



Northeastern Kansas Beekeepers Association

Year-2 & Beyond Beekeeping

When: Saturday, February 21, 2026, 8:30am-5:00pm

Where: Johnson County Extension Office

11811 S Sunset Dr, Olathe, KS

8:30-8:50	Registration
8:50-9:00	Introduction Kristi Sanderson
9:00-9:45	Winter & early spring inspections Matthew Brandes Late winter inspections (January)—Hive hefting, when & how to feed hard sugar, what temps can brood frames be pulled out, accessing dead hives Early spring (March) queen health, colony populations, cleaning bottom board & propolis from frames, hive box reversals or not, removing entrance reducers & mouse guards
9:50-10:10	Spring feeding Jim Putnam When, why and how to feed overwintered hives
10:10-10:25	Break/vendor time
10:25-11:15	Splitting, requeening & swarming Kristi Sanderson Finding the queen, making & moving splits, preventing swarms, where to add new frames, what to do once hive has swarmed, cutting queen cells or not
11:20-12:05	Fall management Becky Tipton Preparing bees for winter after honey supers have been removed When to do mite treatments, feeding for winter survival
12:05-1:05	Lunch/vendor time
1:05-1:55	Varroa mites and diseases Joli Winer How to test and treat for mites and diseases that commonly exist in hives
2:00-2:30	Extracting honey Buck Bradley The ins and outs of extracting
2:30-2:45	Break/vendor time
2:45-3:25	Producing liquid and comb honey Jessica Popp-Mullen Evaluating hives to make comb honey and knowing when to add supers for a good honey harvest
3:30-3:50	What blooms in the fall Jo Patrick Learn to identify fall and nectar fall plants
3:50-4:30	Q &A with the presenters
4:30-4:45	Closing Remarks

**Program and speakers subject to change.

Enroll online @ www.NEKBA.org Any questions, contact Kristi 913-768-4961, or email sandersonk09@gmail.com.
Please help us tidy up at the end of the day. Thanks for joining us!

Kristi Sanderson, Special Events Coordinator 2026 – Bee Classes

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