

*Exploring the wonderful world of beekeeping together*

## **The Bee Buzzer**

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### **Northeastern Kansas Beekeepers' Association**

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**Monday, December 16th (7 p.m.)**

Douglas County Fairgrounds Bldg 21N  
2110 Harper St, Lawrence KS

**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.

**Program:** "25 of the highest quality nectar and pollen sourced plants for honeybees."

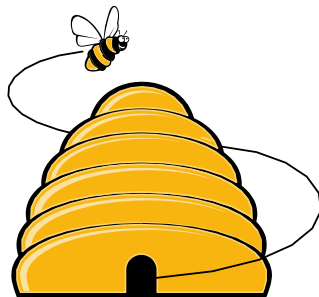
**Presenter:** Chad Gilliland

**Holiday Cookie Exchange:** bring a dozen cookies that are made with honey and take home a dozen. Bring a recipe card to share your delicious creation with everyone.

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### **Beelines**

**By President Steve Messbarger**



This will be my last buzzer article, as I will be turning over the president's position to Ed Darlington. I would like to thank everyone for making my job fun and enjoyable. I've had a great time meeting and talking to all. It's been a joy and a honor to serve such a great association. Thanks for putting up with me and hope you all welcome Ed in his upcoming challenges. With that said, I'm not

totally out of the picture, as I will be taking Chad's position as chair person. I will be planning the monthly meeting, so feel free to come see me and let us know if there are any topics you would like to have presented. My goal is to have meetings that will be covering what you need to be working on, at that time of the season. I realize we have a lot of new beekeepers and will do my best to keep our new people informed on what practices they need to be doing, at the right time of the year. Please feel free to talk to me about any subjects. If I don't see you at the next meeting, I would like to wish all of you, Happy Holidays! We had a great time and turnout for our yearly auction. It was truly a lot of fun and had some great bidding wars. I lost most of the time. Looking forward to our next meeting, and don't forget to bring some cookies. We always like the great cookies. Hope to see everyone at the next meeting.

As always, Bees first,  
Steve Messbarger

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### **Please don't forget to renew your membership!**

If you care about us, as we care about you's You'll make no delay and send in your dues-

We try awful hard, we work without pay-  
To help you keep bees, in a practical way.  
Your continued support, will help us grow;  
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**2019 Meeting Dates: (Starting Time is 7pm at Douglas County Fairgrounds unless stated otherwise.)**

- Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>

**Mark Your Calendars!**

- ***Bee-Ginning Beekeeping Class - January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020***
- ***Year 2 and Bee-Yond - February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020***

## Honey Labeling

*Robert Burns*

How to pack and label honey? It's part of basic beekeeping that needs to be covered.

Beekeeping supply dealers show interesting containers of all shapes and sizes in their catalogs and advertisements. Whether you are giving away or selling, you should have an attractive label for your honey, and you need to always use them! There are so many good options.

Just to confirm, by law, honey is sold by weight, not volume. We have common retail packages for liquid honey. A lot of what you might see is the queen-line type containers. You could also see honey in various canning jars like pints and quarts, etc.

All labels need to follow federal label laws. On a state level, according the Kansas Weights and Measures Law, every food in package form must be labeled – including honey! We have visited this topic in our association events but this is a good refresher.

To comply, the following is all that is required:

### HONEY

Weight in Ounces and Grams

Name of producer

Address of producer

All products sold to consumers must be packaged to prevent contamination. Labels must be affixed

to the package. The federal Fair Packaging and Labeling Act or FPLA requires a consumer commodity, like honey, to include the following elements on the label:

- Honey - The identity of the contents.
- The Producer - Name and address of the business that produced the contents
- Net weight in pounds/ounces and grams

Here's the breakdown. The word "Honey" must be predominant. If your honey is of a primary floral source, you may also name the plant or blossom from which the honey is derived such as 'Clover' or 'Alfalfa' or 'Black Locust' or 'Basswood', etc.

Secondly, as producer, your name and address are required but you might also provide other contact information like phone and email. Note: An exception to this requirement would be if somebody can look up the address on-line, then a street address would not need to be included.

Net weight is product weight excluding packaging. Do not include the weight of the container and lid –only the contents. This information must be in the lower third of the front label and be easy to read. If ingredients other than honey are added, those must be listed. Be sure that you are using the correct weight for the standard containers that you are labeling and packing.

Other label considerations might be the kind of paper and ink that you might want to use. For most of us, this depends on what kind of printer we have access to like Ink Jet or Laser. Too, depending on where you sell your honey or how you track your inventory, you may want create a bar or UPC code.

You may want to file for a tax number, and register your business name. If you want to sell on Amazon, you'll need a UPC code.

Any additional wording on a label for your container is your choice. As beekeepers and sellers, we like to use other terms like 'raw', 'un-filtered', 'un-heated', etc. Do not use 'organic' as there is no such thing as organic honey. Our bees fly and gather in such a huge radius; there are too many violations. We could never make any 'organic' guarantees. In addition, there is a difference between filtered and strained. Be able to explain that.

The style I have adopted and used is a hang-tag label. I don't like the idea of wasting space on the back-side, so I like to include concise information about a couple of varietal honeys like Clover and Wildflower. You could create a separate label for those or even give some information about crystalized honey. If there is room on your design, you could convey information like how your bees were raised or your standard.

It's been truly impressive to see so many of my good beekeeping friends offering their honey and wares at the local holiday markets. They have become true masters at packaging and labeling. You probably saw them yourselves. We have many new beekeepers that are just learning about honey handling, packing, and labeling. When you see someone with a creative and informative label, be sure to ask them. They'll have some really great tips and experiences to share about their label experiences.

There is a lot more information for labeling and options on-line. You might also find templates. I'll be sure to post this topic as a resource page on the websites in the very near future.

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## Bee-ginning Beekeeping Class

Early enrollment is very helpful for planning because these events include lunch. Spread the word to anyone interested in beekeeping, we have an excellent program planned for both days. If you'd like to receive an email of the ad to post in area businesses, email Becky and she'll send you a printable file. [bstbees@embarqmail.com](mailto:bstbees@embarqmail.com)

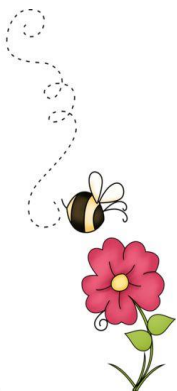
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## HONEY PLANTS

By: Cheryl Burkhead

As the year draws to an end, it is a good time to reflect upon the past year and plan ways to improve not only your beekeeping, but your bees forage area as well. Every year I try to keep better records regarding the bees but I encourage you to also make note of nectar and pollen sources throughout the

year. Plan ways to incorporate more nectar and pollen sources into your landscape providing



successive bloom periods throughout the season. Several books may help you improve your pollinator landscape. One of the best books to accomplish this is Peter Lindtner's, *Garden Plants for Honey Bees*. The book progresses through the calendar year, providing colored pictures of plants that are in bloom each month and a 5-star scoring system for both pollen and nectar production. This book has been available through our library or can be purchased through [www.wicwas.com](http://www.wicwas.com) or Amazon. Other favorites are *Pollinator Friendly Gardening*, by Rhonda Fleming Hayes and *100 Plants to Feed the Bees* by the The Xerces Society. *Attracting Native Pollinators* is another great Xerces Society guide and has native plant lists for bees and other pollinators.

Several websites to consider when planning additional pollinator forage are:

[www.pollinator.org/guides](http://www.pollinator.org/guides), [www.wildflower.org](http://www.wildflower.org) (Kansas collection), and [www.kswildflower.org](http://www.kswildflower.org).

Now is the time to dormant seed your native seeds for germination in the spring. Water your newly-planted perennials, shrubs, and trees this winter during warmer days if moisture is lacking.

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## Shop Safety

Needless to say our beekeeping activities have changed from chasing a swarm to adding supers and getting our bees ready for the winter months. SO that brings us to monitoring our hives during the winter months for food either by a heft test or a peek in the top on a decent day. But as many beekeeping activities change this is a big part of beekeeping. A big part of beekeeping is changing both with new research and beekeeping activities. As a beekeeper there are some smells or fragrances, or aroma's if you would like to refer to them. Number one to me is the smell/ aroma of full honey supers on a humid evening filling the air while admiring the hives. Number two to me is the smell of opening a new 25 pound box of crimped wire wax foundation that gets us fantasizing of how all these frames will be drawn out in a blink of an eye and filled with that liquid gold. Number three is one of my favorites and here is where "Home Improvement" with Tim Allen steps into the picture. The smell of freshly sawn pine boards, the dust in the air that your dust collector has missed

are some of the best fragrances there are, if only there were soap or lotion how great it would be. Now the big boy toys get their work out and who can resist the sound of a 1 and a half horsepower belt driven table saw with a brand new precision 80 tooth Dewalt finish saw blade, HO, HO, HO. Recently I needed some simple entrance reducers and who makes under a dozen of anything so fifty sounded like a good round number because it is FUN to hear the music of those tools working away. Pretty simple task, cut to length with your miter saw, use your table saw with dado and sled (fabricated fixture in aiding holding items to be sawn) and then rip to width. Here is where the Tim Allen comes into play. Always planning our next operation we get into a mode of repetition and not always paying attention to the task at hand. While doing the dado slots pushing my sled back and forth I noticed my thumb was not in a safe position which quickly got repositioned and got me to thinking. A few years ago a couple friends of mine while using their table saws; one lost a tip of his finger and the other tried to split his finger in half starting through the nail. Accidents happen in a spit second. Table saws are great for their task but they deserve respect. Make sure you have good footing and no foreign objects to trip on. Do you know where the kill switch is at in case of an emergency? Do you have a kick back on your saw in case the wood catches or shoots out the back? Is your fence adjusted parallel with the blade so the piece being sawed has relief to pass between blade and fence? Do you use a push stick or device while sawing narrow pieces between blade and fence?

I believe you can ask anyone of the scholarship students and their parents who have built items in my shop. MY shop MY rules, glasses and ear protection ALL THE TIME, while building equipment. You may go home with a sore finger from a hammer miss and that will heal, the other can be permanent. I prefer a face mask as in the past every now and then while cutting small pieces they do become airborne which can get your undivided attention.

I once knew this person who was using a table saw on a hot day outside cutting paneling for screened bottom boards and was somewhat in a time crunch. Not setting the fence correctly and not having the kick back on the saw, it kicked back

an 18 inch by 22 inch of paneling into his body and making a circle cut out of rectangular piece. I heard this person as quickly as he could shut off the saw and was afraid to see the damage to the body as the story goes there was about a 14 inch area that was black and blue for over three weeks. It seems about a week later he had purchased this well balanced claw hammer that had claws as sharp as a utility knife and was outside removing a couple nail from an old hive body. In his haste, a swing of the hammer claw and a miss of the nail head resulted in a laceration to the wrist requiring only 5 stitches at the emergency room HO, HO, HO. I heard this person stayed in the house for the next two weeks and didn't touch a tool. I was also told; yes you can cut a circle with a table saw BUT NOT RECOMMENDED. Bottom line accidents can and unfortunately do happen BUT think of what you are doing prior to any job. Always wear eye and ear protection, they cannot be replaced. Never allow little children around when working with power tools or where objects may stray and hit someone. Plan your work in a safe manner. We don't want to hear of any "Tim Allen" adventures and see the wrapped hands with gauze and band aids; it's a giveaway something happened.

Be Safe and Have a Fantastic Day,  
Andy Nowachek

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## Thanks for Your Service

This past month I knew I wanted to have some kind of short tribute to our Military men and women who served in the armed forces. Needing some help, both in planning and achieving this, it was easy to figure out whom to ask. In this situation, our 2018 and 2019 Military Veteran recipients were the ones to ask. Without hesitation, despite busy job schedules and families, they were there with ideas and thoughts and I'LL BE THERE TO HELP. For going above and beyond, I Thank John, Justin and Aaron for their help planning and being a big part of this tribute to our Military Veterans.

Over the past few years we have had our Veterans stand for a round of applause along with their family members. This year we wanted to have all our Veterans, over a dozen strong, to gather in the front to be recognized for their

service. I Thank You All! It has been an honor and privilege to be able to stand amongst all of you.

In planning this tribute to our military, I contacted a fellow retired veteran, who had served during the same era and who is a wealth of information. While we discussed beekeeping, both past and present, our conversation rolled back around to something I've said for years that "when you look around and the old timers are gone you ARE the old timer". We have a lot of our younger military men and women being discharged from the service who we believed could benefit from being a part of a beekeeping organization. This is where we would like our younger men and women to step up and take the reins so to speak. I believe we all can agree, no matter what our career or jobs, we must pass on our skills whatever they may be to the next generations to carry forward. This past month displayed that to the utmost, all stepped up. From our 2018 and 2109 Military/Veterans Apprenticeship recipients and our committee group we wish All of You a Merry Christmas, A Happy Hanukkah and a Happy New Year.

Have a Fantastic Day,  
*Andy Nowachek*

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## Library News

December's 2019 library NEKBA newsletter  
This is my last month as your librarian. I have greatly enjoyed serving in this capacity. Next month, I will look forward to addressing you from a different perspective; being in a new role as president.

We have made progress in getting the library checkout card system switched over to the larger cards making it easier to enter our information. We have also made purchases that for the most part, seem popular, and get checked out frequently.

We still struggle with the timely returning of checked out materials. I wish people would follow the example of a few diligent members who always return, in a timely manner, what they have checked out; making that resource available to someone else. Many of our books are kept so long that they are only available to others once, or maybe twice, a year.

A potential improvement or solution: switching over to an electronic media. This goal is proving more elusive, and difficult than anticipated. We don't currently have the resources to accomplish this change.

In the meantime, depending on where you live, I recommend you join your local public library, as they currently have more electronic options. I especially like Mid-Continent Public Library on the Missouri side, and Johnson County Library on the Kansas side.

*Thanks,  
Edward Darlington*

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## Final Note as your Editor:

I hope everyone's holiday season is fulfilled with happiness and all things that bring you joy this time of year. I would like to thank everyone that has complimented me on my work as editor and I hope you do the same for Cheryl as your new Editor. This job can truly be pretty tough but rewarding. Printing, Folding, Stamping 180+/- newsletters is a time commitment and taxing on the fingers.

This is the time of year; I look forward to next year's goal and determine what kind of equipment I need to assemble and what needs to be fixed. It can also be the best time to buy new equipment with all of the holiday sales. And truly the equipment manufacturers are trying to keep busy in the downtime until spring.

This next year I for one am going to work on efficiency in my apiary. I will accomplish this by having less hives. I currently have 13 and I believe I can get the same production from less hives with more intensive management. This has to be the way I manage my bees because I seem to have less and less time as my kids get older.

Please let me know if any of you have any questions about beekeeping or this hobby in general.

As always, thanks for reading,

Matthew Merz

# NORTHEASTERN KS BEEKEEPERS' ASSOC. 2019 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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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 Association \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

American Bee Journal 1 year \$24.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Bee Culture Magazine 1 year \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Scholarship Donation** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Make checks payable to: NEKBA or Northeastern Kansas Beekeepers Assn.**

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**Now you can pay online at [WWW.NEKBA.ORG](http://WWW.NEKBA.ORG)**

# NE KS Beekeepers Class Enrollment

## Bee-ginning Beekeeping Class

January 18, 2020

Name(s) of those attending:

Number attending X \$35 each = \_\_\_\_\_

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**Everything you need to know to get started in beekeeping in NE KS—BEST PRACTICES for our area. Excellent for beeks with 3 years of experience or less.**

## Year 2 and Bee-yond Class

February 15, 2020

Name(s) of those attending:

Number attending X \$35 each = \_\_\_\_\_

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**Starting year 2—this class is for you. Requeen, making splits, maintaining healthy hives. Anyone having hives less than 5 years will learn valuable information.**

Membership in NEKBA (includes access and monthly newsletter).

to our library

(membership is not necessary to attend)

Membership \$15/year=\_\_\_\_\_

Your contact information:

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Total submitted \_\_\_\_\_

Both classes will be held at Douglas County Fairgrounds, 2110 Harper Street, Lawrence, KS.

Registration begins at 8:15.

Classes: 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM

Included in the class: Lunch, Snacks, Presenters notes and literature.

Enrollment at [www.nekba.org](http://www.nekba.org)

PayPal or bank cards accepted

or Mail to Robert Burns, 7601 W. 54Th Ter.

Overland Park KS 66202

Questions:

Becky Tipton

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# Bee-ginning Beekeeping Class

January 18, 2020

9:00 ~ 5:30

NE KS Beekeepers Assoc.  
Douglas County Fairgrounds  
**Lawrence, KS**

- \*Bee Biology
- \*Equipment
- \*Managing Colony Growth
- \*Summertime Beekeeping

- \*Keeping bees Healthy
- \*Diseases and Pests
- \*Varroa management and treatment
- \*Fall and Winter management

# \$35

Price includes:  
lunch, snacks &  
presenters' notes



# Year 2 and Bee-Yond



February 15, 2020

9:00 ~ 5:30

NE KS Beekeepers Assoc.  
Douglas County Fairgrounds  
**Lawrence, KS**

- \*Why hives die.
- \*Spring management year 2
- Build your apiary
- \*How & Why to requeen a hive

- \*Swarm Biology
- \*Stressors and IPM
- \*Moving bee hives
- \*Get your questions answered

# \$35

Price includes:  
lunch, snacks &  
presenters' notes

**enroll 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](mailto:sandersonk09@gmail.com) for pricing and appointment times.

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## Address Service Requested

### Meeting

**Monday, December 16th, 2019**

### ***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.

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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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