

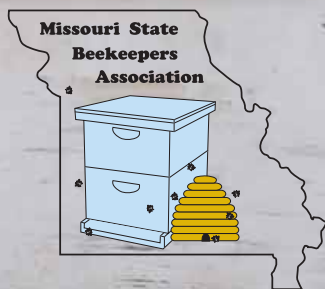
Missouri State Beekeepers Association

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Sign up now for our annual Spring Meeting, March 8-10 in St. Louis! See pages 3-6 for hotel, registration and agenda.

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photo by Eugene Makovec



From the President by Grant Gillard

My wife loves baseball movies, especially if they star Tom Hanks, Kevin Costner and Brad Pitt (respectively, *A League of Their Own*, *Bull Durham*, *Field of Dreams*, *Moneyball*). Come to think of it, Nancy likes ANY movie starring Tom Hanks, Kevin Costner or Brad Pitt.

A League of Their Own came out in 1992 and continues to randomly appear on the cable networks. Tom Hanks is a coach for a baseball team of young women. Set in the era of World War II, with the young men of our country overseas serving in the war, a local businessman contrives a plan to keep the sport of baseball alive (and make a buck or two) by forming a professional women's baseball league.

My wife's favorite line is an exasperated Tom Hanks losing his patience with one of the players and he whines, "Are you crying? Are you crying? There's no crying in baseball!"

As my passion is beekeeping, I, too, suffer from an exasperation from someone who comes up to me and says, "Well, I didn't get my frames put together. I know they arrived back in February but I didn't have time to assemble them. And it looks like I won't get my supers on because I decided to go fishing. And I would have requeened that failing colony, but I didn't get any queens ordered last January. I was going to..."

This is where I interrupt, charging from the dugout, saliva and chewing tobacco spewing from my teeth as I sputter, "Are you procrastinating? Are you procrastinating? There's no procrastinating in beekeeping!"

Then the umpire can throw me out of the game for my insensitive remarks.

But here's the truth: There is no procrastinating in beekeeping. Good beekeepers anticipate what the bees need even before the bees know they need it.

I think what irritates me the most is how these same people came up to me last year and proclaimed they were going to do whatever it took to make honey. They had impatient spouses looking for a honey crop to use as Christmas gifts, and at least one spouse wanting a financial return on what they felt was a substantial investment. One person even said to me, "I'm going to shadow you. Whatever you do, I'm going to do."

I get excited when someone comes up to me and exclaims they are ready to do whatever it takes to make a honey crop. It thrills me, vicariously, to know the joy they will experience when they struggle to pry off that honey-laden super. My finger tips tingle as I recall trying to maintain my precarious grip in the super's shallow hand-holds. My back muscles spasm involuntarily as I remember the weight that momentarily challenges my equilibrium as I strive to regain my footing. And then there is that satisfaction of watching that beautiful abundance cascade from the extractor -- my payoff from a season of laborious devotion.

Yeah! I get excited when someone wants that same experience and satisfaction. I love to collaborate with others who desire those same ideals. But it bums me out when they fail to achieve what they said they wanted. Maybe they were only placating my passion. Maybe the spirit was willing but the flesh was weak. Maybe they opted for the path of least resistance, and they should have followed Robert Frost's advice: "I chose the path less traveled, and it made all the

difference in the world."

Ah, the things that might have been, a lament penned by John Greenleaf Whittier. The time to prevent that same experience this year is here. Now is the time to ready our equipment for the upcoming season. Now is the time to place our orders. After all, proper planning prevents poor performance.

As I put this newsletter together, the playoffs for the Super Bowl have concluded, leaving the Patriots and the Giants to vie for the title. My beloved and beleaguered Minnesota Vikings, along with the other 29 teams NOT going to the Super Bowl, are all eyeing the draft and lamenting, "Next year."

Well, for us beekeepers, "next year" is here! No more laments. No more excuses. No procrastination (because there's no procrastination in beekeeping, or so I'm told). I'm using January and February to get my equipment ordered, get it assembled, fix and repair old frames and get ready. March will roar in and before I know it, it's April, time to make nucs and catch swarms. May is the month to get those hives supered. There's never enough time to get ready when nature unleashes the nectar and pollen. I can't be hindered by lack of preparedness, and if I'm not ready, I have no one to blame but myself.

I don't want to roll into the conclusion of this season wishing I had done things differently, lamenting the things that might have been. The time to change that potential outcome is now. Now is the time to get ready. It's never too early to prepare for the upcoming season.

There's no room for procrastination in beekeeping. I'm hoping this season is your best ever. Take the time, now, to ensure that it is.

All the best,
Grant



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Wanted: Mentoring stories

The MSBA Executive Board is seeking nominations from our membership for our **2011 Mentor of the Year Awards**.

If you were the beneficiary this past year of an extraordinary mentoring effort, please tell us your story. Contact President Grant Gillard with the details. (Grant's contact information appears on page 13.)

The award will be announced March 9 at our Spring Meeting.



Meet us in St. Louis!

... for our annual Spring Meeting, March 8-10, 2012

The annual Spring Meeting of the Missouri State Beekeepers Association will be held in Chesterfield (St. Louis County) on March 9-10, with special events on Thursday, March 8.

Featured speakers will include:

Jerry Hayes, longtime teacher of "The Classroom" in the American Bee Journal and former Chief Apiary Inspector for the state of Florida. He will lecture on "Honeybee Health" and other topics to be named later. Jerry has just accepted a position with Monsanto, which recently acquired the honeybee research firm Beeologics (see story this page), so we look forward to hearing his thoughts on that development.

May Berenbaum, PhD, Professor and head of the Department of Entomology, University of Illinois, and author of numerous books on bees and other insects. Among other things, she will speak on "Bees and Pesticides" and "The Chemistry of Honey".

Greg Hunt, PhD, Professor, Department of Entomology, Purdue University, and winner of the Eastern Apicultural Society's 2007 J.I. Hambleton Award. He will talk about "The Indiana Bee Breeding Program for Mite Resistance and Winter Hardiness" and "Risks from Modern Agriculture in the Midwest".



David Burns

David Burns, producer of package bees, nucs and queens, a key participant in the Illinois Queen Initiative and President of the Central Eastern Beekeepers Association. His topics will include "Types of Bee Foundation" and "The Sticky Subject of

Propolis".

In addition, we have several breakout sessions by MSBA members.

This meeting will be located at:

St. Louis Marriott West Hotel

660 Maryville Centre Drive

St. Louis, MO 63141

1-800-352-1175 or 314-878-2747

Our special room rate (one king or two double beds) is \$79.00 (double occupancy \$99.00) with breakfast, and is guaranteed through February 16. Be sure to mention that you are with the Missouri State Beekeepers.

Contests to be held: Cooking with Honey, Bread Machine Bread, Brownies/Blondes, Jam/Jelly, Cheesecake, Mead, and Beeswax Art. Contact Pam Brown (femmeosage1@aol.com or 636-398-5014) if you need more information.

FALL MEETING PREVIEW

Our Fall 2012 meeting is in the final planning stages! Here are some details:

October 26-27, 2012 with special activities on October 25. Holiday Inn Kansas City, CoCo Key Water Resort.

Speakers will include **Gary Ross**, retired Kansas state apiarist.



Greg Hunt

Monsanto acquires targeted-pest control technology start-up

(Monsanto press release)

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 28, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- Monsanto Company (NYSE: MON) today announced it has acquired Beeologics, which researches and develops biological tools to provide targeted control of pests and diseases. Terms of the deal were not disclosed.

Beeologics is focused on biological research. Current projects in its pipeline – including a product candidate being developed to help protect bee health – use a naturally-occurring process to provide targeted pest and disease control.

The expertise Beeologics has developed will enable Monsanto to further explore the use of biologicals broadly in agriculture. Monsanto will use the base technology from Beeologics as a part of its continuing discovery and development pipeline. Biological products will continue to play an increasingly important role in supporting the sustainability of many agricultural systems. Both companies expect that their combined research could provide farmers with novel approaches to the challenges they face.

Monsanto, which has proven expertise in managing a technology pipeline, will support the Beeologics team and its Technology Advisory Board in advancing its pipeline. Beeologics' work to promote bee health will continue under Monsanto's ownership.

Monsanto Company is a leading global provider of technology-based solutions and agricultural products that improve farm productivity and food quality. Monsanto remains focused on enabling both small-holder and large-scale farmers to produce more from their land while conserving more of our world's natural resources such as water and energy.

Beeologics is an international firm dedicated to restoring bee health and protecting the future of insect pollination. Through continuous research, scientific innovation, and a focus on applicable solutions, Beeologics is developing a line of products to specifically address the long-term well being of the bees. With offices and laboratories in the United States and Israel, Beeologics brings together some of the world's most recognized scientists in its field to help achieve its mission. To learn more about Beeologics, please visit: www.beeologics.com.



Missouri State Beekeepers Spring 2012 Meeting Agenda (subject to change)

Thursday, March 8

- 3:00PM Searching for a volunteer to allow us to tour their beekeeping operation in the metro area.
Please call Pam Brown at 636-398-5014
- 4:00 - 6:00PM Wine, mead and beer tasting social, featuring Bob Finck and Michael Godfrey
- 6:30 - 7:30PM Registration table open
- 7:30PM Movie - Peter Fonda in *Ulee's Gold*
- 8:00PM Board meeting with dinner
Vendor setup (tentative)

Friday, March 9

- 8:30AM Vendors open
Registration table open
Setup Queen Auction tables
Northeastern and Southeastern Directors meet with area beekeepers
- 9:00AM Welcome – Announcements – Door prize drawing – Grant Gillard
Contest setup -- please have all contest entries here by now (see page 3 for contests)
- 9:15AM Invocation – Rev. Don Buford
- 9:20AM The Chemistry of Honey – May Berenbaum, PhD
- 10:05AM Break – Visit with vendors
Judging of contests
- 10:30AM The Sticky Subject of Propolis - David Burns
- 11:15AM Jerry Hayes - TBA
- 12:00PM Announcements – Grant Gillard - Door prizes
People's Choice voting on contest entries
- 12:10PM Lunch – ticket required
- 1:10PM Bees and Pesticides – May Berenbaum, PhD
- 1:40PM Break - Visit with vendors
Book signing – May Berenbaum, PhD
Bus tour to the Butterfly House (entrance fee applies) and Faust Park – Bus is free, tip the driver \$1.00
- 2:00PM Q & A – May Berenbaum, PhD
- 2:15PM Bee Diseases - David Burns
- 3:00PM Honey Bee Health - Jerry Hayes
- 3:45PM Door prize drawing - Break – Visit with vendors
- 4:15PM David Burns - TBA
- 5:00PM Door prize drawing - Announcements



Missouri State Beekeepers Spring 2012 Meeting Agenda (continued from previous page)

- 6:00PM Beekeeper of the Year Banquet –Ticket required
9:00PM Queen's Reception - Donations welcome

Saturday, March 10

- 8:00AM Southwest Director meets with area beekeepers
8:45AM Welcome - Announcements – Introduce Honey Queen – Door prize drawing
9:00AM Queen's patriotic presentation
9:10AM Risks from Modern Agriculture in the Midwest - Greg Hunt, PhD
10:00AM Different Types of Bee Foundation – David Burns
10:50AM Break – Door Prize Drawing - Visit with vendors
11:15AM Indiana Bee Breeding Program for Mite Resistance and Winter Hardiness - Greg Hunt
12:00AM Lunch – Ticket required
1:00PM Q&A – Jerry Hayes and David Burns
1:45PM Breakout sessions:
 Easy to Build Frames Using a Jig – Ian Brown
 How to Speak at Schools – Vera Gelder
 How to Make Pollen Patties - Jane Sueme
 Looking at a Working Hive (weather permitting - volunteer needed)
2:55PM Break – Last visit with vendors
3:15PM Business meeting and raffle prizes

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***See ad in this issue**



Missouri State Beekeepers Association

Spring Meeting Registration

March 8 - 10, 2012

Marriott St. Louis West

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Address: _____

Information for name tag, such as Past President, Beekeeper of the Year, etc:

Name of Bee Operation: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Local Club Name: _____

Registration

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Family	\$45.00	number _____	\$ _____
Child (12& under)	\$15.00	number _____	\$ _____
Wine Social	Free	number _____	Free
Without paid registration	\$6.00	number _____	\$ _____
Age 20 and under	Free	number _____	Free
Friday Lunch Deli Buffet	\$20.00	number _____	\$ _____
Child	\$12.00	number _____	\$ _____
Friday Bus Tour to Butterfly House (admission paid at venue)			
Bus trip free, tip driver \$1.00		number _____	Free
Friday Evening Southern Table Buffet	\$20.00	number _____	\$ _____
Child	\$13.00	number _____	\$ _____
Friday Night Queen Reception	Free	number _____	Free
Without paid registration	\$5.00	number _____	\$ _____
Child	Free	number _____	Free
Saturday Lunch Mexican Buffet	\$20.00	number _____	\$ _____
Child	\$12.00	number _____	\$ _____
MSBA 2012 Membership (Individual)	\$15.00		\$ _____
(Family)	\$20.00		\$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT: \$ _____

Checks will not be deposited until after the meeting, no receipt will be mailed. Mail registration form and check to: Nancy Gillard, 3721 North High Street, Jackson, MO 63755-7757. If you pre-register and cancel no refund will be made (except for hospitalization or death of registered). Meals will be refunded if sold.



Honey Queen competition report by Lillian-Grace Misko, 2011 MO Honey Queen

Happy New Year,

I am so thankful to say "Hello" again to you all. In January, I had the honor of representing Missouri at the 2012 North American Beekeeping Conference and Tradeshow in Las Vegas. Right from the beginning, I was eager to be of encouragement and assist with whatever I could.

On my way to the registration booth, I recognized an opportunity to start the day off right ... there was a beekeeper walking right next to me. Of course I had to introduce myself and ask if I could help him find his way to register. To my surprise it was the ABF President, Dave Mendes, who had already registered! He was such a friendly gentleman I enjoyed getting to know throughout the week.

While at the conference, my duties included selling LOTS of raffle tickets. I was able to use the tickets to first meet beekeepers and then to talk about what "new things" they were learning at the convention. I also had the joy of assisting in an event for children — "Kids and Bees", organized by Kim Lehman. By arranging some of the beekeeping equipment, I guided the children as they became "beekeepers" walking in their "bee yard" to examine their hives.

One of my duties was to present a 3-minute presentation on beeswax to the ladies' auxiliary — wow ... from my research I discovered how vital and valuable beeswax is. Did you know beeswax is actually more valuable than honey?

I had a non-stop and wonderful time with more than 600 beekeepers

at this convention. It was hard to attend all the different sessions, but I thoroughly enjoyed the ones I did. Did you know you can use beekeeping as an outreach to prisoners? That's one session that was definitely inspiring!

I did all that I could to represent Missouri to the best of my capabilities. In the end, I was not chosen to be the National Honey Queen, but I truly thank you for your support in the process! It was a trip that I am thankful to have experienced and can truly say it influenced my life in an uplifting way.

Thank you again for your friendships and your overwhelming encouragement! Please continue to pass it on to your beautiful 2012 Missouri Honey Queen, Megan Allen. Please do contact and support the Missouri Queen Program — I can validate it as a superb program!

With care,

Lillian-Grace Misko

ABF 2012 meeting HighPoints

by Cathy Misko

The 2012 American Beekeeping Federation Conference and Trade show in Las Vegas, NV, hailed about 600 beekeepers from around the U.S. and a dozen international beekeepers. Since it was because of the 2011 Missouri Honey Queen Lillian Misko attending the American Honey Queen Competition that I (her mentor) got to attend, I would like to first report on how she fared.

Lillian Misko was awarded 1st Runner-up, and I will say that she "did Missouri and the Midwest proud". Her professionalism, knowledge of the beekeeping industry, friendliness, and energy collectively were unmatched and her smile never, never, never waned! Her Midwest kindness and attentiveness was noted as she would take the time to assist "her elders" back to the elevators or by giving directions in such a large hotel. By the time we left, I think she knew the name of everyone there! It was a joy to see her represent us!

Second on my list of HighPoints, I announce that our very own Becky and Steve Tipton and Robert Burns were some of the guest speakers. Since I am so proud of them, I would like to begin the ABF HighPoints with their presentations for the Serious Sideline Symposium. Robert Burns and John Edmonds presented "Honey: Bottling and Marketing at Local Venues". They pointed out the importance of color and style of labeling, bottle return, negotiating prices, how to set up your market table, and aftermarket advertisements of your products.

Steve Tipton presented "Pollen: Handling and Sales", pointing out that pollen collecting will cut honey production by 50%. He stressed that pollen must be collected daily, cleaned, and dehydrated or stored in the freezer. He noted that freezing pollen retains the nutritional value better, and that it is important for beekeepers to "Make NO Health Claims". One should have a flier stating what is pollen and how to eat and store pollen.

Becky Tipton fully delighted her attendees with "Beeswax: Soaps and Creams". She eased everyone's hand from writer's cramp by providing all recipes for her products. Stressing to use the best and cleanest wax for one's products, she took the class step by step on how to make and successfully market each product. Becky passed out numerous samples and by the end, we all smelled fantastic and were so lubed up we couldn't hold a pencil to write even if we had to!! One of my favorite lectures!



From left: Louann Hausner (WI, past American Honey Princess), Alyssa Fine (PA, 2012 American Honey Queen), Anna Kettlewell (WI, past American Honey Queen and present ABF chair), Lillian-Grace Misko (MO, First Runner-up), Danielle Dale (WI, 2012 American Honey Princess), and Rachel Bryson (ABF Historian, PA Queen Chairperson, and past American Honey Princess)

From the Queen Chair by Joyce Justice

Lillian, you are our Queen. Sorry you did not win, but you may have made a lot of people think about the process. There is always good that comes from everything.

You are correct, God has greater plans for you. You have made a wonderful contribution to our Missouri honey industry and everyone is very appreciative. Do not be discouraged. We all still need you to help promote honey and encourage all of us old people. You have been a delight to all of us.

Love you,

Joyce



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The following clubs and individuals have springtime workshops or other events in the planning stages for the spring of 2012:

Eastern Missouri Beekeepers will host its Fifth Annual Beekeepers' Workshop on February 11 in Fenton. It will feature Jennifer Berry, Erin Forbes and Grant Gillard, with instruction for beginners and experienced beekeepers. More at easternmobeekkeepers.com.

Eastern Missouri Beekeepers is also hosting its first "St. Louis Regional Beekeepers' Banquet" on Friday, February 10 in Fenton, featuring Jennifer Berry as after-dinner speaker. Cost is \$35 per person. The event features a cash bar and New Orleans style food and music, plus door prizes including nucs and queens. RSVP at www.easternmobeekkeepers.com by February 4th. Call 636-744-1312 for more information.

Three Rivers Beekeepers will hold a Beginning Beekeeping Workshop from February 24-26, and a Queen Rearing Workshop on March 17-18. More info at www.threeriversbeekeepers.com.

Cory Stevens will host a field day at his queen mating apiary in Dexter on April 7. Call 573-225-6935 for more information.

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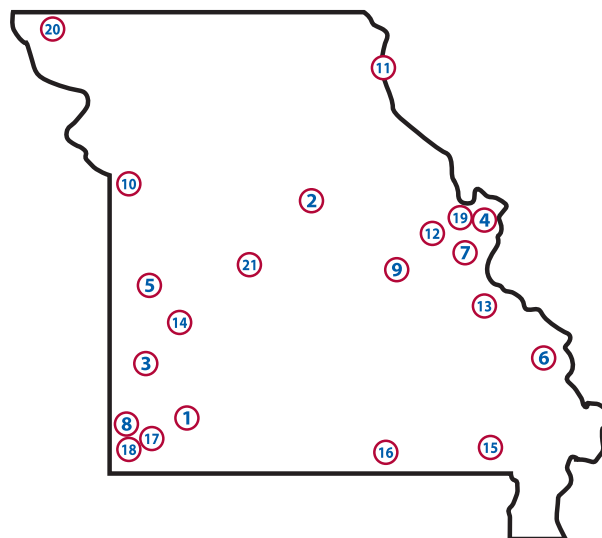
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The Library Center, 4653 S. Campbell, Springfield
www.ozarksbeekeepers.org
- 2 Boone Regional Beekeepers Association**
3rd Sunday of month, 3:00 p.m., Columbia Insurance
Group, 2102 Whitegate Dr. (back door), Columbia
President Jim Duever 573-254-3373
www.boonebees.org
- 3 Busy Bee Club**
4th Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m., Cedar County
Health Center, Owens Mill Road, Stockton
Neal Lee 417-276-3090 Neil Brunner 314-276-4252
grnthumb@alltel.net
- 4 Eastern Missouri Beekeepers Association**
2nd Wednesday of each month, 7:00 p.m., Powder Valley
Nature Center 11715 Craigwold Rd., Kirkwood
Bob Sears, President 314-479-9517
www.easternmobeekers.com
- 5 Golden Valley Beekeepers**
2nd Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m. (but varies)
Henry County Courthouse, Clinton MO
Contact Kathy Murphy 660-678-5171
murftk@copper.net
- 6 Jackson Area Beekeepers**
4th Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m.
First Pres. of Jackson, 206 E. Washington
Contact Grant Gillard 573-243-6568
gillard5@charter.net
- 7 Jefferson County Beekeepers Association**
2nd Tuesday of each month, 7:30 p.m., Hwy B & 21
Jefferson County Extension Center, Hillsboro
Contact Scott Moser 636-285-7295
- 8 Joplin Area Beekeepers Association**
Last Tue. of each month, 7 pm, SM Bank Community
Building (7th and Duquesne Rd), Joplin
Contact Gene Foley 417-624-6831
- 9 Mid Missouri Beekeepers**
3rd Sunday of each month, 2 pm, St. James Tourist Ctr.
Charlotte Wiggins, President
charlotte@bluebirdgardens.com
- 10 Midwestern Beekeepers Association**
Nov-March, 2nd Sunday of each month, 2:30 p.m.
April-Oct, 2nd Thursday of each month, 7:00 p.m.
(Schedule varies; please call first to confirm.)
Bass Pro Shop, Independence, Conservation Room
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- 11 Mississippi Valley Beekeepers Association**
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- 12 Missouri Valley Beekeepers Association**
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- 16 South Central Missouri Beekeepers Association**
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- 18 Southwest Missouri Beekeepers Association**
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Contact Glenn W. Smith 417-548-2255
- 19 Three Rivers Beekeepers**
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Honey Queen report by Megan Allen

Greetings Fellow Beekeepers,

I hope everyone is staying warm. We have been pretty fortunate in our area to have pretty good weather for the most part considering it is the middle of winter.

I started off the New Year by attending our semi-monthly beekeepers meeting in Maryville, Missouri. Our club, the Northwest Missouri Bee Busters, held a Beginning Beekeepers' class in Maryville on January 7th. The class was attended by 26 people interested in starting up beekeeping. My job was to bring my new hive and some of my tools and to explain the different parts of the hive and the use of some of the tools.

During a break, quite a few people came up to me and were asking questions about beekeeping, which I was very relieved to be able to answer. I also told them I was new to beekeeping and so we seemed to have an instant bond. The class was a success and many people left with quite a bit of enthusiasm over our little insect.

On January 19th, in my first official duty, I attended the Governor's Conference on Missouri Agriculture at the Crown Center Westin Hotel. Wow, what a special event. There were booths set up by different associations promoting their products. Of course, I thought our exhibit, was the best decorated and the tastiest ... of course I could be a little bit prejudiced.

The event was attended by over 600 people, with a live band playing. Many people stopped by our booth to taste the wonderful, award-winning jalapeno, blackberry and cinnamon honey that was spread on top of little party-size pieces of bread with their award ribbons proudly displayed beside them. There were also some wonderful blocks of beeswax art for added decoration. There were people from as far away as Colorado attending. What a wonderful time visiting with so many new people and seeing familiar friendly faces of friends again.

This event showcased Missouri grown and made products. I even had one lady approach me before the event and tell me she had MS and is doing sting therapy to help her with her disease. She was very excited to meet me and she told me she thought it was wonderful, that the Missouri Beekeepers had a Queen Program to help promote honey bees and their health benefits.

Many beekeepers this time of year have been checking their hives and have reported them to be a little on the light side and are starting to feed their bees. Apparently the warmer than usual weather has allowed the bees to be a little more active in their eating habits. Also, I am pleased to announce I have finally ordered my bees. I ordered two nucs of Carniolans, and will be picking them up in May.

On February 4th I will again help out my club, but this time with an Advanced Beekeepers' class. I also plan to do some learning at this one! As a short side note, I want you to know my education program at home is going well. My dad was on his backhoe one fairly warm day and a honey bee came and landed on the leg of his jeans. The backhoe work stopped as he started to swat it ... and then he remembered some of the information he has heard me repeat many times around home, so he ended up just watching her taste his jeans ... apparently blue jeans do not taste anything like flowers ... so she flew away. Good job Dad!!!

Well, spring is just around the corner ... more updates to come.

Megan Allen

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