

MSBA FRIENDLY CONTESTS - 2019

Awards made October 18, 2019 at the MSBA Fall Conference in Moberly, MO

1. Gingerbread

2. The Most Hilarious Quote on Beekeeping

NEW this year:

- HUGE CASH PRIZES!
- Your participation benefits MSBA
- You don't have to be present to enter in Class #2

YOU ARE INVITED to take part in *MSBA Friendly Contest*. Please encourage all MSBA members you know to participate. You can have fun, win a BIG cash prize, and benefit our beloved MSBA all at the same time.

For each entry, there's a \$10 going toward the prize for the winner *and* another \$10 will be donated to MSBA. For example, if we have 50 participants in a class, the first place winner gets a \$500 cash prize *and* MSBA gets a \$500 donation, both courtesy of HorizontalHive.com. Not only that, but for the second class, you don't have to be present at the fall conference to compete. Let's make it BIG!

1. GINGERBREAD

Gingerbread is known from the time of Ancient Egypt 4,000 years ago, and there are endless recipes and variations. Historically, gingerbread was made with honey and only honey, fancifully decorated, and was often referred to as "honey cakes." Today, you'll be hard pressed to find a gingerbread recipe that calls for honey — it's all been replaced with sugar. Let's change that and bring "honey cakes" back to life!

TO ENTER: please bring your gingerbread and the recipe used, written on a card, no later than 9 am on Friday October 18, 2019, to the Fall Conference registration desk.

Judging criteria

- honey must be the primary (or the only!) sweetener
- taste, and how honey contributes to it
- presentation and decoration
- you must be a current MSBA member

This past year I've been thinking why our annual MSBA competitions don't attract as many contestants as they should. You'd think at least a hundred people will scramble to win the prestigious blue ribbons in *Cooking With Honey*, *Photo of the Year*, and other exciting contests, but we rarely have more than a dozen folks competing. Why? It dawned on me: like bees, we beekeepers are more into *cooperation* than *competition*, so the prospect of competing against your friends is not that exciting. And — let's face it — those who do compete, don't do it for themselves. Rather, it's done in the spirit of service, feeding the conference attendees with delicious bakery items or displaying some beautiful works of art.

The learned Owl (of the Winnie the Pooh fame) once said that the opposite of an Introduction was a Contradiction. Following this logic, the opposite of a Competition must be a *Coopertition*. So let's have a *coopertition* this year, or, to make it sound more familiar, a *Friendly Contest*. If it's successful, we'll make history. If not, I'll take all the blame.

— Dr. Leo Sharashkin,
MSBA 2019 Contest Coordinator



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2. THE MOST HILARIOUS QUOTE ON BEEKEEPING, BEES, OR HONEY

Famous people and writers left us some amazing bee and honey wisdom. From Winnie the Pooh to Leo Tolstoy, there is no shortage of truly hilarious statements on beekeeping, bees, and honey. Let's celebrate this vast heritage and have fun!

TO ENTER

- *By email:* email the quote, name of its author, and detailed source, to Dr. Leo at bees@horizontalhive.com no later than October 13, 2019. Put "MSBA Quote Contest" in the subject line. Also include your full name and contact information (phone and email).
- *In person:* bring the quote, name of the author, and source, printed or written on a half-sheet of letter-sized paper, no later than 9 am on Friday October 18, 2019, to the Fall Conference registration desk. Awards will be announced at the evening dinner.

Judging criteria

- it must be hilarious (i.e., very funny or unexpected)
- it must be authentic
- quotes by famous people bear more weight
- it must be from a printed source (books, magazines, newspapers, etc.; books given the most weight); internet-only sources are not accepted
- the source must be indicated in as much detail as possible (e.g., for a book: title, publisher, year of publication, and page)
- you must be a current MSBA member

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION and see you in Moberly!

EVERY ENTRY BENEFITS MSBA!

Any questions about the 2019 MSBA Contests, please email Dr. Leo at bees@horizontalhive.com

