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#### **General Meeting**

**Monday, Oct 20th, 2025 (7:00 p.m.)**

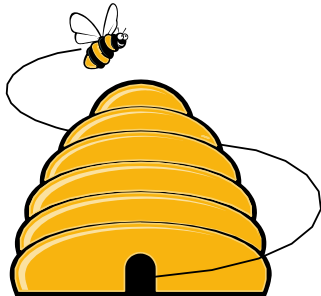
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**Main Program: Thermo-regulation and Ventilation** - EAS Master Beekeeper Bill Hesbach will speak about Thermo-regulation and Ventilation in a beehive and introduce the topic of a "Condensing Hive". Bill will talk about how bees control the internal hive temperature using thermoregulation and what effect that has on the colony. He will discuss convection flows inside a colony as a precursor to understanding ventilation. In the final segment, introduce the concept of a condensing colony versus the more common practice of adding ventilation. Participants will better understand what role ventilation plays in a natural hive environment.

#### **Beelines**

**By President Cheryl Burkhead**



We've had wonderful weather these past few weeks although it's been a bit warm and dry. I've been in awe of the number of Monarchs that have been migrating through the area. I am fascinated by their annual long arduous journey and understand how Dr. Chip Taylor was so enamored by this insect. I've watched them feed upon the sunflowers, sedum, butterfly bush, Seven Sons tree, goldenrod, asters, and zinnias. It reinforces the importance of having abundant fall forage for our pollinators. Fall is such a great time to plant. Making changes in your own landscapes can have such a beneficial impact. Ask Jo Patrick or your local nurseryman for ideas on how to make your own yards more of an oasis for not only migrating Monarch butterflies but for all native pollinators and honey bees.

My attention has been focused more recently on asters as I needed to capture some photos for an upcoming book. It's amazing how many varieties in hues of purple and white there are in just my area of northeast Kansas. They are a vital food source and provide some of the last pollen and nectar for the season. It's been a wonderful September, and their blooms have lasted a bit longer than in recent years.

We lost a champion this month. Jane Goodall was a global advocate for wildlife. One of her quotes is so appropriate with respect to our pollinators; "Only if we understand, will we care. Only if we care, will we help. Only if we help shall all be saved." Continue to educate your legislators and your community about the importance of our pollinators and the challenges that they face every day.



### 2025 Meeting Dates:

- Oct 20<sup>th</sup>, Open Apiary & Monthly Meeting
- Nov 17<sup>th</sup>, Monthly Meeting



### Ol' Bee Gal



Steve and I teach a beginning beekeeping class. We meet at Ward Meade Park in Topeka. Another area beekeeper put one of his goals into action and planned a NEW area event. He called it “The Honey Festival”, and it was also held at Ward Meade Park in Topeka. They graciously asked me to present and talk about our class and opportunities for new beekeepers in our area—it went very well! When someone tries something new, you are never quite sure what you will get. This Honey Festival was sweet (pun intended).

Approximately 1,500 folks attended. Lots of honey was tasted, lots of conversations about bees and beekeeping were heard, and a good time was had by all. Congratulations to the planning crew! SPECIAL THANKS to Robert Burns. Robert drove to Topeka and, alone, manned a table with information about NEKBA and KHPA! He took this on out of the goodness of his heart for the promotion and betterment of our associations. That is the kind of dedication that keeps our club buzzing.

October is the time of year when we always see a spike in honey sales. Maybe it's fall baking or after school snacks, but we always have good honey sales in fall after a little lag during summer. Here's a new recipe I found for Pumpkin Pie Muffins. It makes 30 tasty muffins, enough to share or to freeze for quick treats.

### Pumpkin Pie Muffins

- 15 oz Pumpkin puree
- 4 eggs
- 8 oz. cottage cheese—blended until smooth
- 2 TBSP vanilla extract
- 1 c. coconut oil (melted but cool)
- 1 c. honey
- 1 ½ c. rolled oats—blended to make coarse oat flour
- 3 1/2 c. flour
- 1 1/2 tsp. baking soda
- 4 tsp. baking powder
- 1 TBSP cinnamon
- 1 tsp. pumpkin pie spice
- 1 tsp. salt

Combine pumpkin, eggs, cheese, vanilla and honey. In a separate bowl, combine all dry ingredients. Stir the wet and dry ingredients together until just combined. Fill lined muffin tins and sprinkle with streusel topping (below). Bake @ 375° for 25 minutes. Cool completely before freezing.

### Streusel topping:

- 6 TBSP butter, melted
- 6 TBSP Flour
- 4 TBSP brown sugar
- ½ c. rolled oats
- 1 tsp. pumpkin pie spice

Mix topping together until crumbly.

I believe in this organization. I believe we are stronger together and we help each other become better beekeepers. My successes (or failures) have almost all been shared here so someone else might learn. We

need good leadership to keep this organization functioning and to continue to support beekeepers. We (the nominations committee) are still trying to find someone to accept the job of President for this next term. You don't have to be a great beekeeper to fill this position. You need to be someone who wants to help keep this great organization running. The president leads our monthly meetings, chairs our board meetings (4 times/year), and is an ad hoc member of any committees he/she wants to join. You can be as actively involved or as hands off as you wish. But we NEED someone to step up and fill this important roll. If you enjoy the monthly meetings, the Buzzer (newsletter), the Funday, the classes, you could be the person we are looking for; please consider volunteering your time and talent. Reach out to Jo Patrick, Elaine Ellenz, or me and join our merry band of volunteers trying to make the world a little sweeter.

**Becky Tipton**



### **ASK QUINBY & REMI**

**Dear Quinby and Remi:** My hives smell so strange, I'm worried I have that disease we learned about in our beekeeper class. What should I do?

**Quinby and Remi answer:** We have heard that question several times this fall! The disease you are referring to is American Foulbrood. However, most likely you are smelling one of the fall honeys that the bees gather from the aster flowers. This year there are so many asters in bloom, and the bees are all over them. You can easily smell nectar when approaching your hives.

**Dear Quinby and Remi:** This is going to be my first winter having bees, what should I do?

**Quinby and Remi answer:** That is a big question to answer! First make sure that your hive is queen right, that you have a queen and all stages of brood, eggs, larva sealed brood. Ensure your top hive body is filled with honey. Right now, the queens are mostly laying in the bottom hive body, with maybe a little brood in the top hive body. Feed your hive now if honey is low and temperatures are still warm. Once it gets cold it is harder for the bees to break their cluster to take syrup. The bees also need to dehumidify the syrup as they store it so that it will make good winter feed. Remember, this time of year feed 2:1 syrup by weight, 2 parts sugar 1 part water. Use only white sugar, not brown, not organic, nothing weird. Next, make sure that you have done a post treatment mite check! This is critical to make sure that your mite treatment worked. If it did not work- you still have a lot of mites in a sample- you may need to treat using another method. The next big thing to determine is the strength of your hive. Right now, your bees should be covering a lot of your frames, like all of them! If you just have a few frames of bees, it is not likely it will make it through the winter. You have a decision to make. If you have more than one hive, now is the time to take your losses! Combine it with another hive by adding the smallest hive on top of the strongest hive. If possible, combine the frames from your weak hive down to one hive body. Then using a piece or two of newspaper combine it on top of your strong hive. You could find the queen on the weak hive and kill her, but really the bees know what to do and will take care of it. As it cools off, and the nights get cool you can put in your entrance reducers/mouse guards. Consider a windbreak.

**Dear Quinby and Remi:** I am so hungry for knowledge about honey bees, what should I do to learn more?

**Quinby and Remi answer:** There are several good meetings coming up. The Missouri State Beekeepers have a meeting in Blue Springs MO on Saturday, October 18th. It looks like a great program. For details and to register go to their website at [www.mobees.org](http://www.mobees.org). The Kansas Honey Producers have a meeting coming up in Salina, so close! The date of that meeting is November 7 & 8. For information go to the Kansas Honey Producers website of [www.kansashoneyproducers.org](http://www.kansashoneyproducers.org)

And of course, attend our monthly meetings, become active, volunteer when we ask for help.



## The NEKBA Beeyard

Join us at our Open Teaching Apiary (OTA) located at Pendleton's Country Market, 1446 E 1850 Rd., Lawrence KS 66046. During our OTA events we typically go through hives looking for the queen, eggs, larva and brood. We talk about what we should be doing in our hives. We also spend a lot of time talking about your hives- we answer a lot of questions!

We ask that you register through sign-up genius so that we know how many are coming and we can get in touch with you if we must cancel. Please bring your beekeeping suit but note that we have extras. Please use this link to sign up <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054DA9A72CA2FAC70-55554696-open> check out our NEKBA website at [www.nekba.org](http://www.nekba.org) for more information and schedule changes. For questions call Joli at 913-593-3562.



OTA Dates - Monday, October 20, 2025 from 5:00-6:30 before the NEKBA meeting

## Tips for October

- Check your hives for food stores. The top hive body should be packed full of honey. If it isn't, you should feed the bees some syrup. If mixing your own syrup, in the fall, the mixture should be 2:1 sugar to water by weight. That would be 8 lbs. sugar to ½ gallon of hot water. Do not use corn syrup or any type of syrup that you purchase at the grocery store.
- Check the frames in your brood chambers. Make sure you have a queen that is laying and that you have brood. If you find a queenless hive this time of year, it is best to combine it with another hive. Always take your losses in the fall. At this point, you can still save your equipment from wax moth damage. You can always make a split and get a new package or nuc next spring.
- Get your entrance reducers on this month. As the nights turn cool, mice are looking for a nice warm place to spend the winter. They can sure do a lot of damage. Check for mice before installing mouse guards.
- Prepare a windbreak if your bees are exposed to the north wind & close off screened bottom boards.
- Get your honey off as soon as possible. If you are leaving supers on your hives, make sure and take off the queen excluders so the bees won't move up into the honey super and leave the queen below!
- Take an inventory to see what equipment you need to repair or replace over the winter.
- Subscribe to a monthly bee magazine and stay informed!
- Renew your NEKBA membership for 2026 as soon as possible!



## Military/Veterans Apprentices Program

The Northeastern Kansas Beekeepers Association (NEKBA) is proud to support veterans, active-duty service members, and their families through the Military Scholarship Program. This scholarship covers beginner beekeeping classes, educational materials, and membership in NEKBA—helping those who serve connect with the rewarding world of beekeeping. Applications are open now through October 31. For details and to apply, visit [NEKBA.org](http://NEKBA.org). If you have any questions, please let me know. 785-248-1005 [Babradley82@gmail.com](mailto:Babradley82@gmail.com)

**Buck Bradley, Military/Veteran Appr. Liaison**

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### Honey Plants



Here in NE KS, we are coming to an end of floral food sources for the year. In a typical year Asters are the last to bloom. However, during the last week of September I observed native Sunflowers, Sedums, Goldenrod, Aromatic Aster, New England Asters and Heath Asters all blooming at the same time. They typically bloom in succession, but not this year.

During that time my honey bees were busy bringing in a lot of dark but bright orange pollen. I am going to assume that the orange pollen is from Sunflowers or Goldenrod. In preparation for spring build-up, foragers will store large amounts of pollen in the fall. After winter solstice, when the days begin to get longer, queens will begin laying eggs again.

During spring, summer, and early fall did you notice gaps in your nectar flow? If so, I encourage you to research and fill the gap with a blooming tree, several shrubs, or herbaceous perennials. Select a honey plant that blooms during the gap. October and November are excellent months to plant and often you can find late season bargains. A tree is always the most beneficial to plant. They don't take the square footage or maintenance as a flower garden or pollinator patch. Some flowering trees will bloom the year after planting, like Chokecherries. Others may take several years before they bloom. I planted Black Locust trees as saplings. They took five years to bloom but they were certainly worth the wait.

A few more reasons to take advantage of fall planting include: 1. Less water is required and there is less risk of heat stress on the plant. 2. There will be less competition from weeds. 3. Wildflowers such as Goldenrod, Asters, Milkweeds, and some shrubs will be able to provide an immediate food source or cover for various pollinators.

There are a few spring flowering bulbs that are favored by honey bees. These bulbs provide both nectar and pollen. They are Alliums, Crocus, Grape Hyacinths, Siberian Squill, and Leucojum Snowflake. Snowflakes will grow here but seem susceptible to pests and diseases. These should be planted in the fall for spring flowers.

When planting, be sure to group like kinds of bulbs together. This will catch a honey bee forager's eye much faster and make a larger impact on the landscape. Even though bulbs are currently available for purchase, resist the urge to plant until night time temperatures are consistently between 40 F., and 60 F. Warm temperatures will encourage foliage growth in the fall and that is fatal to your bulbs. Keep your bulbs in the refrigerator until temperatures are within range. This year I am planning to plant a half whiskey barrel with an Allium, assorted colors of Crocus, and Grape Hyacinths. I did this years ago with great success. If you can't plant in the ground or live in an apartment, it's an option to consider for your green thumb.



New England Aster

**Jo Patrick, Honey Plants Chairman**

## Funday 2026

Mark your calendars for Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026, for our Funday! While we are still lining up guest speakers, we do have confirmation from **David Burns**! His bio is here:

David started beekeeping in the early 1990s and started a beekeeping business several years later. In 2006 David began blogging and uploading beekeeping videos to YouTube. His YouTube channel has grown to around 160,000 subscribers. He also produces a weekly beekeeping podcast.

In 2020 David & Sheri were approached by Rockridge press to write the book “Backyard Beekeeping: Everything You Need to Know to Start Your First Hive.”

He has produced a suite of online beekeeping courses that have become very popular among new beekeepers.

David produces queens, nucs and packages. To make sure beekeepers had the best and latest scientific information on bees and beekeeping, David became a Certified Master Beekeeper through the Eastern Apicultural Society (2010). He also writes a monthly column for Bee Culture Magazine.

David hosts a very popular beekeeping livestream every Thursday night at 7pm CST, on YouTube, to answer beekeeper’s questions and shares a weekly teaching. He also has a mentorship program known as Beeteam6. He addresses groups throughout the country at beekeeping conferences and is heard frequently on radio shows and podcasts.

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## OTHER EVENTS

Missouri State Beekeepers Association Fall Conference & Honey Expo to be held Saturday, October 18, 2025 at the Adams Pointe Conference Center 1400 NE Coronado Dr, Blue Springs, MO. Registration is \$65.00

<https://www.mobees.org/events/beeconf2025/> Missouri Beekeepers Fall Conference: October 18th at the Adams Pointe Conference Center in Blue Springs.

Meet & Greet: Friday evening, October 17th, from 6–8 p.m. with speakers and vendors.

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## *Kansas Honey Producers Association*

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**Friday:** November 7<sup>th</sup> 8:30am–4:00pm, dinner & banquet at 6:00pm

**Saturday:** November 8<sup>th</sup> 8:30am – 3:00pm

Please make your reservations at the hotel by calling 785-309-1300

<https://www.kansashoneyproducers.org/bi-annual-meetings>



## Bees & Drought Awareness.

A few might be wondering why I track the weekly drought report. Drought can have a severe impact on both bees and our beekeeping practices. Many beekeepers can and will unexpectedly lose bees in the next several months through early spring when things might seem perfectly fine at this moment in time.

Drought is the lack of environmental water and moisture. This lack of water has a stressful effect on both animals and plants. For our bees, it reduces the quantity as well as the quality of both nectar and pollen, which increase the risk of losing a colony. Bees, like other animals, need water. When water is not available, beekeepers need to provide a supplemental water source. Beekeepers may also need to provide good sources of nutrition by supplemental feeding. We live in a “pollen rich” environment; but, liquid syrup (carbohydrates) may need to be provided to insure survival until next spring. Drought-tolerant and bee-friendly native plantings can help but may not be enough. Colonies need to be watched and monitored for signs of stress and robbing.

**Robert Burns**

### Some Helpful Information:

#### AI Overview of Drought & Beekeeping

Drought severely impacts beekeeping by creating a lack of water, reducing the quantity and quality of nectar and pollen, and increasing the risk of colony collapse. Beekeepers must provide supplemental water sources, ensure adequate nutrition through feeding or drought-tolerant plantings, and monitor colonies for signs of stress or robbing.

#### Effects of Drought on Bees and Hives

- **Nutritional Stress:** Drought-stressed plants produce less nectar and pollen, leading to malnutrition, reduced brood production, and a weakened colony.
- **Resource Depletion:** The lack of water and rainfall depletes natural nectar and pollen sources, creating a dearth that can force bees to cannibalize brood to conserve energy.
- **Increased Risk of Robbing:** With fewer resources, colonies may become defensive and resort to robbing other hives for food, which can lead to conflict and hive collapse.
- **Vulnerability to Pests and Pathogens:** Weakened colonies due to drought are more susceptible to diseases and parasites like the Varroa mite, exacerbating colony health issues.
- **Water Scarcity:** Bees need water for evaporative cooling in hot hives, diluting honey, and producing brood food. A lack of water during drought makes these essential functions difficult.

#### How to Help Bees During a Drought

- **Provide Water Sources:** Offer bees clean, accessible water sources. Place shallow containers with rocks or cement blocks to provide landing spots and prevent drowning.
- **Supplemental Feeding:** Provide sugar syrup to supplement their diet and ensure the colony has enough energy to survive the lack of nectar and pollen.
- **Plant Drought-Tolerant Species:** Introduce or encourage the growth of plants that can thrive in drought conditions, such as rabbit brush and sage brush, to provide ongoing forage for bees.
- **Monitor Colonies Closely:** Regularly inspect hives for signs of malnutrition, low brood production, or behavioral changes like increased defensiveness.
- **Stay Informed:** Keep up to date with local drought conditions and research on bee health to make informed decisions for your hives.

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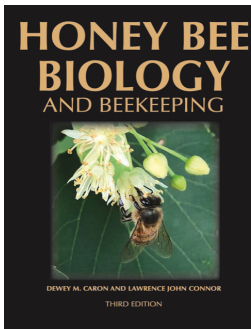
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### Meeting

Monday, Oct 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025 - Douglas Fairgrounds

### *The Northeastern Kansas Beekeepers' Association*

Membership is open to anyone interested in bees or bee culture. Dues are \$25.00 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 \$12.50 for ½ year. Additional members of a family wanting voting privileges shall be assessed dues at \$1.00 per year. Youth memberships (18 years of age and younger) are \$12.50 per year. Please submit new memberships and renewals to the treasurer or on-line at [www.nekba.org](http://www.nekba.org).

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The Association meets each month, generally on the third Monday at 7:00 p.m. except during the months of January and July. This is a non-profit organization; elected officers serve without pay. Everyone is invited to attend the meetings. Check *The Bee Buzzer* or website at [www.nekba.org](http://www.nekba.org) each month for the actual date, time, and location. If the weather is bad, call an officer or check the website to find out if the meeting will be held or cancelled.

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