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**Spring Membership Conference  
returns to Lake of the Ozarks  
March 21-22, 2014  
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*Snow lies in drifts around silent hives the morning of January 6 near Foley, an hour northeast of St. Louis. The soft feel of this image belies the harsh temperatures visited upon the region, about -8°F overnight.*  
photo by Eugene Makovec





## From the President by John Timmons

It seems to me that the beginning of my message in the last newsletter was a comment about the extreme weather. This message starts in a similar fashion – it's cold out there! A quick check of the hives during a very brief respite from the extreme cold yielded some healthy clusters, yet some loss as well. The weather forecast for tonight tells me it'll be down into the single digits. I'll keep my fingers crossed that my bees can deal with one more round of frigid air. Although I'm guessing they'd better be prepared for several more weeks.

Spring is a nice thought, even though it's still a couple months away. Yet, thoughts of spring bring me to a mention of the upcoming Spring 2014 MSBA Membership Conference. We've been busy getting everything ready and tying up loose ends. It's amazing the details that need to be dealt with! Yet, I'm happy to report that everything is in place. The speakers are preparing their presentations, the hotel is preparing the rooms and the hotel chefs are gearing up for some hungry beekeepers.

We've got new and innovative talent that will be presenting to us in March. Trevor Qualls and John Seaborn, both from the Nashville area, will bring to us creative beekeeping ideas from the world south. A speaker well known to many around the Midwest, David Burns, will bring even more new and innovative thoughts to the MSBA podium and screen. It's been a while since David presented to us at one of our membership conferences. I've known and followed David's work for several years, and I'm always anxious to hear about his new projects. We'll also hear presentations on a variety of subjects

from talented beekeepers from across the state, including Jane Sueme, Bruce Snaveley and Leo Sharashkin.

If you need a reminder, this year's Spring Membership conference is to be held March 21st – 22nd at the beautiful Country Club Hotel & Spa at Lake of the Ozarks. Online registration opened on the MSBA website on January 22nd. You can get more details, hotel information and a link to the evolving agenda at [www.MOStateBeekeepers.org/meeting](http://www.MOStateBeekeepers.org/meeting). Registration information is also available in this issue of the MSBA Newsletter. Be certain to register early so you can take advantage of early registration discounts.

The spring membership conference is the time when we present our Beekeeper of the Year award to that member who has made significant contributions to the Missouri State Beekeepers Association. This year was a tough decision, a decision causing me to hope we could hand out more than one award. It was a tough choice, but we're pleased to be presenting this year's award for Beekeeper of the Year to ... well, you're just going to have to wait until the evening of March 21st at our Queen Banquet. Because of the hard work and contributions of so many, we'll also have some additional awards to express our thanks and gratitude.

It's that time of year when Missouri's local beekeeping associations begin gearing up for the new season. Everywhere you turn there's another beginning beekeeping class, workshop, seminar or speaker presentation. It seems as if everyone has something going on! And there are some terrific events to attend, with terrific speakers, and lots of new things to learn. Many of these events are listed in this newsletter. If you're uncertain of an event in your area, be certain to contact your MSBA Regional Director for more information. They're all listed on the MSBA website at [www.MOStateBeekeepers.org/officers](http://www.MOStateBeekeepers.org/officers).

I have one more thing to mention before I head out to get the wood pile ready for more cold weather. The MSBA Board recently authorized a new free membership program for new beekeepers. That's right ... FREE! This is really a terrific program and will not only get the word out about the value of the MSBA organization, but also bolster membership.

So here's the program: All participants of any beginning beekeeping class held within the state of Missouri are eligible for one free year of membership to the Missouri State Beekeepers Association. There are a few rules to qualify. First, the beginning beekeeper student cannot presently be a member of MSBA – only new members. Second, in order to receive the MSBA newsletter, all free members must have a valid email address for newsletter delivery. We will not deliver the newsletter to free members through the mail. Third, the list of all free memberships must be submitted by the workshop organizer to the MSBA Membership chair, Ron Vivian, in the form of an electronic spreadsheet file. This template file is available from either Ron Vivian or your MSBA Regional Director.

It's a great program and we hope you'll take advantage of the opportunity to help grow our organization.

I hope to see you all in March at our spring conference.

John



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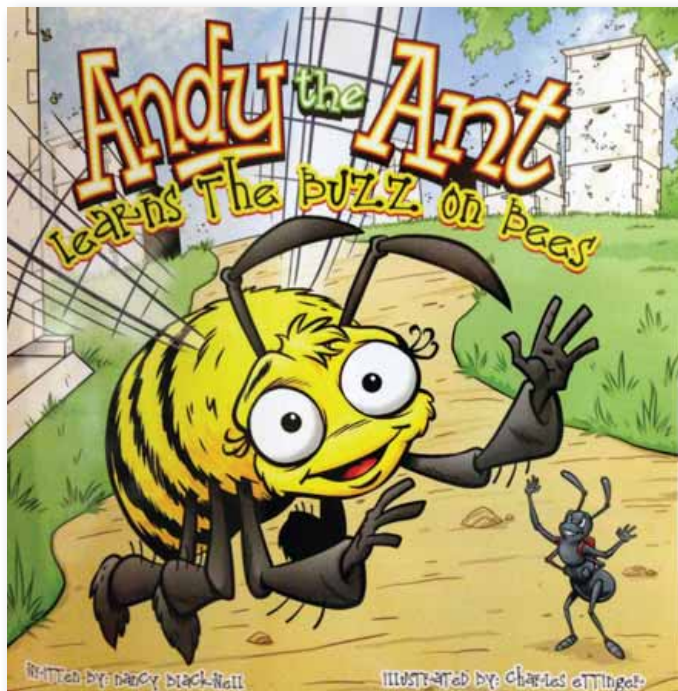
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## Book Review:

**Andy the Ant Learns the Buzz on Bees***Andy the Ant Learns the Buzz on Bees**Written by Nancy Blackwell, illustrated by Charles Ettinger**Faithful Life Publishers, 40 pages, Softcover \$14.99*

MSBA member Nancy Blackwell is a beekeeper and former elementary school teacher, so she knows how to talk to kids about bees. She presents a fun and informative story of Andy the Ant's introduction to the world of honeybees and beekeeping.

This book is highly entertaining and very informative, teaching children in terminology they can understand. The story appeals to children of all ages, especially five years and older.

With illustrations that are vibrant and fun, the author tells the story of an adventurous ant who befriends a worker bee. Along the way, we learn basic bee and flower biology and get a favorable look at the beekeeper's association with our insect friends.

The book also contains a page of facts about honeybees, a glossary of terms, and recipes and activity pages for children courtesy of the National Honey Board.



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## We're back at the Lake for Spring Conference 2014!

Join us March 21-22 at Country Club Hotel and Spa

The Missouri State Beekeepers Association returns to the Lake of the Ozarks in March for our 2014 Spring Conference.

Our venue information is as follows:

Country Club Hotel & Spa, 301 Carol Road, Lake Ozark MO 65049

Telephone: 573-964-2200 800-964-6698 Fax: 573-964-6438  
www.CountryClubHotel.com

Check-in time 4:00 PM Check-out time Noon

Our MSBA Group Rate is \$87.00 (rates do not include current state taxes of 5.475% and county lodging tax of 3%). You must mention that you are with the Missouri State Beekeepers Association.

Reservations at the MSBA group rate will be accepted no later than Tuesday, February 18, 2014. All reservations after February 18th will be available at hotel's space and rate availability only.

Our primary speakers will include two Tennesseans new to us, plus a favorite from past meetings:

**Trevor Qualls** is owner of Bon Aqua Springs Apiaries and Woodenware. He is a member of the Nashville Area Beekeepers Association, Columbia Area Beekeepers Association and Vice President of the Three Rivers Beekeepers Association (of Dickson, TN). He lectures and speaks throughout Tennessee, Arkansas, Illinois, Florida and Alabama to various beekeeping associations, lawn and garden shows, agricultural groups, and at Walter T. Kelley's Field Day in Kentucky.

For the past five years, Trevor has assisted beekeepers throughout the US in maintaining their hives. He remains committed to chemical free beekeeping and designing and building woodenware.

Trevor's talks will include *Bee Math - How Bee Biology can Enhance Your Operation*; and *An Introduction to Small Cell Beekeeping for the Large Cell Skeptic*.

Learn more about Trevor and Bon Aqua Springs Apiaries at [www.basprings.com](http://www.basprings.com).

**John Seaborn** started working bees in the early 1950's at the age of six with both his dad and



Trevor Qualls



John Seaborn

granddad. From that time on he was hooked on bees.

The years of the 1980's and the 1990's were hard for John. He lost most of his artificially enlarged 5.4mm bees. Then in the year 2000, he acquired two wild feral colonies of the natural size 4.9mm bees. He began to see the difference between the 5.4mm and the 4.9mm bees.

John has served for two terms as vice president of the Nashville Area Beekeepers Association and also on the board of directors. Since 2011, he has served as president of the Three Rivers Beekeepers Association (of Dickson, TN). He is a member of the Tennessee Beekeepers Association and the Georgia Beekeepers Association, plus three other beekeeping clubs. John is the spokesman for his wife's beekeeping business, Wolf Creek Apiaries LLC, home of the natural 4.9mm bees. John will lecture us on *Drones - The Forgotten Step to Better Queens*; and *Natural Treatments for Hive Pests*.

Learn more about John and Wolf Creek Apiaries at [www.wolfcreekbees.com](http://www.wolfcreekbees.com).

**David Burns** is a very popular and well known beekeeper and speaker throughout the Midwest, and has been our guest at a couple of past conferences. Along with his wife Sheri, David has operated Long Lane Honey Bee Farms in eastern Illinois since 1994. In 2005 he and Sheri began building and marketing their own line of beekeeping equipment and now ship to all fifty states. A thriving business, they also sell package bees, nucs and their own locally raised production queens. They offer beekeeping classes covering a wide range of beekeeping subjects almost every month of the year.

David is a certified Master Beekeeper of the Eastern Apiculture Society. He plans to lecture on *The Dirty Little Secrets to a Successful Queen Rearing Operation*.

Learn more about David and Long Lane Honey Bee Farms at [www.honeybeesonline.com](http://www.honeybeesonline.com).

Other speakers will include: **Dr. Leo Sharashkin**, *Natural Beekeeping in Horizontal Hives*; **Bruce Snavey**, *Hive Management for Swarm Control*; and **Jane Sueme**, *Pollen as the Perfect Food*.

Our schedule is still in flux, so you can continue to check for updates at <http://mostatebeekeepers.org/meeting/>

See you at the Lake!



David Burns

# Missouri State Beekeepers Association

Spring, 2014 Membership Conference Registration

March 21<sup>st</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>, Country Club Hotel & Spa, Lake Ozark, Missouri

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## Pre-Registration Fees (Registration must be postmarked or submitted by March 3<sup>rd</sup>)

Individual Membership: ..... \$ 45.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Family Membership: ..... \$ 60.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Non-Member (per person): ..... \$ 75.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

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## Conference Meals (Please complete the form on the 2<sup>nd</sup> page of this registration)

Enter Amount from "Conference Meals" on Page 2 of this registration form: \_\_\_\_\_

## Membership Dues & Donations

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Mail registration form and check to: **Nancy Gillard, 3721 North High Street, Jackson, MO 63755.**

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## Conference Meals

### Friday Evening Banquet (See Details at Bottom of Page)

Country Club Barbecue Buffet (per person): ..... \$ 21.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

### Saturday Luncheon (See Details at Bottom of Page)

Mexican Buffet (per person): ..... \$ 12.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL FOR MEALS** (*Please Enter This Amount on the Previous Page*): \_\_\_\_\_

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### Friday, March 21 Banquet

**Country Club Barbecue Buffet** - 2 meats, 3 salads, baked potato, vegetable, rolls, dessert, beverages

### Saturday, March 22 Luncheon

**Mexican Buffet** - chicken enchiladas, 7-layer dip and chips, build-your-own tacos and burritos station with all the fixings, dessert, beverages

*Note: both menus above have ample choices for vegetarians.*

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### Thursday – March 20

2:00 PM Vendor Setup Begins  
10:00 PM Vendor Setup Closes

### Friday – March 21

7:00 AM Vendor Setup Continues  
9:00 AM Registration Opens  
Vendor Hall Opens  
Executive Board Meeting  
10:00 AM Hospitality Room Opens  
Contest Room Opens for Entry Setup (*“Cooking with Honey”* and *“Designing with Beeswax”*)  
11:00 AM Professional Contest Judging Begins  
12:00 PM People’s Choice Contest Judging Begins  
1:00 PM Welcome, Announcements & Door Prizes  
1:20 PM Invocation  
1:30 PM *“Bee Math – How Bee Biology Can Enhance Your Operation”* with Trevor Qualls  
2:30 PM Break - Visit with Vendors  
MSBA Auxiliary: Silent Auction Bidding Begins  
3:00 PM Breakout Sessions:

- *[TBD]* with David Burns
- *“Natural Beekeeping in Horizontal Hives”* with Leo Sharashkin
- *“Hive Management for Swarm Control”* with Bruce Snavelly

4:00 PM Break - Visit with Vendors  
People’s Choice Contest Judging Ends  
4:30 PM *“Drones – The Forgotten Step to Better Queens”* with John Seaborn  
5:30 PM Break - Visit with Vendors  
6:30 PM Queen Banquet, Queen Auction and Contest Awards (Ticket Required)  
8:30 PM Queen Reception

### Saturday – March 22

8:00 AM Vendor Hall Opens  
8:30 AM Hospitality Room Opens  
9:00 AM Welcome, Announcements & Door Prizes  
9:30 AM *“The Dirty Little Secrets to Successful Queen Rearing Operation”* with David Burns  
10:30 AM Break - Visit with Vendors  
11:00 AM Breakout Sessions:

- *“An Introduction to Small Cell Beekeeping for the Large Cell Skeptic”* with Trevor Qualls
- *“Pollen as the Perfect Food”* with Jane Sueme

12:00 PM Lunch (Ticket Required)  
1:00 PM *“Natural Treatments for Hive Pests”* with John Seaborn  
2:00 PM Break - Visit with Vendors  
Bidding on MSBA Auxiliary Silent Auction Ends  
2:30 PM Breakout Sessions:  
*(Subjects to be Determined)*  
3:30 PM Business Meeting and Drawings





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The management job includes:

- Determining the categories to be judged (fun!)
- Sending out an email informing the membership of categories and rules (a template is ready to go, and the MSBA webmaster sends it to the membership for you)
- Discussing contest room arrangements with the hotel (simple)
- Discussing contest judging with the hotel chefs (they love doing

this)

- Reproducing judging ballots (templates are ready to go)
- Supervising the arrival and logging-in of the entries on the day of the contests (the first day of the state meeting)
- Being in the contest room during the judging (you are silent unless the judges need something)
- Counting ballots (you'll have others to help you with this)
- Presenting the award ribbons at the banquet (a template is ready to go, and the ribbons are, too)

I am most ready and happy to assist with this management transition and supplies, so give it a thought. Your organization needs you! Call or email to let me know.

Jane Timmons

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## From the Queen Chair

by Wanda Johnston

The 2014 Missouri Honey Queen, Lauren Collins, and the 2014 Missouri Honey Princess, Erin Mullins, are prepared and excited to attend your events. Their activities are funded by the spring and fall silent auctions, banquet auctions, and generous donations. If there is a special event in your area which promotes bees, beekeeping, honey or hive products, or pollinators, please call or email me (see page 15) to schedule MSBA Queen Lauren or Princess Erin for your event. Contact information and a Request Form are also available at [www.mostatebeekeepers.org](http://www.mostatebeekeepers.org)

Thinking of the spring meeting, remember to bring refreshments to help supply our hospitality room. Auction donations that help support our Queen and Princess are welcomed and deeply appreciated.

I so enjoyed meeting so many of you at the Fall Conference and look forward to seeing you again and meeting more new members at the Spring Conference at the Lake of the Ozarks.

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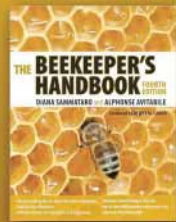
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## From the Honey Queen

With temperatures hovering just above zero in my area, I tried to “baby” my nucleus colony a bit by bringing it indoors. Nothing surprises people more than when you inform them that the little wooden box sitting in the corner of your garage is actually a small beehive! My nucleus colony started out as a small swarm that I caught in early October. I had high hopes for the colony and had grown quite attached to it, so I was very sad when I went out to the garden on a warm January day to find that the colony had not survived the cold snap! Thankfully, my main hive seems to be thriving, so I’m looking forward to working it in the spring!

My calendar for this year is filling up quickly! I had the great pleasure of attending the Governor’s AgriMissouri Banquet on January the 16th. The dinner was a showcase of many foods locally grown and raised in our state of Missouri. There were about 400 people in attendance, and I enjoyed meeting and networking with many of the faces of Missouri agriculture: rural and urban farmers, scientists and researchers, students, and entrepreneurs. It was also thrilling to see how many beekeepers were in attendance! Beekeepers truly are a vital and growing force in both Missouri and American agriculture!

The next event that I will be representing our club at is the Kansas City Lawn and Garden Show at Kemper Arena. The event runs from February 7th through the 9th. This is the event where I was first introduced to beekeeping and the Missouri State Beekeepers Association, so I’m looking forward to attending and I hope to see some of you there!

Lauren Collins, 2014 Missouri State Honey Queen



Queen Lauren

## From the Honey Princess

Hello everyone, I hope that winter is treating you all well. Where I’m at in Northwest Missouri we have had everything from snow, a little ice, heavy winds, arctic temperatures, and even a warm day or two. The past month or so has been kind of exciting for me. Wanda, the Queen Chair, and I have been planning away and setting up events and travels for me for this year.

So far as Princess, I have been rather busy!! Early in November I had the opportunity to speak to the Kindergarten class at Horace Mann Laboratory School in Maryville. I got to speak briefly about the Princess program and the MSBA to the beekeeping class at the Missouri Growers Conference in January in St. Joseph. Then on January 11th I got to help teach the beginning beekeeping class that my club the Bee Busters sponsors.

Finally, I spent January 16th and 17th in Kansas City and Saint Louis where I attended the Governor’s Conference on Agriculture and the Saint Louis Beekeepers Honey and Wine Tasting. I have met so many wonderful beekeepers and I am so excited to see what the rest of the year brings!

Best Wishes,

Erin Mullins

2014 Missouri Honey Princess



Missouri Honey Princess Erin Mullins hobnobs January 17 with MSBA President John Timmons at the St. Louis Beekeepers Honey and Wine Tasting at the St. Louis Culinary Institute.



# Local Beekeeping Associations in Missouri

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[www.ozarksbeekeepers.org](http://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](http://www.boonebees.org)
- 3 Busy Bee Club**  
4th Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m., Cedar County Health Center, Owens Mill Road, Stockton  
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- 4 Eastern Missouri Beekeepers Association**  
2nd Wednesday of each month, 7:00 p.m., location changes. Bob Sears, President 314-479-9517  
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- 5 Golden Valley Beekeepers**  
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Henry County Courthouse, Clinton MO  
Tom McCormick, President 417-644-7507  
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- 6 Jackson Area Beekeepers**  
4th Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m.  
First Pres. of Jackson, 206 E. Washington  
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[gillard5@charter.net](mailto: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 Marvin Hook 636-274-1759
- 8 Joplin Area Beekeepers Association**  
Last Tue. of each month, 7 pm, SM Bank Community Building (7th and Duquesne Rd), Joplin  
Contact Dale Foley 417-850-0285
- 9 Mid Missouri Beekeepers**  
3rd Sunday of each month, 2 pm, Old Train Depot, St. James.  
Contact Jerry Hendershot 573-578-5146  
[graham@wavecomputers.net](mailto:graham@wavecomputers.net)
- 10 Midwestern Beekeepers Association**  
Nov-March, 3rd Sunday of each month, 2:30 p.m.  
April-Oct, 3rd Thursday of month, 7:00 p.m.  
Visit [midwesternbeekeepers.org](http://midwesternbeekeepers.org) for calendar  
Bass Pro Shop, Independence, Conservation Room  
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- 11 Mississippi Valley Beekeepers Association**  
Last Tuesday of Month in Quincy, IL  
Contact Bernie Andrew 217-938-4975
- 12 Missouri Valley Beekeepers Association**  
3rd Monday of each month, 7:00 pm, Union  
Location varies, contact below if unsure  
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- 13 Parkland Beekeepers**  
3rd Tuesday of month, 7pm, Ozark Federal Savings  
President Gregg Hitchings [glhitch@hotmail.com](mailto:glhitch@hotmail.com)
- 14 Pomme de Terre Beekeepers**  
2nd Thursday of each month, 7 pm  
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- 15 SEMO Honey Producers**  
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[wells.ernie@gmail.com](mailto:wells.ernie@gmail.com)
- 16 South Central Missouri Beekeepers Association**  
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Monty Wiens, President 417 257-3994
- 17 Southern MO Beekeepers of Monett "MOBees")**  
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1st Tuesday of month, Neosho High School FFA Bldg  
President Roger Ross 417-472-3504
- 19 Three Rivers Beekeepers**  
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- 21 Lake of the Ozarks Beekeepers**  
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- 26 Meramec Valley Beekeepers**  
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- 27 Quad County Beekeepers**  
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Contact Fred Meder (573) 760-2574  
[quadcountybeekeepers.com](http://quadcountybeekeepers.com)
- 28 North Central Missouri Beekeepers Association**  
1st Monday, Area Career Center, Macon, 7:00 pm  
Contact Dan West (660) 651-7582, [www.ncmobees.org](http://www.ncmobees.org)
- 29 Bees Alive**  
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**Three Rivers Beekeepers** will offer its Beginning Beekeeping Workshop on Friday and Saturday, February 7th & 8th, at the University of Missouri Extension Center in St. Peters. Details and registration are available at <http://threeriversbeekeepers.com/>  
*Editor's note: this class is now sold out and is beginning a waiting list.*

**Boone Regional Beekeepers** announce the following Saturday workshops:

February 8, 2014 9:00 am to 4:30 pm at Columbia Area Career Center. Presented by Jim 'n' I Farms. Email Valerie at [jimandifarms@ktis.net](mailto:jimandifarms@ktis.net) for more information. Cost includes lunch, membership to both BRBA and the MSBA (restrictions apply) and a discount on beekeeping supplies.

April 26, 2014 8:30 to 4:30 pm in Marshall, at Saline County Career Center. Email Michelle Hanson at [mhanson@MarshallSchools.com](mailto:mhanson@MarshallSchools.com) for more information. The cost will include lunch, hive building, membership to both BRBA and the MSBA (restrictions apply), and a discount on beekeeping supplies.

**Quad County Beekeepers Association** is holding its first Beginning Beekeeping Class! The

Beginning Beekeeping class will be held on 22 February 2014 at Troy Buchanan High School, in Troy. The class will be held in the High School Ag Building. The class will run from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm with a break for lunch. Lincoln County Extension Center will handle registration for the class. The fee for the class is \$25.00, which includes a book on beekeeping, if registered by 12 February 2014. The cost of registration after 12 February 2014 will be \$30.00 with no guarantee of receiving a copy of the beekeeping book. The syllabus for the class will be sent out in a separate newsletter. For more information call the LCEC at 636-528-4613 or call Fred Meder at 636-528-1535.

**Mississippi Valley Beekeepers Association** of the tri-state area will have its beginners beekeeping class on Saturday, March 1, at the U of I extension building, 330 S 36th St., Quincy IL. The one-day class will start at 9:00 am and will end at 3:00. After the class we will be placing orders for package bees and other equipment. Contact Bernie Andrew at [magic@adams.net](mailto:magic@adams.net) for further details.

**Midwestern Beekeepers Association** will hold its 19th Annual Beginning Beekeeping Workshop on Saturday, March 8, an 8-5:00 all day event located at Burr Oak Woods Conservation Nature Center in Blue Springs. For more info visit: [www.midwesternbeekeepers.org](http://www.midwesternbeekeepers.org) or call President Cathy Misko at (660) 656-3485

**Three Rivers Beekeepers** will hold its 3rd Annual Queen Rearing Workshop on May 24th & 25th. Learn to make a few queens with Cory Stevens and Stu Jacobson. Details and registration available soon at [www.threeriversbeekeepers.com](http://www.threeriversbeekeepers.com).

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