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#### General Meeting

Monday April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015

7:00 p.m.

First 15 minutes-

Dr. Marla Spivak's "Why Bees are

Disappearing" *Ted Talk*

*Program:*

*Becky Tipton Presents:*

**First Inspections**

Douglas Co Fairgrounds Building 21 North

*Marla Spivak will be our guest speaker at the Marla-Velous Funday on June 6<sup>th</sup>. She researches bees' behavior and biology in an effort to preserve this threatened, but ecologically essential, insect.*

Bees pollinate a third of our food supply -- they don't just make honey! -- but colonies have been disappearing at alarming rates in many parts of the world due to the accumulated effects of parasitic mites, viral and bacterial diseases, and exposure to pesticides and herbicides. Marla Spivak, University of Minnesota professor of entomology and 2010 MacArthur Fellow, tries as much as possible to think like bees in her work to protect them. They're "highly social and complex" creatures, she says, which fuels her interest and her research. She is also analyzing how flowers' decline due to herbicides, pesticides and crop monoculture affect bees' numbers and diversity.

Becky will talk a little about safety gear, lighting and using your smoker, and what healthy looks like. She'll also talk about removing comb when it's drawn wrong. She will approach but not talk about supering. If members would like to bring refreshments both beverages and paper goods will be provided.

**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 turn into the fairgrounds.

#### 2015 SPRING OPEN HOUSE & PLANT

FUNDRAISER Saturday May 9 - 8a to 2p

Ready to start a butterfly garden or improve the one you have? If so, come visit us at Monarch Watch for our annual Spring Open House & Plant Fundraiser.

We will have more than 5,000 butterfly plants (both annuals and perennials), including seedlings of twelve milkweed varieties. These plants are ideal for starting butterfly gardens or adding to established gardens. Monarch numbers have been declining and we need to plant milkweeds to sustain the monarch migration. Modest contributions are suggested for the plants.

Refreshments will be provided. There will be games for the children and they can make "seed balls" containing seeds of milkweeds and other butterfly plants that can be used to create habits for monarchs and other butterflies. They can also watch the queen bee lay eggs in our honeybee observation hive, see scary insects and spiders, or watch videos.

KU West Campus Monarch Watch (Foley Hall)

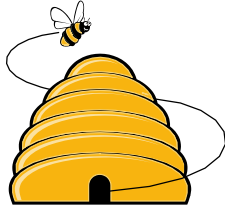
**Via I-70 Turnpike:** Take West Lawrence exit and continue South on IOWA street. At the 19th Street stoplight turn RIGHT (west). At "T" turn LEFT (south). Proceed past the stop sign (after stopping of course!) and then turn right into a parking lot and find a place to park ;- ) Foley Hall is the one-story building that will be on your right.

**Via westbound K-10:** K-10 turns into 23rd street in Lawrence. Continue West on 23rd until you reach IOWA street. At the stoplight turn RIGHT (north) and continue to 19th Street. At the 19th Street stoplight turn LEFT (west). At "T" turn LEFT (south). Proceed past the stop sign (after stopping of course!) and then turn right into a parking lot and find a place to park ;- ) Foley Hall is the one-story building that will be on your right.

# Beelines

## By President

### Andy Nowachek



March has always been the month that seems like the beginning of the honey season. Actually the honey season is 12 months a year because it is agriculture. This month has definitely been a busy month and it looks like the momentum is building up. On the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of March we were at the Kansas Honey Producers Association meeting in Manhattan Ks. These meetings are like going and visiting relatives you have not seen in a long time: small talk, greetings, how things are going, how the bees are looking, etc. It is a great time with great people to converse with and exchange ideas and thoughts. Plus there normally is a guest speaker and this year was no exception as we got to listen to Dr. Clarence Collison who was just outstanding with his presentations both Friday and Saturday. If you ever get the chance to attend one of these I truly believe you would be hooked, it sure is interesting actually talking to fellow Kansans about bees in their area.

March 15<sup>th</sup> and the 22<sup>nd</sup> was another fantastic time with our Beginners Beekeeping Class. We had around 241 there this year- how could it not be fantastic? Starting off the first Sunday was Dr. Clarence Collison who switched from the KHPA talks that pertained to the more experienced beekeeper to the beginner and was great at moving from one level of beekeeper to another level. This was followed up by experienced members of our club who continued on with the training aspects of Beginners Beekeeping. From what the majority of the evaluations were it was the success that we had hoped for. If I were to tell you we could grant every wish and do a 100 percent making everyone happy I would be ecstatic, but the truth is there are speed bumps and with these evaluations we will strive for the 100% next year. We did have an audio problem and we are still waiting for that person who is highly savvy with electronics to step forward. One thing needs to be realized that this is a Beginners Class and we presented the basics only. It takes time to become proficient in anything we do in life and beekeeping is no different. The one advantage to this class is you

have gotten the basics and attending as many meetings as you can is a great help as we do present some of these programs throughout the year that are pertinent to that time of year and go into greater detail. There are always experienced beekeepers at these meeting to ask questions to plus at the end of the program we have a question and answer time (and if the president forgets, stand up and let him know). The library is an excellent place to get well documented material. In talking to some of you those that attended seemed truly interested in a fascinating insect. We as a club welcome you to a very gratifying hobby, future business and member of a great organization.

March 28 was the fourth year that we were asked to attend the Prairie Village Earth Day's event with 65 vendors promoting eco-friendly items to help preserve the earth. This is a great group that is trying to help with issues that seem to be present every day of our lives. It amazes me the interest in our Honey Bee and what they can do to help save it. There are numerous ways that people can help out and one of the easiest ways is to plant insect friendly plants, maybe a 5 foot square maybe 10 foot or more, BUT watch what you buy. Are they hybrid, if so they lack nectar and pollen, are they treated with neonicotinoids or some other harmful pesticide? The interest and the good questions were there. It always seems worthwhile to pass on information to the public about Honey Bees and Beekeeping and its rewards.

I've been saying it's dry and the other evening it was proven to me. Around 9:00 P.M. I received a call from one of the property owners where I have bees. He had just gotten in the house to take a shower and clean up. He has taken classes and is licensed to do field burns and has done them numerous times before. His intention was to burn 5 acres and had it set up to do so with a road to stop one way and a mowed area in the other direction. As you can guess, the wind came up; it jumped the road, and the fire department was called after they realized he and his wife could not control it. The fire truck got stuck and then the hydraulic pump on the truck overheated to help matters. He noticed the fire heading toward the bee hives and headed out with his tractor and water sprayer to the hives. The next day we went down there and the burned area was within 18 to 24 inches of burning the hives. The bees are still flying but I bet they were in the evacuation mode. I also heard of another beekeeper this year who had mowed a large area around his hives. As luck would

have it this was the only yard of mine that was not mowed. This is just some food for thought.

If you are a new beekeeper very carefully choose your location. It should have easy access, a water supply, and be out of sight if in town, (check on city regulations) and have lots of sunlight.

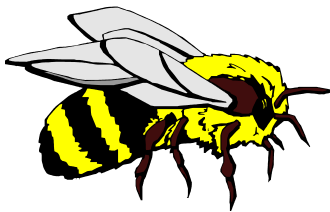
Hope to see you all at the next meeting and welcome to a fantastic and a rewarding hobby. Have fun with the bees, they're quite an important insect.

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## 2015 Meeting Dates for 2015

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.

- 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 & Dr. Chip Taylor
- July 19th Annual Bee-Bee Q & Pot Luck Dinner & Watermelon Feed at Zimmerman Kill Creek Farm, DeSoto -*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 (2<sup>nd</sup> Monday) Youth Scholarship presentations



## Mentoring

During the beginning beekeeping class the question was asked if the club had a mentoring program. The answer is no. We have discussed it several times at our board meetings but have never come to a consensus of what to do. We all do what we can. Steve and Becky teach a monthly class in Topeka. Robert, Andy and Kristi all help a lot of people in their own way. Next month I hope to have a list of other members who are willing to mentor and the times and locations or their activities.

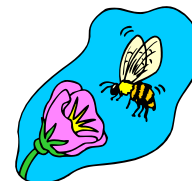
Cecil and I are going to invite members who are interested in working through hives with another beekeeper on a monthly basis. We are willing to have members come to our home on the first Monday of the month from May through October. The cost will be \$10 per person with the proceeds going to the youth scholarship program. Members are asked to bring their own protective clothing. There are only 2 of us so we'll just see how it goes. The times are 5:30 pm – 8 and people can stay as long as they want. They can come when it is convenient for them too. We are hoping to keep this fluid to accommodate more members. Our address is 19201 S Clare Rd, Spring Hill KS 66083. 913-856-8356. [joli@heartlandhoney.com](mailto:joli@heartlandhoney.com). The dates are May4, June 1, July 6, August 3, September 7 and October 5.

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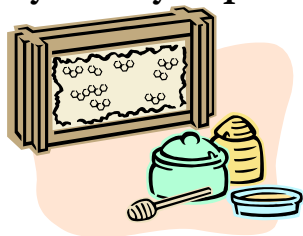
## Funday Needs

We have a few goals this year—maybe you can help us out—

1. We would like to have a sound system for each meeting room space. We have several but are in need of several more. If you have one that we can borrow please call Joli at 913-856-8356 or email at [joli@heartlandhoney.com](mailto:joli@heartlandhoney.com)
2. We would also like some volunteers who would take charge of one meeting room each. Their responsibility would be to make sure that the guest speaker is using the mike and that the PowerPoint projector is ok and their program is loaded up. You could then go on to what you wanted to hear but be back to that room for the next guest speaker.



## The Honey Pot By Becky Tipton



We are a small industry. That makes it extremely important that we help each other when we can. Like most farmers, beekeepers are strong individualists—they do things for themselves that many people would hire done. Small business mentality keeps us working long hours and trying to make our product (honey) the best it can be. I am proud that so many folks are joining our beekeeping community.

The perfect example of this remarkable individualism is found in our members Jim and Wanda Morford. They travel to Lawrence for our monthly meetings from Kanopolis, KS (that's out past Salina!). There, they have a wonderful lavender farm! They opened their home to the North Central Beekeepers a couple weeks ago to help other beekeepers in their area and encourage new beeks. Steve and I were able to drive down and spend the day. We enjoyed ourselves and learned a lot! (Who knew there are so many different kinds of lavender?) Wanda and Jim treated us all to a delicious lunch with "Chocolate covered Honey Bees" for dessert. Wanda shared the recipe for these little gems—just the right combination of sweet and crunch. Thank you, Wanda!

They will be presenting at our Marla-velous Funday, June 6th "Growing Lavender for Bees".



### Honey Bee Mines

½ cup peanut butter  
1/3 cup softened butter  
½ cup honey  
1 ¼ cup crushed crisped rice cereal (Rice Krispies)  
¼ cup chocolate chips

### Slivered almonds

- Combine the peanut butter, butter, honey and crushed rice cereal in a bowl and stir until well mixed.
- Shape teaspoonful of the mixture into balls and chill until firm. (A small portion scoop works well.)
- Measure chocolate chips into a microwavable bowl and heat at 15-second intervals until they are melted. Stir after each interval.
- Drizzle chocolate in stripes over the honey balls. (Melted chips may be placed in a small plastic bag. Snip a tiny hole in one corner and use the baggie like a frosting bag to apply the melted chocolate.)
- For bee wings, set 2 almond slivers on top of each honey ball, using a dab of chocolate to secure them. Cool completely before serving.
- Makes 2 dozen.

I am always looking for recipes to do make-overs. You know, using leftovers in such a way that Steve doesn't know they are leftover. This salad can be made using left over fried chicken, baked chicken or even smoked chicken. It just takes a few minutes to put this together. The dressing is sweet and tangy, delicious.

### Asian Chicken Salad (2 servings)

3 cups shredded napa cabbage  
3 cups shredded romaine lettuce  
2 cups fully cooked sliced chicken (baked or crispy fried)  
1 small red bell pepper, seeded and deveined, thinly sliced  
½ cup chopped carrots  
1 11 oz. can mandarin orange slices, drained  
½ cup slivered almonds, toasted  
1 Tbsp. toasted sesame seeds

### Orange Vinaigrette:

- 1/4 cup orange juice
- 2 Tbsp. balsamic vinegar
- 1 tsp. Dijon-style prepared mustard
- 2 tsp. honey
- 1/8 tsp. cracked black pepper

### Garnish:

- 1/4 cup chow mein noodles

Heat chicken and cut into bite-size pieces. Combine cabbage, lettuce, red peppers, carrots, oranges, almonds and sesame seeds in large salad bowl; set aside. In a small jar with a tight-fitting cover, combine the orange juice, vinegar, mustard, honey and pepper. Cover and shake well until combined. Add the chicken to the salad; pour the dressing over the salad and toss well. Garnish with the chow mein noodles and serve.

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

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### Tips for April

- ◆ Consider helping a neighbor get started in beekeeping by selling them a split from your hive. You can buy a queen from a queen breeder. This could keep your bees from swarming later in the year!
- ◆ Watch for swarms—there goes your honey crop!
- ◆ Equalize hives to minimize swarming: brood from healthy hives may be transferred to a weaker colony. Food frames could also be shared.  
**WARNING: never move frames unless you know where your queen is. Find the queen first. Never make an exception to this rule.**
- ◆ You should have several frames of brood in your hives now. If you don't, then you have a problem. It may be your queen or there aren't enough nurse bees to take care of brood. The queen won't lay more eggs than the workers can care for.
- ◆ Clean and scrape off your bottom board
- ◆ Using screened bottom boards will help with Varroa control a little and colony ventilation a whole lot. Good ventilation means less work cooling and reduce stress in the colony
- ◆ Keep up or start your recordkeeping.
- ◆ Check the level of your hives, they should tip slightly forward.
- ◆ Entrance reducers can be removed any time after the first of April.
- ◆ Check colonies for food-if they need food, feed. If they have food-don't feed unless you want to make some splits or increases—if you feed too much it encourages swarming
- ◆ Check for pollen stores, usually pollen is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> frame in on both sides-the outside frame is usually honey and the next frame in is usually

pollen.

- ◆ Plant trees and shrubs for your bees. Plant a tree and feed bees for the next 100 years. Contact the Kansas Department of Parks and Wildlife for wild-life" bundles. However you have to remember in October to do this.
- ◆ Put a swarm trap in your bee yard. Bees are valuable.
- ◆ Send in your Funday Registration or go online to [nekba.org](http://nekba.org) to register and pay online—it's going to be Marla-velous!

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### Funday Update

We are diligently working to line up a fantastic program for you.

In this *Buzzer* there is a flyer and form to register for the day or you can go online and register and pay with your credit card—[nekba.org](http://nekba.org).

Be thinking of items that you can bring to the silent auction to benefit the youth scholarship program.

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### Do You Want Swarms?

If you would like to be notified of swarms in your area call Cecil at 913-856-8356. You could also call your local fire department, local Park and Recreation department, or any local pest control companies. Give them your name and phone number and they'll be happy to pass any swarm calls along to you!

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### Lemon Bars

- 1 pkg. of lemon pudding cake mix
- 1/2 Cup butter
- 1 egg
- 1 container lemon frosting
- 1 8oz. package cream cheese
- 2 eggs
- May add chopped pecans 1/3-1/2 cup

Preheat oven to 325°. Combine cake mix, 1 egg and melted butter. Pat into 9 X 13" pan. Blend frosting, 2 eggs and cream cheese and a little honey if you need to say it has honey in it. Add chopped pecans if desired. Spread on top of cake mixture. Bake for 30-40 minutes. Remove from oven and sprinkle with powdered sugar. Cut into squares when cool.





## Old Bee Gal By Joli Winer

I know every year I say that I love this time of year the best—but I mean it. It's all about the bees for me. I love selling honey and making soap but I really love working through hives in the spring, with Cecil. We were fortunate enough to escape one Sunday to check some hives and feed some bees. What a treat that was. So what did we look for?

**First:** were they dead or alive?

**Second:** Was there brood in both hive bodies? If there was brood we either combined the brood all into the bottom hive body with the empty combs on top. Or if there was a lot of brood in both boxes, after we did the happy dance because we can split it later, we just left it. If we had a dead out in that yard we added a third hive body on top to give them room until we can get back.

**Third:** If all of the bees and brood were only in the top hive body then we put the top hive body with the brood down and put the empty box on top.

**Fourth:** If the bees had less than 5 or six frames of honey we fed them—we want to split our hives to make increases so we feed in the spring to encourage the queen to lay more eggs.

This is how we like to increase our hives and build up from our winter losses. We go through each hive and find our queen. Then we count the brood and leave 3 frames of brood and bees the first week of April, 4 frames the 2<sup>nd</sup> week. Leaving more than that it is too hard to get them to accept a new queen because the population is too high. Three-four frames are the most ideal. If you are not requeening at the same time you would put your old queen back in with the brood into the bottom hive body of your original hive. If you are requeening, then you would kill your old queen and install your new queen in the brood area of your bottom hive body. We like to leave her caged for 4 days and then come back to release her. If you just took out the cork in the candy end the bees could chew through that candy and release the queen before the bees had gotten used to her.

The extra brood & bees that you have taken away for your new splits you will put into a hive body in the center and install your new queen, leaving her caged for 4 days. Next to the brood add some open frames of foundation or drawn comb. Then in your outside frames, if you have honey and pollen put

those in the 1 & 2 and 9 & 10 positions in the hive. Honey frames on the outside in 1 and 10 positions and pollen frames in the 2 and 9 positions. You always want to put your brood down, in the bottom hive body because bees naturally will move up.

When making splits in the same yard as the parent hives the field bees will fly back to the parent hive. This leaves your young split/nuc with fewer bees to take care of the brood. This can cause the split to actually not make it! It is best to move the split away about 2 miles so that it has a better chance to survive. You can also switch places with the parent colony. Move your smaller new hive to the place that the parent hive was and your old hive to a new spot. The field bees will return to the young hive in the new spot.

If you cannot find the queen or anticipate that you will have trouble. You can go out 4 or 5 days before you plan to make your splits and go through the brood so that you have brood in both boxes. Then put your queen excluder between the bottom hive body and the top one. When you come back to make your nuc, divide the colony in half, and look for eggs—the queen will be in the half with eggs so you could take the brood from the other half. This method helps to narrow down how many frames you have to look on to find the queen!

The other way we make nucs when we absolutely cannot find the queen is quite tedious, but works. You need an empty hive body and a bee brush and a queen excluder. Go through and count your frames of brood, leave 4 below in the bottom hive body and make it up with your ten frames exactly how you want to leave it. With your maker put an X on the top of the brood frames that you want to take, these will go into the top box. Now brush off every single bee from every single frame over the bottom hive body that contains the brood that you are keeping with that hive. It will be quite full. Put the bee free frames into your empty hive body, making sure that there are no bees in there. Put your queen excluder on top of the bottom hive body (with all of the bees) and then put your hive body with the bee free frames on top. The bees will soon move up on the extra brood and cover those frames but your queen should be confined below. After 3 or 4 hours you can take out your marked brood frames and make your nucs, adding a queen to them. Be sure to replace the now empty spots in your original hive body with empty frames.

Another important factor is that the bees need to have food. Make sure that there is honey in the

hives or feed them!

## Your Package Bees—what to do?

Keep your bees fed; until your second hive body is drawn out (all of the foundation is made into cells). Add your second hive body when your bottom hive body is almost all drawn out when just the outside frames are not drawn out—you can move your outside frames in one spot and move the drawn out frames to the outside. After your top hive body is drawn out add you queen excluder on top, then one honey super and the second when the first is drawn out. Quit feeding your bees when you add your honey supers.

Check your bees as often as you want. Wear protective clothing and use your smoker. Your hive will be getting larger and more defensive as it grows. Practice lighting your smoker and keeping it going.

Work your hives in the afternoon when most of the field force is out.

## Beekeeping Class Thank You's

We want to send out a big thank you to Dadant and Sons & the A.I. Root Company for sending magazines (American Bee Journals & Bee Culture) and some great door prizes. Also big thanks to Heartland Honey for donating the hive and bees that was won by Doug Fisher from Holton KS.

All of the NEKBA volunteers—presenters, food and beverage preparers, registration helpers and Robert for all of his hard work preparing the registration, making nametags and organizing everything. You all are the best. Our volunteer group gets larger every year so it gets easier—Thanks to all of you.



## Newbee Tips

### Do as we say—not as we do!

Here are a few of Joli's favorite tips for heading out to the beeyard and working through your hives.

- ❖ Remember that anytime the bees are flying is an indication that the weather is ok for you to work your bees
- ❖ Consider keeping your tools in a bucket or tool box.
- ❖ Make sure that have your smoker, fuel and matches or a lighter with you all the time. Also keep a cork to put a cork in the hole the smoke comes out of to put out your smoker—many a beekeeper has burned up his vehicle by not taking this small precaution.
- ❖ Always have your hive tool with you and some nails to make quick repairs.
- ❖ Joli likes to take an extra hive body to sit on so she doesn't have to kneel down. But you could use a fishing stool or a bucket with a lid.
- ❖ Other items you might consider in your “bee kit” might be a permanent maker to mark on your hive such things as the year you put the queen in or what type she was—2015 Italian marked.
- ❖ Upon leaving the bee yard always glance back and make sure that the lid is completely down on your hive and that your rock or brick is placed on top.
- ❖ We also try to keep newspaper with us and a queen excluder and toilet tissue—you just never know when they will come in handy!



# ***Northeastern Kansas Beekeeper's Marla-velous Funday***

**Saturday, June 6th, 2015 Registration: 7:45-8:45, Program 8:45-5:00**

**Douglas County Fairgrounds, 2110 Harper, Lawrence KS**

**Fee includes lunch, beverages, snacks & homemade ice cream and a full day of fun!**

**Bring your hat & veil—we'll be working through some hives**

**Cost: \$35.00 per person for those pre-registered, \$40.00 at the door,**

**Children under 5 free, ages 6-18, \$17.50 for those pre-registered, \$20.00 at the door.**

***For those pre-registered, by May 26th, there will be a drawing at the end of the Funday to reimburse 1 (one) pre-registered person for their registration!***

**For information contact Please contact Steve or Becky Tipton at 785-484-3710 [bstbees@embarqmail.com](mailto:bstbees@embarqmail.com)**

**New this year-register online at [nekba.org](http://nekba.org)**

**Visit our website at [nekba.org](http://nekba.org) for updated information**



**Our special guests will include:**

***Dr. Marla Spivak*** MacArthur Fellow

Distinguished McKnight Professor, Extension Entomologist, Department of Entomology

*Marla Spivak researches bees' behavior and biology in an effort to preserve this threatened, but ecologically essential, insect.*

Marla's interest in bees began when she worked for a commercial beekeeper from New Mexico in 1975. She received her PhD from the University of Kansas, under Dr. Orley "Chip" Taylor, in 1989. She began as Assistant Professor at the University of Minnesota in 1993. She became interested in hygienic behavior of honey bees. This interest has expanded into studies of "social immunity", including the benefits of propolis to the immune system of honey bees, and to the health and diversity of all bee pollinators. Visit Marla's Ted talk at

[https://www.ted.com/speakers/marla\\_spivak](https://www.ted.com/speakers/marla_spivak)

***Dr. Marion Ellis***, a retired professor of entomology and researcher from the **University of Nebraska-Lincoln**, will be a feature speaker. We love him!

***Chip Taylor*** ***Dr. Chip Taylor, Founder and Director of Monarch Watch; Professor Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS.***

Trained as an insect ecologist, Chip Taylor has published papers on species assemblages, hybridization, reproductive biology, population dynamics and plant demographics and pollination.

**We'll have incredible Hands On Workshops & Presentations at the Bee Hives—watch for updates at [nekba.org](http://nekba.org)**

**Swarm Demonstration with Dr. Chip Taylor**



*There are presentations for EVERY level of beekeeper!*

***Bee Supplies***

**Beekeeping Supplies will be available—** watch for updates about which suppliers

**Flower & Plant Sale--Douglas County Master Gardeners**

**Door Prizes:** The swarm from the swarm demonstration will be given away in a single hive. There will be door prizes from supply dealers. You must be present to win and you must fill out an evaluation form to win any door prizes.

**Motels that are in Lawrence:**

**Best Western**, 2309 Iowa, 785-843-9100

**Hampton Inn**, 2300 W. 6<sup>th</sup>, 785-841-4994

**Silent Auction to benefit the NEKBA Youth Scholarship Program**  
**Please bring items to sell and money to support our young beekeepers!**

Directions to the Douglas County Fairgrounds: Take K-10 to Harper Street, go north 2 blocks the Fairgrounds. Harper Rd. is on the east edge town and there is a directional sign to the Douglas County Fairground

**Program and Speakers Subject to change**



# Northeastern Kansas Beekeeper's Marla-velous Funday

## Funday Registration Form

### 2015 Beekeeping Fun Day, Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Need More Info? Please contact Steve or Becky Tipton at 785-484-3710 or [bstbees@embarqmail.com](mailto:bstbees@embarqmail.com)

**New: You can register and pay online at [nekba.org](http://nekba.org). Your contact information will be provided to the club through PayPal—please list all participants in the Paypal notes section**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip+4 \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

I am a member of the Northeast KS Beekeepers

I am **not** a member of the Northeast KS Beekeepers

I would like to be a member--Club Membership ½ year \$7.50 (membership not required) \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to receive my *Buzzer* Newsletter by email

#### Registration for Funday:

Adults \$35.00 per person (\$40.00 per person after May 26<sup>th</sup> or at the door) \_\_\_\_\_

*Registration includes admission to the Funday, lunch, drinks, handouts, and an afternoon snack of homemade honey ice cream*

*There will be an alternative meal available at lunch for vegetarians.*

We appreciate early pre-registrations so much that at the end of the Funday, we will hold a drawing of all preregistered people and one person gets his registration fee back!

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## Honey Plants By Rose Lee



Pollen is required for honey bee larvae to develop and grow and is their natural source of proteins, minerals, vitamins and fats. The table shows various sources of pollen and color from some of the plants blooming through May. It is compiled from information in Peter Lindtner's Garden Plants for Honey Bees (Wicwas Press 2014), Wikipedia, and John Speckman's list shown at KHPA). Asterisks refer to Lindtner's rating of pollen and nectar with five stars as the most resourceful

Name	Botanical	Month	Pollen Color	Pollen	Nectar
Maple Silver	<i>Acer saccharum</i>	Feb April	green	*****	
Honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera fragrantissima</i>	March	yellow	****	***
Viburnum	<i>Viburnum bodnantense</i>	March	pink yellow	*	*
Goat Willow	<i>Salix caprea</i>	March April	yellow	****	**
Hyacinth	<i>Hyacinthus orientalis</i>	March April	creamy white to yellowgreen	**	*
Red Maple	<i>Acer rubrum</i>	March April	gray brown	***	***
Siberian squill	<i>Scilla sibirica</i>	March April	steel blue	***	**
Snowdrop	<i>Galanthus nivalis</i>	March April	orange red.	***	**
Winter aconite	<i>Eranthis hyemalis</i>	March April	yellow	***	***
Crocus yellow	<i>Crocus vernus</i>	April	bright orange	***	**
Henbit	<i>Lamium amplexicaule</i>	April	orange red purplish red		
Pasque flower	<i>Anemone pulsatilla</i>	April	yellow	*	*
Redbud	<i>Cercis canadensis</i>	April	creamy white	**	**
Tulip	<i>Tulipa spp</i>	April	purplish red or yellow	*	*
Flowering quince	<i>Chaenomeles japonica</i>	April May	yellow green	**	***
Apple	<i>Malus domestica</i>	April May	yellowish green	***	***
Cherry Sour	<i>Prunus cerasus</i>	April May	dark yellow		
Dandelion	<i>Taraxacum officinale</i>	April May	red yellow orange		
Peach	<i>Prunus persica</i>	April May	reddish yellowish brown	**	**
Pear	<i>Pyrus communis</i>	April May	red yellow	*	**
Plum Stanley	<i>Prunus domestica</i>	April May	gray yellowish brown	*	**
Chickweed	<i>Stellaria media</i>	April July	yellowish		
Blueberry	<i>Vaccinium corymbosum</i>	May	red yellow orange	***	***
Black locust	<i>Robinea pseudoacacia</i>	May June	yellow green	***	****
Catalpa Western	<i>Catalpa speciosa</i>	May	yellow	*	**
Blackberry	<i>Rubus fruticosus</i>	May June	gray	***	***
Raspberry	<i>Rubus idaeus</i>	May June	white gray	**	****
Asparagus	<i>Asparagus officinalis</i>	May June	bright orange	**	**
Mountain Bluet Bachelor Button	<i>Centaurea montana</i>	May June	gray	*	*
Clover Yellow	<i>Melilotus officinalis</i>	May June	yellow to auburn		
Poppy	<i>Papaver orientale</i>	May July	black	**	*

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