed by Yellow Sweet Clover, and then White Sweet Clover. When I see Yellow Sweet Clover blooming in the ditches along the highway, I cross my fingers and hope the road crews don't mow until it's finished blooming.

For ease of writing, I will use (N) to indicate a nectar source and (P) to indicate a Pollen source. Some mid to late May bloomers include Horse Chestnut (N&P), Catalpa (N), Tulip Poplar (N&P), Honey Locust (P), Strawberries (N&P), Mulberries (P), cup shaped Peonies (P), Catmint (N&P), Poppies (P), Blackberries (N&P), Raspberries (N&P), Spiderwort (N&P), and Blueberries (N&P).

Early June bloomers to watch for are Elderberries (P), St. John's Wort (N&P), Winterberry (N&P), Motherwort (N&P), Wild Roses (P), Privet Hedge (N&P), Lindens and Basswood (N&P), and Persimmons (N).

Many garden plants and herbs are worked by honey bees for both nectar and pollen. A great place to learn about garden plant pollination is S.E. McGregor, author of Insect Pollination of Cultivated Crops. This

publication is out of print but can be accessed at: <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.ars.usda.gov/ARSEUserFiles/20220500/OnlinePollinationHandbook.pdf>

The format is easy to use. In the Table of Contents simply click on the vegetable or herb you would like to explore, and it will take you to that page. No need to scroll through pages and pages of crops and vegetables that you don't grow. McGregor gives a lot of details about honey bee pollination including the number of required honey bee visits per bloom, the recommended number of colonies per acre, and optimal times of day for honey bee visits.

Many hobby beekeepers work and plan for this time of year by making sure their colonies are ready for the main nectar flow. The next few weeks will determine our honey crop. I hope your bees are ready and able to fill honey supers. If you are just starting your beekeeping journey and your colonies aren't ready for honey supers, don't be dismayed. Your first-year goal should be to get your bees through winter. If you get some honey, it's a bonus! **Jo Patrick, Honey Plants Chairman**

Funday Expo Silent Auction

We need your donations

One of the well-received activities at the Funday Expo is the Silent Auction. Funday is June 7, 2025. Your donations are what makes the Silent Auction possible. Perhaps you have stumbled across a piece of beekeeping equipment no longer needed, have a beginning beekeeping book you would like to share, or possess a creative touch when creating honey bee related décor. We welcome your items to add to the auction. Please bring your item with you to Funday or contact Jo Patrick at (913) 645-8947 if you need to make donation arrangements. Proceeds go to youth, military veteran, and first responder scholarship programs.



Have you registered for Fun Day?

NEKBA's Fun Day, on Saturday, June 7th, is a great opportunity for you to hear guest speakers that are some of the best-known beekeepers, biologists, researchers, and educators in the country. This all-day event will be held at the Douglas County Fairgrounds and is for beekeepers of all skill levels and ages. There will be presentations, hands on learning opportunities, demonstrations, and a bee-beard demonstration. Stay with us for the evening BBQ dinner with our guest speakers at the close of Funday. To register, look for the form in this newsletter or go online to www.nekba.org. Hope to see you there!

NEKBA 2025 FUNDAY

**SATURDAY, JUNE 7TH
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Funday Happenings: The Funday is Saturday, June 7th at the Douglas County Fairgrounds!

Cost \$65 for members and \$75 for non-members (includes membership for 2025)

We have great guest speakers lined up: Schedule available at www.nekba.org

Amy Vu: University of Florida Extension and 2 Bees in a Podcast, co-host

Dr. Judy Wu-Smart: University of Nebraska, Lincoln Extension

Kim Mehalick: EAS Master Beekeeper, Maryland

Eugene Makovec: Editor, American Bee Journal

- **Class is Full! Deep Dive Queen Rearing, a Masterclass-** This 3-hour queen rearing class will be taught by the queen rearing experts, Jim Kellie, John Speckman and Matt Winstead! This workshop will be 3 hour long and you must commit to being there the whole time. It is limited to 25 pre-registered guests. There is not an additional fee, but you will need to pay the Funday registration fee, by June 1st. Of course, you will also be able to attend the rest of the Funday. I suspect that this will fill up quickly. We will also have a waiting list, **anyone not registered for the Funday by June 1st will be removed from the class and someone from the wait list will be allowed to fill that spot.** To register, call or text Joli at 913-593-3562 or email at heartlandhoneyKS@gmail.com. Include your email address and phone number.
- **Honey Bee Photography Contest:** This fun event is a new addition this year! All photos must be 8 ½ X 10 inches and matted. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place. Contest will be judged by Eugene Makovec, editor of the American Bee Journal. Photos must be turned in by 8:30 am and participants must be registered attendees at the Funday.
Photos may be Black and White or Color
Photos must be of Honey bees or any aspect of beekeeping
Two age categories:
Youth: 17 and under
Adult: 18 and over
- **Hive or Super Painting/Decorating Contest:** This year we won't have a theme so use your creativity; anything goes. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Bring in your decorated hive body or super! Entries must be turned in by 8:30 to be included in the contest and participants must be registered attendees at the Funday.
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2025 Bee FunDay, Saturday June 7th, 2025

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(Fee includes FunDay registration & one-year membership. Additional attendees only need to pay the \$65 per person rate)

Please join us for a catered BBQ Dinner after the FunDay per person \$20.00 _____

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For further information, go to <https://www.nekba.org/bee-funday.html>

Names of those attending for name tags:

We appreciate early pre-registrations so much that at the end of the Bee FunDay we will hold a drawing of all pre-registered attendees and one person gets his/her registration fee back!

Need More Info? Please contact Joli Winer at (913) 593-3562 or

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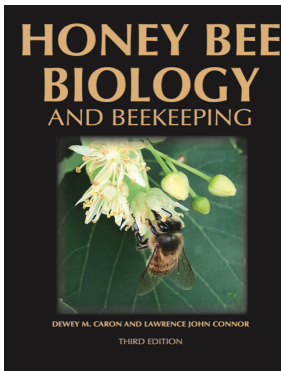
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Honey Bee Biology and Beekeeping, Third Edition, Dewey M. Caron and Lawrence John Connor,

\$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 background 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. **Wicwas Press LLC Kalamazoo, MI 49001 - www.wicwas.com**

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Meeting

Monday, May 19th, 2025 - Big Red Barn!!

The Northeastern Kansas Beekeepers' Association

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