Don’t look now, but that warm glow in the east is a brave February sun burrowing its way through the dense fog of winter. Sugar maples feel the warmth, and begin to stretch their limbs. Crocuses push tender shoots against the still-frozen turf, stymied for now but waiting, watching for an opening. And your intrepid bees, clinging to a dwindling supply of winter honey, send warm-day sorties in search of the life-giving pollen that will cue preparations for Spring.

Welcome a new beekeeping year at our annual Spring Meeting, March 11-12 in Branson

Please join us for our Spring Meeting at the Lodge of the Ozarks in Branson, MO. We have an exciting agenda planned, with special events the day before and the day following. Remember, communication and learning are the keys to successful beekeeping. Being with other beekeepers is a great time for sharing ideas and just plain old fellowship.

We are offering lodging at the rate of $70.00 per night, suites included. You will need to call before March 1 and ask for the specified group block in order to receive this negotiated rate; the earlier you book, the better room/suite you will get. This rate includes a breakfast buffet and parking. We will be within walking distance of several shows. For more information: http://www.lodgeoftheozarks.com/ • Lodge of the Ozarks, 3431 W. Hwy. 76, Branson, MO  65616 • 417-334-7535 • 800-213-2584.

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Our special guest speakers will be:

Dr. Don Steinkraus:  Professor – Biological Control with Microbial Pathogens, Department of Entomology  - University of Arkansas. Expertise and instrumentation: Epizootiology, IPM and biological control with insect pathogens, apiculture, scientific photography, insect anatomy.

continued on page 8
I was still in college when John Hinkley attempted to assassinate then-President Ronald Reagan. At the time, Vice-president George H.W. Bush (yeah, the older, other guy) was on Air Force Two flying over Texas. Communication with the Vice-president was limited.

The Reagan cabinet leapt into action, and in this time of turmoil and potential crisis, the various officials tried to sort out the presidential succession and transfer of power as set out in the 25th Amendment to the Constitution. Tensions were running high. It was a media frenzy. Who is in charge?

Out of the chaos emerged the Secretary of State, Alexander Haig, who declared, “As of now, I’m in control here.”

Well, we’ve had a rather civil transition of the presidency of our state beekeeping association. I could say, quoting General Haig, “As of now, I’m in control here.”

But in reality, I’m not. You are.

I think we often forget that the real power of any organization is located in the membership. Leaders and officials can set out on any one of a hundred quests, but if they have no followers, they have no power. This state organization belongs to you. Your hopes and desires are what will drive our organization to serve the needs of our members.

As your President, I hope you’ll feel empowered and enabled to bring fresh ideas to the table, to help us make our organization run efficiently and, perhaps most importantly, to meet the needs and expectations of the membership. I anticipate the executive board will work to make these hopes and dreams a reality. And, of course, we’ll need your help as well as your input.

Which brings me to a second thought. One of my colleagues taught me an important truth when trying to bring new programs to an organization. He said: “Every good idea needs a champion.”

In times of change, in times of innovation, good ideas need someone to be the cheerleader, the advocate, the promoter, the catalyst, the coach, even the mid-wife. Change is difficult and new ideas don’t take root easily. A champion breathes life into new ideas and shelters them from the onslaught of criticism and doubt.

When all around is dark and it looks like the idea is going down the tubes, a champion shines a light to illumine a path forward for the rest of us. They say the seven deadliest words for any organization are, “We’ve never done it that way before.”

Sometimes we just need a champion to remind us there are other ways to do things and we need not fear trying something different. Beekeeping is in a precarious place. It’s never been more challenging to be a beekeeper, especially for a beginner. We need each other, more than ever.

But that’s why we have this state association: to work together, encourage one another, and bring our hopes and dreams to reality.

All the best,
Grant Gillard

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Honey Drop™ founders pay a visit to the Dragon’s Den
TV program provides company with investment to “grow our brand into the US market”

by Eugene Makovec

Honey Drop™, the ground-breaking dried honey product from Island Abbey Foods of Canada, is about to receive a sizable cash infusion thanks to an appearance on the popular Canadian television program Dragon’s Den.

Dragon’s Den, an international sensation that premiered in Japan in 2001 as Money Tigers and aired in the United States as Shark Tank, features entrepreneurs pitching their products to a group of multi-millionaire investors who, if duly impressed, offer an investment in return for a stake in the company.

On the show’s January 19 episode, brothers John and Justin Rowe of Island Abbey pitch their Honibe™ brand Honey Drop™, a solid, dried honey product individually packaged for retail and foodservice sale, asking for $1,000,000 Canadian to help “grow our brand into the US market” -- and offering up to 20 percent equity in the company in trade.

Following a convincing sales pitch and some tense negotiation -- “You know what a good deal is? When both sides are unhappy,” says investor Kevin O’Leary of O’Leary Funds -- the brothers come away with $600,000 in cash and another $400,000 line of credit in exchange for a 35 percent stake in the company. Four of the program’s five Dragons take part in the deal, with the fifth choosing to decline.

John Rowe stated on the show that Prince Edward Island-based Honibe™ made $650,000 in sales in 2009, its first full year of business, and expects to surpass $2,000,000 in 2011. The company’s product line also includes candies and throat lozenges.

John Rowe began research into a dried, portable form of honey in the 1990s, and in January of 2008 the company introduced Honey Drop™, an individual serving of dried honey without any additives or binding agents.

The product was featured in the March 2008 issue of this newsletter (inset, with product photo at center), as part of a story about the National Honey Board’s role in funding honey-based food product development. In October of 2010 the company announced an agreement with Dutch Gold Honey of Lancaster, PA, for US distribution.


Cookin’ with Honey!

Honey Pecan Pie

1 C Honey
3 Well-beaten Eggs
2 T Sugar
1/4 C Nonfat Dry Milk Solids
1/4 C Butter
1-1/2 C Pecan Meats
1/2 t Vanilla
One 9” Unbaked Pastry Shell

Directions
Mix honey with eggs. Cream sugar, nonfat dry milk solids and butter, and add to honey-egg mixture. Stir in pecans and vanilla. Turn into an unbaked 9” crust and bake at 375 F for 45 minutes, or until center tests done with knife. Honey Pecan Tea cakes: Line very small muffin tins with rounds of pastry and fill each with 1 teaspoon of the above mixture. Bake 10-12 minutes at 425 F.
2011 Spring Meeting Program
(subject to change)

Thursday, March 10

4:00-6:00 Free wine & cheese social - Hospitality Room 255. Wines provided by 7C’s Winery. Non-alcoholic drinks also available. Donations accepted for the Honey Queen fund.

6:00-11:59 Hospitality Room open - Room 255

Friday, March 11

8:00-11:59 Hospitality Room open - Room 255

8:00-10:45 Executive Board Meeting - Timber Creek Small

9:45 Registration open
Vendors Open - Crystal Hall
Queen Silent Auction opens

10:45 Cooking with Honey contest setup
Beekeeping Artwork contest setup

11:00-11:10 Welcome

11:10-12:00 CSI in the Beehive Trying to Find the Cause of CCD, Dennis vanEngelsdorp - Crystal Hall

12:00-12:45 TBA, Dr. Don Steinkraus - Crystal Hall

12:45-1:15 Break for lunch

1:15-1:30 A Ton of Honey, Grant Gillard - Crystal Hall

1:30-2:15 Honey Bee Epidemiology: What is Killing Bees? Dennis vanEngelsdorp

2:15-3:00 TBA, Dr. Don Steinkraus - Crystal Hall

3:00-3:30 Break, visit with vendors

3:30-4:15 TBA, Dennis vanEngelsdorp - Crystal Hall

4:15-4:45 National Honey Bee Pest Survey, Collin Wamsley, Missouri State Entomologist - Crystal Hall

4:45-5:15 Eastern Region Director Meeting with Eastern Region beekeepers, Steve Harris - Crystal Hall

6:30-9:00 Beekeeper of the Year and Mentor of the Year Banquet - Club Vegas

9:00-9:30 Eastern Region Director Meeting with Western Region beekeepers, Brian Norris - Club Vegas
Saturday, March 12

7:30-8:00  **South Region Director Meeting** with South Region beekeepers, Dave Kayser

8:00-8:20  Welcome - Crystal Hall  
Invocation - Rev. Don Buford  
Patriotism presentation, Lillian-Grace Misko, Missouri Honey Queen

8:20-8:25  **Missouri Honey Queen Report**, Joyce Justice

8:25-10:15  **The Medicine Chest Known as the Beehive (Part 1)**, Reyah Carlson - Crystal Hall

9:00-9:45  Alternate Activity: **Q & A**, Dennis vanEngelsdorp - Room 251

10:15-10:45  Break, visit with vendors

10:45-11:35  **The Medicine Chest Known as the Beehive (Part 2)**, Reyah Carlson - Crystal Hall

10:45-11:35  Alternate Activity: **Q & A**, Don Steinkraus - Room 251

11:00  (Dennis vanEngelsdorp departs)

12:00-1:00  **Lunch** - Club Vegas

1:00-1:45  Breakout sessions:  
**Apitherapy Questions and Bee Stings**, Reyah Carlson - Room 251  
**Farmers’ Markets**, Vera and Art Gelder - Timber Creek Small  
**Nicotine Bees**, John Timmons -  
**TBA**

1:45-2:15  Break

2:15-3:05  **TBA**, Dr. Don Steinkraus - Crystal Hall

3:05-3:55  **TBA**, Richard Houseman, Associate Professor of Entomology, University of MO - Crystal Hall

3:55  Annual Business Meeting, followed by raffle prize drawings - Crystal Hall

8:00  **Jim Stafford Show**, reg. cost $35.50, but if at least 20 people go, rate will be $27.35. Please send info and check for full amount to Pam Brown, must receive by Feb. 20.

Sunday, March 13

Recommended Sunday brunch at either the Keeter Center (College of the Ozarks) or Big Cedar Lodge. No discount given, but if enough people want to go, we can make group reservations so members can sit together. Sign up at registration table.
Local clubs schedule beginners’ workshops

**Eastern Missouri Beekeepers:** Our highly successful workshops for beginners and experienced beekeepers will be repeated from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm this February 12th at Maritz in Fenton.

The courses will be led by **Clarence Collison, PhD.** Emeritus Professor of Entomology and Emeritus Head of the Department of Entomology and Plant Pathology at Mississippi State University; **Rick Fell, PhD.** Professor Emeritus in the Department of Entomology at Virginia Tech; and **Grant Gillard,** President of the Missouri State Beekeepers Association. Tuition cost is $90 per person. Please register by February 5 at [www.easternmobeekeepers.com](http://www.easternmobeekeepers.com) or call (314) 894.8737.

**Three Rivers Beekeepers** and the University of Missouri Extension Center for St. Charles County are offering a three-part Beginning Beekeeper Class this spring. Come learn about the wonderful honeybee and how to manage them and their home, the beehive.

WHEN: March 27th, 2011 (2-8 pm); March 28th (6-9 pm); and March 29th (6-9 pm). An optional class supplement covering sustainable techniques using organic, natural beekeeping alternatives will be presented on Saturday, April 2nd (5-9 pm).

WHERE: University of Missouri Extension Center at 260 Brown Rd. in St. Peters.

HOW: Visit [www.threeriversbeekeepers.com](http://www.threeriversbeekeepers.com) or call the Extension Center at 636-970-3000 for reservations and payment of $50.00 (all inclusive).

**Missouri Valley Beekeepers** will hold a “Beginning Beekeepers Class” on March 5, 2011 (tentative date). This is a great introduction and education for anyone contemplating keeping bees. It will be held at Clearview Feed and Seed Store on Highway 47 in Union, MO. For registration and more information, contact Stephany Sullivan at 636-584-9817 or sasullivan55@yahoo.com.

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PHONE: __________________________________E-MAIL: ______________________________________________________

PRE-REGISTRATION  (must be received by February 28, 2011)

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MEMBER                              $28 X_________ = ______________
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Dr. Don Steinkraus (continued)

Education:
• B.A. Anthropology, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 1975
• M.S. Mycology, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT 1979
• Ph.D. Insect Pathology, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 1987

Dennis van Engelsdorp: Bee Expert – Popular speaker at American and European bee meetings, regarding colony losses and standardizing data collection and presentation standards. Studying colony collapse disorder -- the alarming, worldwide disappearance of worker bees and Western honey bees, bee disease epidemiology, and the internal anatomy of the honey bee. Honeybee Researcher – Penn State

Education:
• B.S. Agriculture, University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario 1992
• M.S. Environmental Biology, Univ. of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario 1995
• Doctorial Candidate, University of Pennsylvania 2011

Reyah Carlson: Practitioner of Apitherapy – Has been stung by bees more than 25,000 times. On purpose. She was a featured speaker at the 2010 North American Beekeepers Conference held in Orlando. Reyah operates out of her home, drives to some of her clients’ homes throughout Vermont and has used the therapy on herself with positive results. She has given stings to nearly 3000 people and has traveled the world to spread the word about bee venom therapy. She has appeared in National Geographic and on the Discovery Channel.

Contests: All entries to be submitted March 11, 2011. Entries are open to the public; however, only MSBA members in attendance can be declared winners. There will be two sets of winners. The first set of winners (1st, 2nd and 3rd) will be selected by a judge; the second set will be People’s Choice, with each pre-registered attendee allowed one vote. The owners of all entries will be required to sign an attached index card giving MSBA permission to use their entry in the newsletter, website, calendar and cookbook.

1. Cooking With Honey – judged by the Chef of the Rafters Restaurant
Entries are to be in the Board Room by 11:30AM. Honey is to be the principal sweetener. Commercial mixes may not be used, no other ingredient restrictions. Please type or print the recipe on a 3 x 5 card with your name on the back, it will be kept to possibly be included in the MSBA newsletter, website, calendar and cookbook. Put your name on the back of the recipe card. Bread or cookies should not need refrigeration. Entries become property of MSBA and will be served at break time in the Hospitality Room. The categories are:
• Quick Bread - 2
• Cookies - 24
• B-B-Q Sauce - 1 quart
• Scones - 24
Entries could be judged on: Presentation, Best use of honey, Amount of honey used (compared to other entries in category), Taste/Flavor, Texture, Crumb/Tenderness, Color, and Consistency.

2. Artwork - Paint, ink, pencil, or watercolor
All entries must portray some aspect of bees and/or beekeeping. A 3” x 5” white card on which a brief description of the craft is typed/printed must accompany each entry, including name, address, e-mail. Utmost care will be taken in handling all entries, but MSBA is not responsible for loss or damage. Entrants desiring to insure their work must do so at their own discretion.

FALL MEETING PREVIEW
October 28-29, 2011, with special events on October 27, Country Club Hotel, Lake of the Ozarks. Special speakers include Dr. Marla Spivak (University of Minnesota) Ed Levi (Arkansas) and C. Marina Marchese (Connecticut). Contests to be held: Cooking with honey (wheat bread, cake, wings), Soap, Needlework.
Note from the Queen Chair
by Joyce D. Justice

Our Queen has been busy and has worked up a new brochure. Looks like some interesting recipes to try. Let’s work on getting the Queen to as many special events as possible. She gets a lot of attention and adds a lot to your event. She traveled a lot of miles as our princess and let’s see if we can make more miles in 2011.

Seems impossible that the March Spring Meeting will be here before another Newsletter will be published, but here is a reminder to bring your items to the March Meeting for the silent auction for the Queen’s expenses. The time seems to pass fast or I get slower each year in getting things accomplished.

Joyce

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There will be a Buzz in Branson March 2011

As you already know, we have an upcoming semi-annual meeting planned for the spring. Because we will be in a great travel area, I am planning additional events for beekeepers and their families/friends to enjoy at a discount rate before and after the meeting. Please let me know what shows/venues you are interested in attending, so I can negotiate cost. We have to have a minimum attendance to get the cheaper rates. By completing this form, you are not making definite reservations, just submitting your interest. Please respond ASAP (circle your interest and send it to me or e-mail your choices). ASAP – Pam Brown

Galveston hosts 2011 North American Beekeeping Conference
Missouri beekeepers make trip to beautiful resort town on Gulf of Mexico

by Eugene Makovec

Some 1100 beekeepers descended upon Galveston, Texas, the first week of January for a joint meeting of the American Beekeeping Federation and the North American Honey Producers. Bob Graham and I made the trip, along with other Missouri beekeepers including Steve Harris, Ken Norman, Valerie Nichols, Marvin Hook, and I’m sure some others I did not recognize.

The show boasted an impressive lineup of lecturers, including MSBA prez Grant Gillard, and one had to constantly choose between topics in the General Session and the Serious Sideliner Symposium. They also had a meeting room just for researchers, but I wasn’t invited there. And then there was the Tradeshows, where there were just too many vendors and too much ground to cover for the normal lunch and break times; I ended up skipping a couple of lectures just to beat the crowds and meet with merchants.

Conference highlights for me included finally meeting in person Editors Joe Graham of American Bee Journal and Kim Flottum of Bee Culture. Bob and I had dinner with Phil Ebert of Iowa, who advertises package bees in this newsletter and runs a much larger operation than I had imagined. I bought a pollen trap from Lloyd Spears of Ross Rounds, and had a nice talk with him and his wife.

Oh, and I woke up early the second morning, walked across the street and watched the sun rise over the Gulf of Mexico. Awesome!
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<td>3rd Tuesday of each month, 108 Harrison, Farmington</td>
<td>Contact Gene Wood 573-431-1436</td>
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<td>Pomme de Terre Beekeepers</td>
<td>2nd Thursday of each month, 7 pm, Missouri Extension Office, Hermitage</td>
<td>Contact Bessi Shryer 417-745-2527</td>
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<td>SEMO Honey Producers</td>
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<td>1st Friday of each month, Howell Electric Coop, West Plains</td>
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<td>Southern MO Beekeepers of Monett (“MOBee”s”)</td>
<td>3rd Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m.</td>
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<td>Contact Glenn W. Smith 417-548-2255</td>
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Greetings everyone,

Over winter break I was busy putting together final touches on my new Honey brochure and organizing details with my two colleges. In the midst of that, I welcomed in the 2011 New Year by having the time of my life visiting family in New York. I now am ready and eager for the upcoming events!

It is a blessing to see how the experience of being the Honey Princess and now your Honey Queen has influenced and prepared my path for the future. As you may know, I am pursing a degree in Public Relations. I can relate with many topics and projects in my classes because of my experience representing the Missouri State Beekeepers Association. Public Relations has a very extensive job description. It has a lot to do with representing a company/organization, building relationships, various responsibilities (writing/researching/etc.), and dealing with matters of crisis. I have a passion for people and sharing information with people. I also look at challenges to be quite exciting. This might be a matter of personal opinion, but I would consider life to be boring without people and challenges. I figure if there are people on this earth, there must be a reason to share life together. I do not look at challenges as a bad thing, but as something to overcome and to add to the journey of life.

With saying all of the above, I understand that beekeeping can be a challenge for the beekeeper and the bees. It is a challenge for bees to make it through the winter and for the beekeeper to keep up during swarm season and with the rewards of a bountiful honey harvest! I admire the beekeepers when they unite in a community and share their art, information and ideas to help each other - keep encouraging each other, it is well worth it!

It was a privilege to present my PowerPoint, “My Journey as Honey Princess”, at the Midwestern Beekeepers Christmas Meeting/Dinner and to be there for the giving of the Beekeeper of the Year award. I would like to congratulate the Midwestern Beekeeper(s) of the Year, Tonya and Jim Fisher!

I look forward to many more upcoming events, including the Eastern Missouri Beekeepers Spring Workshop and the Missouri State Beekeepers Association Spring Meeting.

Lillian-Grace Misko
Missouri Honey Queen 2011

Honey Queen report
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