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General Meeting & Program Monday, February 16th, 2015

7:00 p.m.

1st 15 minutes:

Becky Tipton presents
Kansas Honey Producers Meeting
update & Clarence Collison

And

Presentation by 3 Youth
Scholarship Students

And

"Pruning and Choosing Plants
without Neonics"

Presented by

Clinton Parkway Nursery

And

How I Do It-Making Nucs

Presented by Al Abts

does to keep them from swarming by making nucs.

A very exciting program is planned! Hope to see you there!

Directions: The address is 2110 Harper St. It is easily accessible from K10, turn north on Harper Street and it is just a few blocks. We are in Building 21 North which will be on your left you after you turn into the fairgrounds.

2015 Youth Scholarship Students & Mentors

Congratulations to our 2015 youth scholarship students—welcome to the club.

- Paul Gizel, Topeka
mentors Marlene and Al Pantos
- Caleb Euthon, Olathe
Mentor Kristi Sanderson
- Riddhi Duvver, LeCompton
Mentors, Steve and Becky Tipton
- Connie McDonald, Paola
Mentor, Robert Burns
- Elizabeth Spurtin, Leavenworth
Mentor, Al Abts
- Mya Williams, Rantoul
Mentors, Joli Winer & Cecil Sweeney

Whew—Becky has a very ambitious program planned for us this month!

First she is going to psyche us up for attending beekeeping meetings and let us know about the amazing Dr. Clarence Collison.

Next we have several youth scholarship students who will present at this meeting.

Next Becky has asked the folks at the Clinton Parkway Nursery in Lawrence to give us some tips on pruning. Then they will also share some tips for getting and raising plants without neonicotinoids.

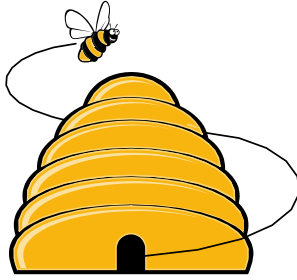
Last but not least, NEKBA member, Al Abts, will share his knowledge about how he splits his really strong hives to make nucs or new hives. He'll talk about building is hive populations up and what he

Sunday, March 15th & Sunday March 22nd 2015

The New Beekeeper Class will be held at the Douglas County Fairgrounds Bldg 21. Guest speaker on the March 15th will be Dr. Clarence Collison. Price will include a textbook and presentation notes. Information at nekba.org.



Beelines By President Andy Nowachek



As always I would like to start with a thank you to Becky Tipton for putting these programs together each month and Christy Milroy for her work on the scholarship program.

This past meeting was a very special meeting with a couple of our last year scholarship students presenting their programs on their first year as a beekeeper and their accomplishments and experiences. A big thank you for such great presentations and good luck in the future with beekeeping

Sometimes it is hard to express your thoughts and feeling on certain items or subjects and in my mind I have trouble writing my true feeling on this subject so will try and muddle through it. This past year we received applications to the Youth Scholarship Beekeeping Program from some fantastic children or young adults. This has been something that has been important to me for the sheer reason these will be our future beekeepers and leaders in America. There is no doubt in my mind the ones we had the privilege to talk to with their parents will do just fine in their future endeavors. As with any organization we are limited in the amount we can sponsor and this was really hard for all of us to have to choose. We know that all of these were great kids which their parents should surely be proud of. This is a program started a couple of years ago and can be reapplied to the next year if they did not receive a scholarship this year. Each recipient will have a mentor to help and guide them through a year and then even past that if help is wanted. I have had the privilege of mentoring two young adults and co-mentoring another and it is very rewarding seeing them learn and develop beekeeping skills. Thanks again for the honor of being able to sit in with the young adults and their parents for the interview process.

This year has many exciting things going on and if you can make any or all of these events it would be a very rewarding and informational as a beekeeper. The Kansas Honey Producers will be having their spring meeting in Manhattan Kansas with Dr. Clarence Collison as a guest speaker. There will be two days of informational talk's beside Dr. Collison there will be other guest speakers. This is a great way to meet many new beekeepers from across the state and make new contacts. At the last meeting I met a fellow beekeeper who needed some comb honey so I ended up shipping some to the Wichita area, imagine that, so who knows what you may run into (just a bunch of friendly beekeepers). This meeting is very close to us!

Second there is the Beginners Beekeeping class in March and to add even more to it we will have Dr. Clarence Collison as a speaker for the first weekend. I have spoken to members who took the beginners class a second year and said that they could really relate to the information after having bees for the first year. I have experienced this myself at different programs or lectures where you receive the basics but the second time it all falls into place. If you know someone who might be interested in becoming a beekeeper bring them along with you to the next meeting. As always I say we are ambassadors of our club and welcome new people into an elite group of beekeepers.

June is FUN DAY and it looks as if there is another Fantastic Day in store for those who can attend. I know Marla Spivac will be one of our guest speakers and the list is still being put together with a huge amount of programs that were requested from past evaluation sheets. Dr. Marion Ellis from Nebraska has also agreed to present this year. The program and workshops are still being revised. I think the committee is doing a great job. They take your comments and work to make it better each year. This is another time to visit with fellow beekeepers from around the area. Last year we had beekeepers from Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, Colorado, Ohio, Nebraska, and Oklahoma!

The Mother Earth News Fair is another event that takes place each year in Topeka. The NEKBA had an outstanding booth and it was a blast talking to people who were interested in bees. I even spoke with a couple from Dallas Texas and their information on the Africanized bees, pretty interesting.

The State Fair each year is another event that

the NEBKA in deeply involved in and another time to use your knowledge in helping in the booth selling honey and talking to a lot of nice people. The children that come through there with their parents are absolutely amazing with the questions they ask.

These are just a few of the events that our officers and board members do to help this great club keep active. This is what makes this one of the best bee clubs in the Midwest. Many thanks to all in this club for all and everything you do as it makes a difference.

I know there are a lot of things that will help us keep our bees through the winter months and Joli puts a good list in the Buzzer each month. It is very helpful. I have always believed in a good wind break as this is Kansas!! After eleven years I finally replaced a fifty foot snow fence as a north wind barrier. All it took was two fifty foot rolls of lathed snow fence and two rolls of HEAVY black plastic sandwiched between the fencing and it is one of the best wind breaks money can buy. (My opinion as it lasted eleven years).

Hope to see you all at the next meeting. I hope you had a chance to check on your bees during the few warm days we had.

Tips for February



- Renew your club membership if you have not done so- check the date on your mailing label
- Send in your registration for the Beginning Beekeeping workshop and find a friend or relative to take the beekeeping class with you.
- Get your queens and packages ordered!
- ◆ A good winter project is to melt down your wax cappings –the smell of beeswax will warm your soul.
- ◆ Look through your seed & flower catalogs and order some trees and plants for the bees.
- ◆ Make sure your lids are still on your hives
- ◆ On a warm day check your bees and see if you have to move some frames of honey around to get it closer to the cluster of bees.

- ◆ Repair any old equipment that you have sitting around—spring is just around the corner. You'll be needing it soon
- ◆ Clean those recycled frames—foundation over 5 years old is too old, replace it.
- ◆ Brood rearing begins this month; food consumption increases quickly—double and triple check food.
- ◆ Do your bees need pollen? Feed pollen substitute (protein).
- ◆ Resolve to keep better bee records for 2015
- ◆ Read at least one new beekeeping book this winter
- ◆ Work on your bee equipment
- ◆ Check the front of your hives for skunks scratching on them. Beekeepers can be quite creative in eliminating skunks!
- ◆ Consider writing an article for *The Buzzer*.
- ◆ Subscribe to a beekeeping magazine this year.
- ◆ Check your home for library books

Taking Care of your Bee Hive if your Bees Die

I've had a few calls and emails about how to take care of your beekeeping equipment if your bees die. Here are some suggestions.

Take your equipment in and check it first to make sure you did not have American foulbrood. If you do not, than you can get it ready to reuse and recycle. It is perfectly fine to put new bees in—but first there are some things you should do first.

Repair and repaint any equipment that needs it—this is a great time to perform those tasks.

Take out each frame and brush off the bees, the more bees that you can get out the better it is for your new bees later on. Sometimes the bees left on the comb will mold so the more you get off the better.

Close your equipment up and store it a cold, unheated area. Any honey can be reused for your new bees. Your already drawn out comb can also be used for your new bees.

We are looking for someone to help us with our sound system at the meetings. If you can help us please approach Joli or Becky at the meeting.



The Honey Pot By Becky Tipton



Never say never....I was certain that when I retired from teaching, I would never go back, substitute, or be involved in public education in any significant way. My principal called a couple of weeks ago and asked me to do a long-term sub job at my old school, in my department. The job is supposed to be for 3 weeks in February—I checked my calendar and I wasn't doing much in February, so I said yes. I've been retired 3 1/2

Honey Cornbread

1 cup flour
1 cup cornmeal
1 teaspoon salt
3 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1/4 teaspoon baking soda
1 egg—lightly beaten
1/2 to 2/3 cup honey
1/3 cup oil
1 cup milk

Directions

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Spray or lightly grease a 9-inch cast iron skillet (or 9" round pan or 8" square pan). If you like a crisper crust, put the skillet in the oven to get hot while you mix your cornbread.

In a large bowl, combine flour, cornmeal, salt, baking powder, and baking soda. Set aside. Stir together egg, honey, oil, and milk (adding in that order). Combine the dry and liquid ingredients just until well combined—don't over beat. Pour batter into prepared pan.

Bake in preheated oven for 20 to 25 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the center of the pan comes out clean.

In the hopes of staying healthy while I'm working with kids, I'm drinking a tea to boost your immune system that was recommended by Rosemary Gladstar. The ginger is anti viral and anti bacterial, the lemon is packed with vitamin C, and, of course, a generous serving of my wonderful honey to sooth my throat.

years. There are so many new faces in the building! Although the kids are all new (everyone I worked with has graduated), they are really the same. They want someone to see them and understand them and respect them. I'm loving it.

Thank you to Matt Smith for requesting this recipe. He was looking for a honey-sweetened cornbread. This is a wonderful rich cornbread. I bought a grain mill a few years ago and now grind my own cornmeal. Popcorn makes the very best cornmeal. I hope to grow my own popcorn this summer and try making cornmeal from some different colored kernels.

2 TBSP grated fresh ginger (peel and use a fine grater)
juice of one lemon
2 TBSP honey (more or less to taste)
One quart boiling water
Add ginger, lemon, and honey to a large glass container (large pyrex measuring cup works well).
Pour in 1 quart boiling water. Stir. Let stand covered for 10 minutes. Strain. Serve. I pour my tea into an insulated cup and sip on it all day. It's also good poured over ice – refreshing!

Looking for a recipe using honey, e-mail me at bstbees@embarqmail.com and I'll search my cookbooks and try to find what you're hungry for!



Winter Tea

Meeting Dates for 2015—mark your calendars now!

Meetings are held at the Douglas County Fairgrounds at 2110 Harper St. It is easily accessible from K10, turn north on Harper Street and it is just a few blocks. We are in Building 21 North which will be on your left you turn into the fairgrounds.

- Sunday, March 15--New Beekeeper Class 1
*Special Guest--Clarence Collison
- Sunday, March 22--New Beekeeper Class 2
- Monday, April 20 7:00 pm *How to inspect a Beehive*
- Monday, May 18 7:00 pm *Supering and Producing Comb Honey*
- June 6--FUNDAY!
Full day workshop
Keynote speakers--Dr. Marla Spivak & Dr. Marion Ellis
- July ? Bee-Bee Q Meeting held at alternate location, date to be determined-Bee Olympics
- Monday, August 17, 7:00 pm *Honey Judging, Integrated Pest Management*
- Monday, Sept 21 7:00 pm *Getting Bees Ready for Winter*
- Monday, October 19 7:00 pm *Evaluating Your Hives and Making Plans for 2016*
- Monday, November 16 7:00 pm TBA
- Monday, December 21 7:00 pm *Holiday Cookies and Youth Scholarship Auction*
- January 11, 2016 (2nd Monday) Youth Scholarship presentations

Late Winter—what's happening in the hive now!

Egg laying resumes in January which is probably a response to day length and the earliest pollen flows. The inception of egg laying changes everything. Heat production increases to incubate new brood, energy demands escalate accordingly, and food store rapidly plummet.

This begins the most stressful time of the year for the honey bee colony. Keep an eye on your hive to feed if needed. Beginning in March your hives will start growing and using food.

*From *Honey Bees and Beekeeping* by Keith Delaplane—the book we'll be using for our new bee class

Old Bee Guy



Cecil Sweeney

Now is the time to decide what you are going to do with your bees this spring. You've had a few opportunities to check your bees and see how they are doing. If there are a lot of bees you might want to consider making a split or two from your hive to increase your numbers.

If you decide that you want to split your hive now would be the time to start stimulating your hive by feeding a 1:1 sugar syrup—that's 1 part by weight water to sugar. So that's about 4# of sugar to about ½ gallon of water.

Note: if your bees have honey and you do not want to increase your hive numbers than do not feed your bees! You will only make your bees strong and they will swarm.

The syrup simulates a nectar flow and therefore stimulates the queen to lay more eggs and increase the numbers so that you will have more bees to make a split with. The queen will only lay out as far as the bees can keep the brood warm. So right away there won't be a lot of bees but after a hatch of brood there will be more bees.

Come to the meeting this month to hear how Al makes his split—next month we'll talk about how Cecil makes his splits. You are just getting them ready right now.

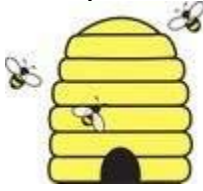
Basic Spring Management

Any colony in spring, whether mature or a new package, must be queenright, healthy, and well fed if it will build up suitably for the nectar flows.

Colonies sometimes lose their queens over the winter. If you discover a queenless hive before mail order queens are available than shake out the bees into a healthy colony and protect your equipment. If queens are available and you have a lot of bees than add a queen a few frames of bees from another colony.

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Honey Plants



Rose Lee

Peter Lindtner's *Garden Plants for Honey Bees*, (Wicwas Press, 2014) is a gold mine of plants that give bees pollen and nectar year-round for adequate nutrition. The 400-page book has about 700 images and colored photos. His comments are a bonus such as: "every beekeeper should have one to two Osmanthus Evergreen trees as the last source of nectar and pollen before winter," p 360; "plant one to two Vitex close to hives," p 311; "highly recommend planting close to hive six Speedwell plants/each colony," p 265, and Crocus, p 346. His observations such as "bees literally swarm" on Winterberry p 180, and Alder Buckthorn p 199, and a Shiny Sumac had February (number indicates page)

American Hazelnut Shrub *Corylus americana* 15 P****
Snowdrop bulb *Galanthus nivalis* 19 P***N**
Winter Aconite *Eranthis hyemalis* 13-14, 18 P***N***
*Silver Maple tree *Acer saccharinum* 14-16 P*****N**

March

Pussy willow *Salix cuprea* 39 P****N**
Honeysuckle *Lonicera fragrantissima* 35 P****N***
Crocus spp 30, 31, 56 P***N**
* Red maple tree *Acer rubrum* 26 P***N***

April

Japanese Quince shrub *Chaenomeles japonica* 53 P**N***
Cotoneaster shrub *Cotoneaster horizontalis* 56 P*N***
Enkianthus shrub *Enkianthus perulatus* 58-59 P**N***
*Alder tree *Alnus glutinosa* 47 P*****N
*Ornamental Cherry tree *Prunus 'Okame'* 71 P**N***

May

Oak-leaved Hydrangea shrub *Hydrangea quercifolia* 110 P***N***
Nevada Rose shrub *Rosa nevada* 139 P***N***
*Ornamental Crabapple tree *Malus floribunda* 119 P***N***
*American Holly male tree *Ilex opaca* 111 P***N***
*Black Locust tree *Robinia pseudoacacia* 138 P***N*****
*Washington Hawthorn tree *Crataegus phaenopyrum* 173 P***N***

the "highest density of bees on flowers I have ever observed," p 374 are informative.

Lindtner contends that small gardens are healthy for bees in that typically they are not sprayed with poisonous chemicals. In planning a bee garden his star system for evaluating pollen and nectar for each plant is most helpful -- five stars (*****) the most resourceful.

Below is his list for a quarter-acre (about 100 feet x 108 feet) bee garden, listed according to monthly bloom time. An asterick marks additional suggestions for a half acre or larger plot with three to six bee colonies. Listed are 17 honey shrubs and 14 trees which are vital sources of pollen and nectar. But even if you do not have room for trees or shrubs, the star rating is helpful in choosing annuals and perennials for containers or smaller gardens. For example, California poppy P (pollen)**, N (nectar)*; Borage P*** N***, Lily of Valley P**, N*, Cranesbill P**, N**, etc.

June

Alder Buckthorn shrub *Rhamnus frangula*, 199 P****N*****
Hollyhock *Alcea rosea* 158, 165 P***N**
Winterberry shrub *Ilex verticillata* 180-181 P****N*****
Motherwort perennial *Leonurus cardiaca* 183 P***N*****
*Honeysuckle shrub *Lonicera tatarica* 117 P***N**
*Little-Leaf Linden tree *Tilia cordata* 214 P***N*****

July

Inkberry shrub *Ilex glabra* 244 P**N****
Sour-Wood shrub *Oxydendrum arboreum* 252 P**N****
Clethra *Clethra barbinervis* 231 P***N***
*Speedwell perennial *Veronica spicata* 265, 310 P**N***
*Bee-Bee tree *Evodia daniellii* 237-239 P*****N*****
*Golden Rain tree *Koelreuteria paniculata* 245 P***N**

August

Chaste Tree shrub *Vitex Agnus castus* 311, P**N***
Mexican Abelia shrub *Abelia floribunda* —blooms nonstop August to November 272 P**N***
* Sunflower annual *Helianthus annuus* 288, 313 P*****N***
*Russian sage perennial *Perovskia abrotanoides* 296 P**N***
*Snowberry shrub *Symphoricarpos albus* 262 P**N***
*Golden Honey Plant perennial *Actinomeris alternifolia* 272 P***N****
*Japanese Angelica tree *Aralia elata variegata* 275 P*****N***
*Bluebeardshrub *Caryopteris x clandonensis* 281 P**N****
*Shining Sumac shrub *Rhus copallina* 299, 374 P**N*****
*Japanese pagoda tree *Sophora japonica* 303-306

September

Hydrangea Pegee shrub *Hydrangea paniculata* 324 P***N***
Climbing Hydrangea *Hydrangea petiolaris* 179 P**N**
Seven Son-flower shrub *Heptacodium miconioides*, 323
P***N***
Stoncrop perennial *Sedum 'Autumn Joy'* 334 P***N***
*Maackia tree *Maackia amurensis* 326-327 P**N****

October

Bush Clover shrub *Lespedeza thumbergii* 349 P****N****
Aster perennial *Aster novae-angliae* 341, 343, 355 P***N***
Crocus bulb *Crocus speciosus* 346 P***N***
*Thorny Elaeagnus tree *Elaeagnus pungens* 346 P***N***
*Sunflower perennial *Helianthus maximilliani* 348 P***N***
*Sage perennial *Salvia guaranticam* 351 P***N***
*Goldenrod perennial *Solidago rugosa* 353 P***N****

November

Fragrant Osmanthus evergreen tree *Osmanthus fragrans* 360
P****N***
Chrysanthemum perennial *Chrysanthemum rubellum* 359
P***N***

Some Past Beekeeper's of the year

At the January meeting the beekeeper of the year award was presented to Andy Nowachek

1994- Melissa Ostermeyer
1995- Ed Bishop
1996- Don Hendrickson
1997: Wendell Ohmes
1998: Joli Winer
1999: Joy Young
2000: Merlene Eads
2001: Larry Coppinger
2002: Becky Tipton
2003: Kristi Sanderson
2004: Robert Burns
2005: Ray Morgan
2006: Cecil Sweeney
2007: Steve Tipton
2008: Michael Sinclair
2009: Ron Ward
2010: Joli Winer
2011:
2012:
2013: Al Abts
2014: Andy Nowachek

**Renew your membership & Sign up
for the new bee class—you may learn
more the 2nd year!**

Upcoming Events

Friday and Saturday March 13 & 14 2015 Kansas
Honey Producers Meeting, Manhattan KS
Our guest speaker will be Dr. Clarence Collison,
Beekeeping Specialist, Emeritus Professor/Dept.
Head, Dept. of Entomology and Plant Pathology,
Mississippi State University. He also writes a monthly
column, *A Closer Look*, in the *Bee Culture Magazine*.
Author of *What do you know?* Holiday Inn at the
Campus, 1641 Anderson Avenue, Manhattan KS
66502 Registration forms at
kansashoneyproducers.org.

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Saturday June 6th 2015 Nekba Funday, Dr. Marla
Spivak, & Dr. Marion Ellis & hopefully Dr. Chip
Taylor guest speakers. Douglas County Fairground
Save this date—it'll be the meeting of the century
Marla, Marion & Chip—Don't miss it.

Mother Earth News Fair October 24th-25th, 2015
Topeka, Kan. | Kansas Expocentre | Oct. 24-25,
2015, Topeka, KS 66612

Starvation

There's been a lot of facebook chatter about if
bees starved or not. If your bees are dead and are
head-first in the cell than you are seeing starvation.
This is caused by either an absence of food or
immobilization from cold that prevented bees from
moving to food. One of the saddest sights in
beekeeping is a cluster of dead bees just inches from
whole frames of honey.

Shake out the dead bees to prevent mold and
store the equipment for later use.
From *Honey Bees and Beekeeping* by Keith Delaplane—
the book we'll be using for our new bee class



Northeastern Kansas Beekeepers' Association

Beginning Beekeeping Class 2015

Sundays, March 15th & 22nd Registration 12-1, program 1-5:30 p.m.,

Dr. Clarence Collison, Beekeeping Specialist, Emeritus Professor/Dept. Head, Dept. of Entomology and Plant Pathology, Mississippi State University. He also writes a monthly column, *A Closer Look*, in the *Bee Culture Magazine* and is the author of *What do you know?*

Douglas Co. Fairgrounds, 2110 Harper St., Bldg. 21, Lawrence KS

K-10 to Harper Street, go north 2 blocks to the Fairgrounds.

New members will be eligible to win a starter single story hive and a 3-pound package of bees with a queen.

All other registrants will be eligible to win door prizes. You must be present to win.

Each family will also receive 1 set of the text books, *Honey Bees and Beekeeping, A Year in the Life of an Apiary*, 3rd Edition by Keith Delaplane and *Field Guide to Honey Bees and their Maladies* By Penn State University & MAAREC. If you already have these books there will be an alternate choice available.

Sunday, March 15th

12:00-1:00 **Registration**

1:00 **Introductions of club officers**, President Andy Nowachek

1:05-1:45(40) **Basic Equipment**, tools to use, clothing, woodware. Learn the proper names for beekeeping equipment. This presentation will give you a good idea of the equipment you have to have to keep bees. Steve Tipton presents.

1:45-2:45(60) **Honey Bee Biology 101** Dr. Clarence Collison will present. Why do we need to know biology to keep bees? This talk will include some anatomy and development and the basics of the bee nest.

2:45-3:15(30) **Break**

3:15-4:15(60) **The Art of Colony Examination**. Dr. Clarence Collison presents

4:15-4:45(30) **Ways to Acquire Bees & Installing a package of bees**

Our speaker Kristi Sanderson will talk about the various ways you can get bees and will demonstrate how to install a package of bees.

4:45-5:30(45) **Diagnosing problems with Bee Diseases & Pests and What to do about Them**. Recognition and control of diseases including integrated pest management. Dr. Clarence Collison presents

Sunday, March 22nd

1:00-1:45(45) **Management of Package Bees & Nucs** how to take care of your new hive of bees from how long you need to feed them, when to put on the next hive body and when to add your honey supers. Steve & Becky Tipton present this.

1:45-2:30(45) **Seasonal Management-Late Summer and Fall** Removing your honey from the hives, fall management, includes checking your hives to make sure they have enough bees and food and getting your bees ready for winter. Cecil Sweeney presents this.

2:30-3:00 **Break** Participants are asked to bring refreshments made with honey for this break, you may bring your recipes, beverages will be provided.

3:00-3:45(45) **Extracting Honey** Club members will demonstrate how to remove honey from your hives and uncap your honey, extract it and bottle it for sale and gifts. Andy Nowachek presents

3:45-4:15(30) **Tips for the Beekeeper** Robert Burns will demonstrate how to light your smoker, approach a hive, open it up and get started on your beekeeping adventure and safety. Robert Burns presents.

4:15-4:30(15) **Opportunities for members of the bee clubs**. Books, DVD's and magazines, our library & other beekeeping clubs in the area. She'll also let you know about our Funday on June 6th. Joli Winer presents

4:30- close **Question and Answer Session & Drawing for door prizes**-you must be present to win, one door prize ticket per paid registration. All presenters will answer questions.

Program and presenters subject to change

Spring 2015 Kansas Honey Producers Meeting
Friday and Saturday March 13th & 14th
Holiday Inn at the Campus
1641 Anderson Avenue, Manhattan KS 66502

For reservations call 785-539-7531 –reservation code “khp”

I have lined up a great hotel and meeting rooms and I'm working on a fantastic program. Our main guest speaker will be Dr. Clarence Collison, Beekeeping Specialist, Emeritus Professor/Dept. Head, Dept. of Entomology and Plant Pathology, Mississippi State University. Clarence is retired now and is hard to get out of retirement to make presentations—but he has agreed to spend some time with us in March! We are so lucky. Clarence is an excellent teacher and will be great for both new and experienced beekeepers. The spring meeting is usually primarily our beginning beekeeping class but this year I am going to try something different by having a second series of talks concurrently for 2nd year and more experienced beekeepers. I'm still working on confirming a few speakers and topics and the program for the Friday night dinner.

Our meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn at the Campus in Manhattan. We chose this city because they have a new bee club that is going gangbusters! **Make your hotel reservations by February 10th by calling 785-539-7531 and mentioning the code KHP to get the discounted rate of \$99.95.**

As an added feature this year we are going to have an Art Show. It won't be a contest but a show. I thought you might want to work on something over the winter. It can be anything related to beekeeping or something using beeswax. Maybe you have tried batik, encaustic painting, carved something from beeswax, taken a great photo—anything. Have you sculpted a bee from wood or done something cool with stained glass. Did you use beeswax when you made a bronze statue? Maybe someone buys beeswax from you and they do something creative with it –bring a sample.

FYI: At this meeting we will have representatives from Dadant and Sons, the Walter T. Kelley Company from Clarkson KY and Wicwas Press-beekeeping booksellers all will have displays.

If you have questions you can email me at joli@heartlandhoney.com or call me at 913-856-8356. Watch the kansashoneyproducers.org website for program updates.

Thursday night March 12th 8:00 p.m.

Board Meeting Holiday Inn at Campus, Manhattan KS, Presidents Room

Friday, March 13th 2015 B Beginners A Advanced
Meeting in the Ballroom ABC

8:00-8:45 Registration & Silent Auction Set-Up

8:45-9:00 President Steve Tipton

9:00-9:45 **Applying the Basics of Honey Bee Biology** Clarence Collison

9:45-10:00 Break

10:00-10:45 B. Equipment Possibilities and Terminology, Steve Tipton

10:00-10:45 A. Evaluating your Over wintered hives and Making Nucs and Requeening, Kristi Sanderson

10:45-11:30 B. Getting Started How & When and Where to put them, includes installing a package Joli Winer

10:45-11:30 A. Running Your Bee Operation in Singles, Larry Coppinger presents

11:35-12:15 “The Impact Of Systemic Insecticides On Pollinators” Dr. Ray Cloyd, Professor and Extension Specialist in Horticultural Entomology/Plant Protection Kansas State University Department of Entomology

12:15-1:15 Lunch

1:15-2:00 General Business Meeting

2:00-2:45 Management for Maximum Honey Production, Clarence Collison presents

- 2:50-3:35 **B. The new Drift-Watch Site for Sensitive Crops in Kansas & Small Hive Beetle update.** Sharon Dobesh Presents
- 2:50-3:35 **A. Growing your Business From 1 Hive to Commercial,** Jim Kellie presents **(Tentative)**
- 3:40-4:25 **Beekeeping in Kansas 1964-Present,** Gary Ross Presents
- 4:25 **Art Show**
- 6:00 **Dinner & Program –presentation from the Flint Hills Discovery Center**

Saturday, March 14th

- 8:00-8:30 Registration & Silent Auction Set-Up
- 8:30-8:40 President Steve Tipton
- 8:40-9:30 **Integrated Pest Management (IPM): Bee Diseases and Pests,** Clarence Collison
- 9:30-10:15 **B. Seasonal management: Removing Honey Supers & Getting Bees Ready for Winter** Gary LaGrange presents
- 9:30-10:15 **A. Chasing Swarms,** Bill Vinduska presents
- 10:15-10:30 **Break**
- 10:30-11:15 **B. Examining Combs What do they tell you,** Clarence Collison Presents
- 10:30-11:15 **A. Producing Comb Honey,** Kristi Sanderson presents
- 11:15-12:00 **B. Growing for your bees –What to plant,** Deb McSweeney
- 11:15-12:00 **A. Pollen Collecting,** John Speckman presents
- 12:00-1:15 **Lunch & End of Silent Auction at 1:15**
- 1:15-1:45 **Youth Scholarship Presentations –Becca Bailey, Abigail & Emily Buchholz, Josiah Beal**
(Some may present on Friday)
- 1:45-2:30 **Importance of Genetic Diversity in the Honey Bee Colony,** Dr. Clarence Collison

Concurrent Sessions in the afternoon:

- 2:30-3:15 **B. Small Scale Extracting,** Caroline Simpson Presents
- 2:30-3:15 **A. Queen Rearing with the Jenter System,** John Speckman presents
- 3:15-4:00 **B. Understanding GMO's** Gary Reynolds Presents
- 3:15-4:00 **A. Small Scale Queen Rearing – How I do it “Tricking the Bees”**
Robert Burns Presents
- 4:00-4:45 Area Representatives meet with the members from their area

Program subject to change



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Friday & Saturday, March 13th & 14th 2015 Registration Form**

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Non-Members Add \$15.00 \$15.00 _____

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