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2018 KANSAS STATE FAIR

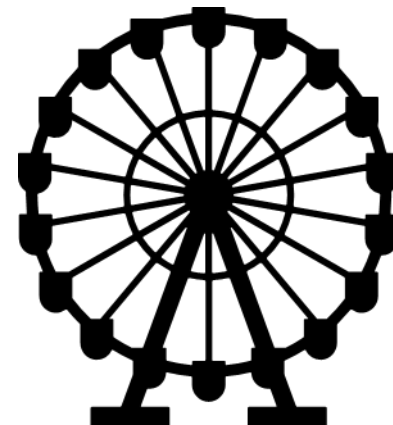
Thank you to all who volunteered at the 2018 Kansas State Fair. It truly takes an army to put together this great event. We had more people volunteering this year than any year since I have started coordinating the state fair. This helps take the work load off of a few and spread it among many. It's great to see more and more people getting involved. We had more people making creamed honey and bottling honey. There was a great group on Wednesday setting up the booth and labeling honey, lotion bars, pollen, etc. We had great volunteers throughout all 10 days of the fair selling honey, talking at the observation hive, and educating the public about honey bees and beekeeping. The shut down crew did a great job in my absence under the direction of Jim Morford and Stephanie Brown. We had good communication between the 3 of us via phone, text, and email. I heard everything went smoothly and they were packed up in a timely fashion to the surprise of the building manager. My hat is off to everyone who helped out in any way before, during and after the fair.

This year we added a new class to the honey show called black jar honey where the honey submitted was judged on taste only. In order to enter this class you had to enter 2 other honey classes. This created some excitement and we had more entries in the honey show than we've had in the previous 9 years. (They only keep records 9 years.) We are working with our honey judge Ginny and the fair to encourage even more participation next year. Stay tuned for more details as they are worked out.

We still have the need for more people to produce comb honey and collect fresh Kansas pollen to be sold at the fair. If you have skill in producing these products get in touch with me at 913-768-4961 or at sandersonk09@gmail.com.

I have left over products from the fair which are for sale. Liquid honey in various size containers at \$3.00 a pound, honey sticks at .09 each and lip balms at \$1.50 each. These may be purchased in October at Great Bend at our meeting. You may call or message me at 913-768-4961 to place an order in advance if you desire.

Kristi



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OUR PRESIDENT JIM KELLIE

Time seems to be marching on very fast this fall. This is what happens every year, as beekeepers end harvest and immediately move into preparation for winter with the bees. That may mean holding in place where they are checking for viruses, mites, disease, plenty of food, fixing leaking holes, and preparation for cold and wind. It may mean all of the aforementioned and moving the colonies from their summer locations to winter locations, which can be a mile away, or Texas or even sending them to California to lay out the winter there and be ready to be set in the Almonds in February. All of the above keep us at a steady pace until all is done, the rent honey is out and we can at last breathe for a moment.

The dust is finally setting on harvest and most are done or very close to the end. It appears that the northeast part of Kansas continued to be in a drought situation, so it was hit or miss and not much of a harvest for many. The Central part of Kansas report a very good year. Harvest was up and a little above average for most. Far west seemed to have a good harvest as well, with most reporting an average year.

The fair is over and it looks like we had another successful year at our booth. Thank you Kristi for all the hard work that goes into making the booth works. It takes a tremendous amount of administration to organize it and run it smoothly. There were a few people that put in more than their fair share of time that really helped out this year. I will let Kristi talk about how everything went at the fair this year at our Fall meeting coming in Oct 25th and 26th at Great Bend, KS. We had so many volunteers from different bee clubs throughout Kansas and I really appreciate all who helped. This year Kristi tried to have information on all the clubs that helped, so that new or even experienced beekeepers can join and have fun at a local level.

Since my last report I was invited to and was able to go to a few big events put on by Kansas State Ag and the State of Kansas. I was at a two-

day event in Manhattan where I was able to be on a state committee regarding the future of Agriculture. There were some very powerful groups there such as: the Wheat Commission, the Soybean Commission, along with the Cattleman's Association. The Honey and Pollination industry is pretty small in Kansas, but I managed to do a lot of awareness and education to these associations. I even was able to speak at length in the committee I was in about our industry. I think I have said before but it felt like a guppy next to a whale, but I swam alongside them anyway. I had a stroke of luck at one of the events I was invited to which was an appreciation lunch for Agriculture. I went in line and picked up my meal and sat down at a table by myself. I heard a voice ask if they could sit with me. I said of course without really looking up. When I did, there was Governor Colyer and the Secretary of Transportation who sat with me. Later the Secretary of Agriculture stopped by. It seems there was a whirl of dignitaries that stopped to talk to him and others, all of whom I was introduced to as being from the Honey and Pollination industry. I was able to talk at length to our Governor about different aspects of honey bees, honey, pollination; as well to others that stopped by. It was also interesting on a personnel level as I talked with the Governor about what all he does on a daily basis and how much he travels. I felt good about having such an opportunity. I decided to not buy any lottery tickets for a good long time because I was sure I used up all my luck for a long while.

The month of October will require me to do a bit of traveling as I talk to some clubs that have asked me about the realities of pesticides. Then it will be off to our fall meeting that Joli has planned for us. I am sure in the Capping's there will be a page or so on the program. Becky has had some groups asking about our grant and we will take a look at those at our board meeting on Thursday night. I have had many emails and phone calls that I try to answer and enjoy talking with all about our industry. Hope to see all of you at the Fall meeting in Great Bend.



September 15, 2018
Hutchinson, KS 67502

Kansas Honey Producers
c/o Kristi Sanderson
1252 E. Frontier Lane
Olathe, KS 66062

Dear Kristi,

On behalf of the Agriculture Department of the Kansas State Fair, I want to express my appreciation to the Honey Producers for providing the engraved plaques for the winners in the adult and youth department. This year there were a total of eighty-one entries which is the highest number of entries in the last nine years.

There were eight entries in the youth division the and 73 entries in the adult departments. Mark Mounce received Best of Show in the adult division and Matthew Goodner took Best of Show in the youth. The Honey Gift Package winner was Kimberly Lee of Topeka.

The new Black Label competition class had twelve entries and Kristi Sanderson of Olathe was the winner.

Your interest in the Fair is an incentive for the exhibitors. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Gene Algrim
Agriculture Department Superintendent



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Honey Show Results Adult

Extracted Light

1st Cheryl Burkhead Berryton

2nd Julie Cahoj Atwood

3rd Matthew Merz Olathe

Extracted Dark

1st Matthew Merz Olathe

2nd Cheryl Burkhead Berryton

3rd Mark Mounce Hutchinson

Frame

1st Stephanie Brown Hutchinson

2nd Mark Mounce Hutchinson

3rd Rose Lee Attchison

Creamed

1st Alexis Brown Hutchinson

2nd Stephanie Brown Hutchinson

3rd Kristi Sanderson Olathe

Beeswax

1st Kristi Sanderson Olathe

2nd Mark Mounce Hutchinson

3rd Stephanie Brown Hutchinson

Art & Design

1st Kristi Sanderson Olathe

Candles

1st Stephanie Brown Hutchinson

2nd Mark Mounce Hutchinson

3rd Wendy Richardson Lane

Gift Pack

1st Kimberly Lee Cummings

2nd Mark Mounce Hutchinson

3rd Stephanie Brown Hutchinson

Chunk Honey

1st John Goodner Derby

2nd Mathew Goodner Derby

Cut Comb

1st Matthew Merz Olathe

2nd Jared Hall Wichita

Black Label Honey

Kristi Sanderson Olathe

Judged on taste only

BEST OF SHOW

Mark Mounce Hutchinson

Honey Show Results Youth

Light Extracted

1st Alyssa Sherron Spring Hill

2nd Dylan Boothe Rock

3rd Cherry Street Youth Chanute

Dark Extracted

1st Gage Mounce Hutchinson

Frame of Honey

1st Mathew Goodner Derby

2nd John Goodner Derby

Gift Package

1st Matthew Goodner Derby

Best of Show

Matthew Goodner

Derby



Thursday, October 25th Board Meeting 8 PM Perkins Meeting rooms

Friday, October 26th

- 7:45-8:30 Registration-Silent Auction Set up
8:30-8:40 Kansas Room: President Jim Kellie-Welcome
8:50-9:45 Kansas Room: Keynote John Miller, The Big Trends Driving Beekeeping
8:50- 4:50 Sunflower Room, Gary Reuter-Queen Rearing workshop-all day-you must pre-register by calling or emailing Joli Winer at 913-593-3562 or joli@heartlandhoney.com. Class limited to 30. Fee due at workshop of \$6 for materials.
9:50-10:45 Kansas Room: Cheryl Burkhead, Bloom Period of Pollinator Plants in our area-plus great suggestions of what you can plant to attract bees
10:45-11:05 Break
11:05-12:00 Kansas Room: Ginger Reuter, Beeswax and Candle Making
12:00-12:45 Lunch
1:45-2:45 Kansas Room: Making Creamed Honey (speaker to be announced) Making Flavored Liquid Honey, Pat Randol (1/2 hour each)
2:45-3:05 Break End of Silent Auction
3:05-3:55 Kansas Room: John Miller, 20 Steps to Not Becoming Rich
3:55-4:50 Kansas Room: Pat Randol, Making Labels and Selling on a Website
4:50 Kansas Room: Honey Appetizer contest and meeting of area groups with their representatives -some groups will need to select new representatives for their areas.
6:00 Kansas Room: Dinner and Program

Saturday, October 27th

- 8-8:20 Registration & Silent Auction Set up
8:20-8:30 Jim Kellie Welcome
8:30-9:25 Kansas Room: John Miller, Succession Planning & the ABC's -Anywhere but California
8:30-9:25 Sunflower Room: Pat Randol, Lotions, Balms and Deodorants
9:30-10:25 Kansas Room: Jim Kellie, Update on Prevention, Usage and Aftermath of Pesticides
9:30-10:25 Room: Completion of Queen Rearing Workshop from Friday-must be pre-registered-check Queen cells and only open to Friday's participants
10:25-10:55 Break
10:55-11:15 Kansas Room: Presentation by Grant Recipients
11:20-12:15 Kansas Room: Pat Randol, Goatmilk Soap and Lip Balms
11:20-12:15 Sunflower Room-Ginger Reuter, Ukrainian Egg Workshop (Limited to 12 pre-registered people)
12:15-1:00 Lunch- end of silent auction at 1:00
1:00-1:55 Kansas Room: Gary Reuter, Mead Making
1:00-2:55 Derrick Room: Apitherapy-What you need to know to get stinging-Candy Rogers Vinduska
2:00-2:55 Kansas Room: Ginger Reuter, Batik
2:00-2:55 Derrick Room: Apitherapy continued
3:00- Kansas Room: John Miller, The Next Ten years will be the Best Ten Years in Beekeeping
3:55- Kansas Room: General Business Meeting and Elections

Program times and topics subject to change.

KHPA Fall 2018 Meeting Registration Form

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP+4 _____

COUNTY _____ PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____ write email address clearly

Check here if you would like to receive your newsletter by email

List names of those registered for name tags

Meeting Registration For members: Children under 18 free

Per Person 2- day registration-Friday and Saturday \$ 80.00 X _____ = _____ Per Person

1- day only _____ Friday only _____ Saturday only \$ 50.00 X _____ = _____

To register for the Queen Rearing (first 30) and for the Ukrainian eggs (12 people) You must call or email Joli to register for those joli@heartlandhoney.com or 913-593-3562. There is an extra fee of \$6 for the Queen rearing due at the meeting.

Meeting Registration For Non-members: (Includes a 1 year membership)

Per Person 2- Day registration-Friday & Saturday \$95.00 X _____ = _____

Per Person 1- Day _____ Friday only _____ Saturday only \$60.00 X _____ = _____

Lunch Friday-Salad and Baked Potato Bar \$13.50 X _____ = _____

Lunch Friday - Children under 12 \$7.00 X _____ = _____

Lunch Saturday-Sandwich Deli Buffet \$15.00 X _____ = _____

Lunch Saturday - Children under 12 \$8.00 X _____ = _____

Friday Dinner Buffet and Program-Pasta Buffet Penne Pasta with Alfredo & Marinara Meat with a salad bar and a slice of Perkin's Pie

Check here if you want a vegetarian meal _____ \$18.50 X _____ = _____

Children under 12 \$8 X _____ = _____

Membership for Kansas Honey Producers Association: Renewal New \$15.00 _____

Youth Membership 2018 (18 years of age or under) Renewal New \$7.50 _____

Donation for Grant Project \$ _____

Northeastern KS Beekeepers Assn. Membership \$15.00 _____

Total \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: Kansas Honey Producers Assn or KHPA and mail to Robert Burns, 7601 W. 54th Terr., Shawnee Mission KS 66202

913-481-3504 or email rburnshoney@gmail.com **Registration** & payment now accepted with PayPal at

www.kansashoneyproducers.org Note: No Receipts will be sent.

The Kansas Honey Producers Association

Fall Meeting

Friday and Saturday, October 26 and 27, 2018
2920 10th St., Great Bend KS

Best Western Angus Inn and Adjoining Perkins Restaurant & Meeting Rooms

We'll be meeting at the Best Western in Great Bend, 2920 10th St. You can make your reservations at any time as our block is all set up. To get the block pricing please make your reservation by October 11th. You can reserve your room by calling 620-792-3541. Room rates are \$75.95 per night for exterior rooms and \$80.95 for interior rooms.

Our guest speakers will be:

Gary Reuter: Apiculture Technician, University of Minnesota

Gary will do a 1-day (Friday) Queen Rearing Workshop that will be limited to the 30 people – there will be a nominal fee or \$6 charged for some of the materials. It will be payable on Friday. Saturday you will be able to check your grafts-so maybe an hour on Saturday too. Limited to 30 people. Note: This class is filled.

Ginger Reuter: will do a beeswax workshop, a Batik demo & a workshop on Ukrainian Eggs limited to 12 people.

John Miller: Commercial Beekeeper, Gackle SD, Newcastle CA and Blackfoot ID. Miller Honey Company produces millions of pounds of honey each year.

Pat Randol is from Winterset Iowa and operates Randol Honey Farm. She has quite a few hives and does several Farmers Markets in the area. She does a lot of value added products. She will present on Making Goats milk soap with honey and making lotions and lotion bars. She makes a flavored honey, and so much more. They also have a website.

Please note that there will be two programs going on at one time a several times there will be three choices. The Queen rearing workshop which is limited to 30 people and the Ukrainian Eggs Workshop is limited to 12 people will need to be preregistered. For those two workshops you must email Joli at joli@heartlandhoney.com or call her at 913-593-3562 to reserve your space.

Cooking Contest-Friday, late afternoon. Appetizers with honey as the main sweetener. Members are asked to bring enough for 75 people. Prizes will be awarded and plates will be provided. Please bring recipes.

Mark your calendars for Spring, March 8 & 9 2019 in Lawrence KS. We have Dr. Juliana Rangel from Texas A&M. Our Fall meeting in 2019 will be October 18 & 19, 2019 Wichita.



Does anyone have a microwave that you could bring to the meeting for one of our guest speakers to use?

Any ideas for a fun program on Friday night? Call Joli Winer at 913-593-3562 or email me if you have any ideas.

Wintering Bees. Winter a most difficult time for bees, even more so if the beekeeper hasn't prepared the hives correctly. This is the time of year when the most losses occur, mainly through ignorance or bad management the hives are left to their own devices. Preparation of the colony for winter must begin in late summer or early fall. In northern climates, preparation usually starts in August/September, though it may begin earlier depending on the location. Beekeepers must ensure that there are enough food stores for the entire winter and that the colony is healthy and strong. One of the leading causes of colony death during the winter is lack of food. Generally, there should be about 90 pounds of honey reserves for a colony in the North, since bees will not be able to forage in the winter. If there is not enough honey stored in the supers for the winter after the removal of surplus honey by the beekeeper, the hives can be supplemented with a mixture of sugar syrup (2 parts sucrose sugar: 1 part water by volume) in the fall. Bees will store the syrup as a substitute "honey" for use throughout the winter. Colonies that have enough honey or stored sugar syrup to survive winter will pass the "lift" test. To conduct a lift test, attempt to lift the colony with one hand using the handle on the back of the bottommost super. If the hive is difficult to rock forward with one hand, then it likely has enough food reserves to survive winter. If the hive is easy to lift, then it probably needs more food.

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Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone# _____ Email Address _____

Membership Kansas Honey Producer's Association per year (Jan.-Dec.) \$15.00 _____

Additional family members wanting voting rights \$1.00 per person \$1.00 _____

Additional family names: _____

Youth Membership (18 years of age or under) \$7.50 _____ American Bee Journal 1 year subscription \$24.00 _____

Bee Culture Magazine (formerly "Gleanings") 1 year subscription \$25.00 _____

Donation Amount _____ Total Due _____

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Mail to: Robert Burns, 7601 W 54th Terrace, Shawnee Mission, Kansas 66202 Phone# 913-831-6096

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The IRC status means that the association is a tax-exempt organization.

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