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Registration now open!

## Fall Conference to be in Columbia October 16-17

The Missouri State Beekeepers Association will hold its annual Fall Conference in Columbia on Friday and Saturday, October 16-17 at:

**Hilton Garden Inn**

3300 Vandiver Drive, Columbia, Missouri 65202

Telephone: 573-814-5464

Mention the MSBA to get our \$99 group rate (guaranteed through September 15).

To register, see page 5 or <http://mostatebeekeepers.org/registration/>

Featured speakers will include **Michael Bush**, a leading proponent of natural beekeeping; University of Missouri research entomologist **Dr. Moneen Jones**, MU Research Entomologist; and others to be named later. (See pages 6-7 for our tentative schedule.)

Our Friday evening banquet will be a busy affair: We will announce our 2015 Beekeeper of the Year, who will for the first time be chosen with the help of our membership. (See page 8 for information on how

you can nominate someone for this award.) We will also say goodbye to 2015 Honey Queen **Erin Mullins**. And we will honor and hear from **Senator Jeanie Riddle**, sponsor of the newly-enacted Senate Bill 500 to relax honey sales regulations for our state's beekeepers.

We will again host cooking and artwork contests (details on page 9), a silent auction, and our popular "Beehive Café" hospitality area. The latter will again be conveniently located adjacent to our vendor area. (See page 8 for a list of vendors.)



Michael Bush

## Join us at the Missouri State Fair

August 13-23 in Sedalia - booth help still needed!



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With the slogan, "Show Offs Welcome", the Missouri State Fair runs this year from August 13-23 in Sedalia. The 400-acre fairgrounds will present premier livestock shows and competitive exhibits, and first-class professional entertainment. Mark your calendar for the summer's best family vacation experience!

The fair will showcase the best of Missouri agriculture; competitions from bull riding to tractor pulls; professional entertainment from Alabama, The Fray, The Grass Roots and many others; rural lifestyle experiences; hands-on science, technology and innovation; family-friendly amenities for everyone from infants to mature adults; and other action-packed activities. And did we mention corn dogs?

The Missouri State Fair is the perfect blend of activities for a memorable family outing. The midway carnival includes games and rides for children and thrill seekers of all ages. The nightlife on the fairgrounds kicks up each evening with free music on the Budweiser Stage and music stars performing on the stage of the Pepsi Grandstand.

Admission at the gate: \$10; age 60+, \$7; ages 6-12, \$2; 5 and under free. Tickets can be purchased in advance for a discount. See [www.mostatefair.com](http://www.mostatefair.com) for schedules and details.

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## From the President

by Valerie Duever

Hello Everyone!

For me, it has been a very busy couple of months in the beekeeping world. Hopefully, it has for you as well. The weather is not only driving us a little batty, but our girls are not happy when they cannot fly to collect nectar, pollen and water. This causes all types of strange issues inside the hive, many of which are new to even seasoned beekeepers.

Some of us are busy adding boxes and collecting honey. Many others are busy trying to get their hives to accept a queen ... any queen, at this point ... but with little success. It has just been a very interesting Spring.

Me? I've been attending a number of meetings over the past few months. Not the local association meetings as I had originally planned to attend, but meetings with our Executive Board, with UM-Extension offices and with various horticultural associations. At first, this was very frustrating because I really believe that our MSBA representatives need to participate more with our local associations, especially the President. Don't get me wrong, we have an exceptional Executive Board and many of our members strongly support their local beekeeping clubs. I just wanted to make sure we are doing all we can to help support and strengthen local efforts and personally attending a local meeting is usually the best way to find out what folks are saying and thinking.

Over the past six months, we have been trying to encourage more feedback and communication by opening up the last couple of hours of our Quarterly Executive Board Meetings to all local associations. The idea behind this is that we move our meetings around the state so local representatives can attend and ask questions and give feedback to our efforts. We have held these meetings in Springfield, Park Hills, Clinton and Columbia. We are not sure if this wasn't advertised enough or if time constraints were an issue, but we only had a handful of local folks that were able to attend. The local association representatives that did attend did a fantastic job of providing feedback and ideas to help us focus on what we, the MO State Beekeepers Association, should be doing in the future.

Husband Jim and I attended the AmericanHort international conference, Cultivate'15. This annual event is held in Columbus, OH and attracts individuals involved in the greenhouse, landscape, garden center and horticultural studies from around the world. We try to attend every year or two, so we can stay on top of the latest trends in this area.

We were both shocked, and pleasantly surprised, to see that bees and pollinators were represented at this year's show. This is the first time there were folks advertising the fact that nectar-rich flowers and information concerning chemicals and pollinators are hot topics of discussion. I attended five break-out sessions concerning the chemical aspects ... very interesting. In fact, we are working on having a break-out session of our own at our 2015 MSBA Fall Conference that will feature a couple of folks to answer questions on chemicals that might affect your bees ... and it isn't exactly what you think.

Registration is now open at [www.MoStateBeekeepers.org](http://www.MoStateBeekeepers.org) and you can either register online or do a "print and mail" form. Early online registration gets you a couple of extra chances at one of our drawings, too.

We, as beekeepers, get to see all types of changes in nature by just observing our hives. There are some recently published reports on the waggle dance and how bees can interpret the quality of the nectar/pollen source by the "dancers'" dance. Very interesting and I encourage you to look up the articles when you get a few moments ... in between rain showers.

Those honeybees are truly amazing creatures.

One last thing - if you haven't done so, please contact Dean Sanders to help out with a 4-hour shift at the MO State Fair, August 13th thru the 23rd. It is just a blast and you learn so much by talking with other folks.

Thanks and try to stay cool and dry.

Valerie





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A new program developed by University of Missouri (MU) research entomologist Moneen Jones offers beekeepers an opportunity to protect hives from pesticide drift. The Missouri Pollinator Conservancy Program (MPCP) ([mopollinatorconservancy.com](http://mopollinatorconservancy.com)) gives spatial and visual tools to alert pesticide applicators to nearby beehives.

Missouri has more than 400 species of bees, and they are responsible for pollinating cucumbers, pumpkins, fruit trees, berries and tomatoes. One estimate suggests that bees increase the annual value of U.S. crop production by \$15 billion. Honeybees in particular pollinate fruits, nuts, vegetables and crops, and provide honey, according to Jones.

Honeybee colonies have faced increasing stresses in recent years, with the USDA estimating that 33 percent of the country's hives were lost each year during the winters of 2006 to 2011. In light of this, representatives of Missouri's agricultural producers and beekeepers have developed a set of standard practices that will encourage cooperation and communication among producers, pesticide applicators and beekeepers.

The MPCP is a collaborative effort between the University of Missouri, Missouri Department of Agriculture (MDA), and non-profit organization, FieldWatch, Inc. The latter operates DriftWatch Specialty Crop Site Registry, an online mapping tool created by researchers at Purdue University's Agriculture and Biological Engineering Department to facilitate communication among specialty crop producers and applicators.

Anastasia Becker, IPM program manager for the MDA, is responsible for managing hive registration, and FieldWatch, hosts the DriftWatch infrastructure. Jones is responsible for bridging the communication among all benefactors of the project. The program's partners hope to open communication among farmers, consultants, pesticide applicators and beekeepers to protect more than 400 species of bees in Missouri.

#### Registry For Apiary Locations

Missouri beekeepers are not required to register the location of apiaries with the state, but using DriftWatch is a good way to let applicators know the locations of beehives and how to contact hive owners. In addition, a placard listing the hive owner's name and emergency contact information should be placed in a highly visible and prominent location in the

### Missouri Program To Protect Bees Begins



apiary. Jones encourages beekeepers to register their hives (<https://fieldwatch.com/>).

Participation is voluntary, and beekeepers can limit what information (i.e. map coordinates of beehives) is available through public viewing. Beehive locations are kept confidential by a license agreement between pesticide applicators and users of DriftWatch. Beekeepers do not need to worry about their personal information being sold or distributed without consent.

#### BeeCheck Flags

Following beehive registration at DriftWatch, beekeepers are encouraged to purchase large, visible yellow-and-black BeeCheck flags through links on the website that will alert applicators to nearby hives. Fiberglass poles are available (first 200 free) from MU Extension when the beekeeper shows proof of registration. These flags will serve as a visible reminder to farmers and pesticide applicators that honeybees and other pollinators are present in the area. The benefits of the program (i.e. reduced accidental bee kills) will outweigh any initial costs.

"We want to help reduce economic losses for farmers and beekeepers by managing row-crop pests and lessening the effect of pesticides on honeybee colonies," Jones says. We would also like to reduce the likelihood of government mandated registration by demonstrating that Missouri can manage pesticide drift.

Partners in the program are Missouri Agricultural Aviation Association, Missouri Department of Agriculture, Missouri Farm Bureau, Fisher Delta Research Center and MU Extension.

For more information on this program, please attend the annual field day at the Delta Research Center in Portageville, MO. Contact Tina Clark at (573) 379-5431 to reserve your place.



**Missouri State Beekeepers Association**  
**2015 Fall Membership Conference**  
**October 16 - 17, 2015**  
**Hilton Garden Inn, Columbia, Missouri**

Online conference registration at [www.MOStateBeekeepers.org](http://www.MOStateBeekeepers.org) will earn you two (2) **FREE** tickets for prize drawings!!! Online is the place to pay dues, too. Thank you!

**Regular mail registration (Please print names as you prefer on name tag):**

**First Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Last Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Non Member (sold by individual only): .....\$ 160.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

**Conference Meals (all meals include ample choices for vegetarians)**

Friday Luncheon - Deli Buffet & Salad Bar (per person): .....\$ 12.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Banquet - Buffet (per person):.....\$ 21.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Luncheon - Deli Buffet & Salad Bar (per person):.....\$ 12.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

**Optional**

Honey Queen/Ambassador Fund Donation (\$10.00 Suggested): ..... \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

If you cannot register online, please make checks payable to the **Missouri State Beekeepers Association** and send it along with this completed registration form to: **Clayton Lee, 90 East Pope Lane, Smithville, Missouri 64089**. If you provide an email, we'll send you an acknowledgement of your registration.

Please contact the **Hilton Garden Inn** at (573) 814-5464 and tell them you are with the MSBA.  
**Remember the hotel discount cutoff date is September 15, 2015.**



## Missouri State Beekeepers Association Fall Conference

Draft Agenda(subject to change)

### Thursday – October 15, 2015

- 2:00 PM Vendor Setup Begins (Cypress Rooms 1 & 2)
- 6:00 PM Executive Committee Meeting (Magnolia Room)
- 8:00 PM Vendor Setup Closes (Cypress Rooms 1 & 2)

### Friday – October 16, 2015

- 6:00 AM Vendor Setup Continues (Cypress Rooms 1 & 2)
- 7:00 AM Registration Opens (Foyer next to Cypress Rooms)
- 8:00 AM Vendor Hall Opens (Cypress Rooms 1 & 2)
- Beehive Café Opens (Foyer next to Cypress Rooms)
- 8:30 AM Contest Room Opens for **Entry Setup** (Foyer next to Cypress Rooms)
- Cooking: Cut out cookies, dinner rolls and best use of honey with a box cake mix.
  - Bee oriented hand crafted project: crochet, knit, and embroidery.
- 9:00 AM Welcome, Announcements & Door Prizes (Sycamore Room)
- 9:20 AM Invocation (Sycamore Room)
- 9:30 AM **Michael Bush** - Four Simple Steps to Healthier Bees (Sycamore Room)
- 10:40 AM Break – Visit with Vendors (Cypress Rooms 1 & 2)
- 10:40 AM Cooking, Beeswax Art & Hand Crafted Project Contest **Professional Judging Begins** (Foyer next to Cypress Rooms)
- 11:00 AM Queen/Ambassador Silent Auction Begins (Cypress Room)
- 11:10 AM Master Pollinator Program – **Moneen Jones** (Hawthorne Room #1)
- OR
- New Beekeepers – Starting Connections – **Charlotte Wiggins** (Hawthorne Room #2)
- Are you getting ready to place your first order, looking for a local club basic beekeeping class and want to meet with local club members?
- 12:00 PM Lunch (On Your Own or Sandwich buffet at Hilton)
- Cooking, Beeswax Art & Hand Crafted Project Contest **People's Choice Judging Begins** (Foyer next to Cypress Rooms)
- 1:00 PM **Michael Bush** – Lazy Beekeeping (Sycamore Room)



## Missouri State Beekeepers Association Fall Conference

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- 2:15 PM Break – **Visit Vendors** (Cypress Rooms 1 & 2)
- 2:45 PM Driftwatch Program – TBD (Hawthorne Room #1)
- OR
- Sentinel Hive – Bee Informed Group – TBD (Hawthorne Room #2)
- 3:30 PM Break – Visit Vendors (Cypress Rooms 1 & 2)
- 4:00 PM 3 minutes on the microphone - Bring in your unique/favorite hive/tool (or photos) for show & tell (Sycamore Room)
- 6:00 PM Queen Banquet (ticket required) – Special presentation to **Senator Jeanie Riddle**, Auction, Contest Awards, and Introduction of adding an Ambassador Program. (Sycamore Room)
- 8:00 PM Queen Reception (Sycamore Room)

### Saturday – October 17, 2015

- 8:00 AM Vendor Hall Opens (Cypress Rooms 1 & 2)
- 8:30 AM Beehive Hospitality Café Opens (Foyer next to Cypress Rooms)
- 9:00 AM Welcome, Announcements, and Door Prizes (Sycamore Room)
- 9:30 AM Michael Bush – Observation Hives (Sycamore Room)
- 10:45 AM Break – **Visit Vendors** (Cypress Rooms 1 & 2)
- 11:00 AM The What and Why of the most common Horticulture Chemicals – **Jim Duever** (Hawthorne Room #1)
- OR
- Cost of Keeping Bees – **Marty Comstock** (Hawthorne Room #2)
- 12:00 PM Lunch (ticket required & Sycamore Room)
- 1:00 PM Setting up an Apiary at College – TBD (Hawthorne Room #1)
- OR
- Commercial Beekeeping – TBD (Hawthorne Room #2)
- 2:00 PM Break – **Visit Vendors** (Cypress Rooms 1 & 2)
- Silent Auction Bidding Ends** (Cypress Room)
- 2:30 PM **Michael Bush** – Beekeeping Fallacies (Sycamore Room)
- 3:30 PM Business Meeting and Drawings (Sycamore Room)



## Help wanted: Newsletter Editor, Missouri State Beekeepers Association

The end of 2015 will mark 10 years, and 60 issues, since I took over as Editor of this newsletter. It's been a most enjoyable and fulfilling gig, but it's time to step down. I simply do not have time for all the projects I've taken on in recent years, and since my boss still expects me to show up most days at my real job, I have to give up some things.

### Description and duties:

- Produce six issues per year, about 12-16 pages
- Coordinate advertising
- Coordinate articles
- Attend Executive Board meetings as a voting member
- Attend and document annual Membership Conferences
- Create PDF for electronic posting/emailing
- Print and mail hard copies (currently about 50) via USPS

### Candidate should possess:

- Attention to detail
- Basic computer, design and photography skills
- Competent spelling, grammar and proofreading skills
- Passion for and knowledge of beekeeping a plus!

I designed the current format from scratch when I started. You can follow it or use your own. I use InDesign, but that is also your choice. I will be happy to work with you during the changeover.

For information call Eugene Makovec at 314-703-7650, or email [editor@mostatebeekeepers.org](mailto:editor@mostatebeekeepers.org)

### "Beekeeper of the Year" nominations wanted

This year, for the first time, the MSBA Executive Board is asking for Beekeeper of the Year nominations from the membership at large.

This award traditionally is given to a person deemed to have made a significant contribution to the organization in the past year, or over a number of years. The award will be presented at our Fall Conference in October.

Please submit your nominations for "Beekeeper of the Year" to Mike McMillen at: [buckcreek@centurylink.net](mailto:buckcreek@centurylink.net)

Please include a brief statement why he/she should receive this award.

## Support our conference vendors and advertisers

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Beekeeping books and miscellaneous

**\*See ad in this issue**

## The MSBA is Seeking a New Webmaster!

The current MSBA webmaster will be resigning from that position later this year to pursue other adventures. We are seeking an interested member that either has the necessary skills, or would be interested in advancing their current skills. If you have some basic web skills and would be interested in discussing the new MSBA webmaster position, please send an email with your contact information to [webmaster@mostatebeekeepers.org](mailto:webmaster@mostatebeekeepers.org).

Although maintaining the MSBA website doesn't require a degree in rocket science, here are some skills that you will need:

- A basic understanding of the Wordpress web platform, including adding and editing pages, manipulating images and formatting text.
- Some basic image manipulation skills, including the use of Photoshop, Photoshop Elements, or similar applications.
- An understanding of Wordpress plugins, widgets, forms and menus.

If you have some basic web skills, this is a great opportunity to take them to the next level, working with an established website and a great organization.





## Cooking and artwork contest is back at Fall Conference

The MSBA will host the **7th Cooking With Honey and Beekeeping Art Contest** at the 2015 Fall Conference in Columbia. If you are a member of the MSBA, please show off your unique cooking and needlework talents and represent your local club with pride. All entries **MUST** reflect honey/bee/beekeeper related theme.

### Category 1: Cooking With Honey

The classes in this division are:

- 1) Cut out cookies (no icing)
- 2) Dinner rolls (base dough can be from scratch or bread machine)
- 3) Box cake mix
- 4) From scratch cake

### Category 2: Honeybee Needlework

This class is for hand needlework which includes but is not limited to crochet, knit and embroidery (no computer or machine made entries).

### Rules for Entries:

- 1) Judging begins at 10:40 AM Friday in the Cooking and Artwork Contest Room and entries must be delivered and display prepared by this time.
- 2) Honey should be the principal sweetener in recipes and subject for needlework project. (Box cake mix not applicable but honey must be used.)
- 3) Food items must not require refrigeration.
- 4) Mark your container with your name unless it is disposable.
- 5) Type or print your recipe entry or needlework entry on any size card stock with your name, address and phone number on the back of the card. Share any creative experience you may desire.
- 6) The "People's Choice Contest" follows the professional judging so please bring a generous amount of your food item.

### New this year - President's Achievement Award

Anyone entering all food Division Classes and taking first place in all current Classes will not only receive a blue ribbon for each Class but will receive a special "Certificate of Achievement" suitable for framing and displaying in your home or office.

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Jeffrey Maddox, President [maddox65804@yahoo.com](mailto:maddox65804@yahoo.com)  
[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  
Neal Lee 417-276-3090, Neil Brunner 314-276-4252
- 4 Eastern Missouri Beekeepers Association**  
2nd Wednesday of each month, 7:00 p.m., location  
changes. Bob Sears, President 314-479-9517  
[www.easternmobeekeepers.com](http://www.easternmobeekeepers.com)
- 5 Golden Valley Beekeepers**  
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Golden Corral, Clinton MO. Tom McCormick, President  
[tomm@goldenvalleybeekeepers.com](mailto:tomm@goldenvalleybeekeepers.com)  
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- 6 Jackson Area Beekeepers**  
4th Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m.  
First Presb. of Jackson, 206 E. Washington  
Contact Grant Gillard, [gillard5@charter.net](mailto:gillard5@charter.net), 573-243-6568
- 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, 2 pm, Old Train Depot, St. James.  
Contact Don Moore, [dmoore2@centurytel.net](mailto:dmoore2@centurytel.net)  
573-265-8706
- 10 Midwestern Beekeepers Association**  
Most meetings: Fellowship Hall at Graceway, 5460 Blue  
Ridge Cutoff, Kansas City, MO 64133  
Visit [midwesternbeekeepers.org](http://midwesternbeekeepers.org) for calendar  
Pres. Cathy Misko, 660-656-3485 [cathymisko@earthlink.net](mailto:cathymisko@earthlink.net)
- 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, 7pm, Union, location varies  
President Calvin Brandt [cvbrandt@landolakes.com](mailto:cvbrandt@landolakes.com)
- 13 Parkland Beekeepers**  
3rd Tuesday of month, 7pm, North College Center,  
Mineral Area College, Park Hills. Pres. Gregg Hitchings  
573-880-2899 [PBA\\_President@mineralarea.edu](mailto:PBA_President@mineralarea.edu)
- 14 Pomme de Terre Beekeepers**  
2nd Thursday 7 pm, Missouri Extension Office, Hermitage  
Contact Rebekah Huddleston [Rebekah\\_421@yahoo.com](mailto:Rebekah_421@yahoo.com)
- 15 SEMO Honey Producers**  
2nd Thursday of month, Church of Christ, Poplar Bluff  
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- 16 South Central Missouri Beekeepers Association**  
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- 17 Southern MO Beekeepers of Monett "MOBees")**  
3rd Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m.  
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Kevin Young, President 417-847-5464
- 18 Southwest Missouri Beekeepers Assn. of Neosho**  
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- 19 Three Rivers Beekeepers**  
3rd Monday, 7pm, University of Missouri Extension,  
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- 20 Northwest Missouri Bee Busters**  
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- 21 Lake of the Ozarks Beekeepers**  
3rd Saturday of month, 1:00 p.m.  
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Contact Garrett Blackwell 573-374-7402
- 22 Northeast Missouri Beekeepers Association**  
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Lower level, Kahoka (location may vary)  
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- 24 St. Louis Beekeepers**  
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- 27 Quad County Beekeepers**  
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Contact Fred Meder (573) 760-2574  
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- 28 North Central MO Beekeepers Association**  
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- 29 Bees Alive**  
(Springfield area) [www.beesaliveclub.com](http://www.beesaliveclub.com)  
1st Thursday, 7pm, Empire Bank, Highlandville  
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- 30 Wright County Beekeepers**  
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## 31 Rolla Bee Club

4th Sunday 2pm, Brownwood Estates Clubhouse, 1341 California, Rolla  
Contact David Draker (573) 578-0561  
[rollabees@gmail.com](mailto:rollabees@gmail.com) [www.rollabeeclub.com](http://www.rollabeeclub.com)

## 32 Swarm Chasers

% MO Dept. of Conservation,  
701 McCarthy Dr., St. Joseph  
Contact Shannon Holcomb 816-261-8647  
[holcomb\\_shannon@yahoo.com](mailto:holcomb_shannon@yahoo.com)

## 33 EZ Beekeeping

3rd Sunday, 2 pm, Peace Lutheran Church in Sullivan  
No dues, focus on Horizontal Hives. Contact Jim Roe 636-357-7658 or email [jim.roe@asemonline.org](mailto:jim.roe@asemonline.org). This group has an open group on Yahoo to exchange information. (Yahoo account needed.)

## 34 Mark Twain Beekeepers

3rd Monday, 6-8 p.m. No dues. February meeting at Gregg Tivnan's workshop near Bunker; call for other months. Contacts: Terry Phelps 573-729-3333 Gregg Tivnan (573) 689-2254 or [greggtivnan@yahoo.com](mailto:greggtivnan@yahoo.com)

See our interactive club map on the website at: <http://batchgeo.com/map/e64a9d35b439c5309794f6ea8516f333>

## We need you at the Fair! - August 13-23 in Sedalia

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### Booth volunteers needed:

Please consider volunteering at our MSBA Booth this year. The booth is in the air-conditioned AG Building on the southeast side of the fairgrounds. (A fairgrounds map is available at <http://www.mostatefair.com/plan/hours-map-directions/>.) If you sign up to help (four hours minimum), your FREE admission ticket can be picked up at the information shed (formerly the red caboose) located on Hwy 65 (outside the fairgrounds), just North of Gate #11. Go onto the fairgrounds at this entrance and park your vehicle.

We need five to six people in the booth each day - 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. As always, we encourage local clubs to sign up to run the booth for a day, sporting their own club logo apparel if desired.

Call Dean Sanders (816-456-4683) or Wanda Johnston (816-392-4960) and sign up for as many hours/days as you can. Arrangement for overnight accommodations nearby is available for you to reserve dates of your choice.

Jobs in the booth include answering questions at our observation hive, selling honey, ice cream, honey sticks and other honey related by-products, plus educating the public about honeybees. If you've never worked at or been to the Fair, try it for a day. You get to meet and work with other beekeepers, and Dean and Wanda or other experienced workers will be there to help answer any of your questions. See you at the Fair!

### Enter your honey and other products:

Even if you are unable to help out at our booth, you can still participate in the Honey Competition. The list of products to enter includes cut comb, bulk comb, light and dark extracted honey, sealed honey frames, candied (creamed) honey, beeswax blocks, art and candles, and "the queen & her bees" (observation hive). Judging of honey entries will include degree of density, moisture content, free from crystals, clarity, cleanliness of containers, flavor & aroma, color, appearance of containers, and uniformity of volume. The Score Sheet for judging items and more specific guidelines plus an entry form can be found on the State Fair web site at <http://www.mostatefair.com/competitions/how-to-enter-premium-guide/>. Under "Agriculture and Home Economics" you will find "Agriculture Rules and Classes" (with Apiculture beginning on page 2) and the "Agriculture Entry Blank".

Start planning now and decide what to enter. Get your jars selected (preferably glass, but not a requirement) and get your creamed honey started by early July. Even if you are just beginning your beekeeping adventure, please consider entering your honey products for judging. You get a score sheet for each item you enter and it's a great way to see how you're doing in preparing your honey for sale or even to give to your friends and neighbors.

If you are unable to deliver your entries to Sedalia yourself, maybe your local club can help find someone. Let's fill up the showcase this year and let the public see our beautiful bounty from all over Missouri.

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## Honey Queen report by Erin Mullins

Hello Missouri Beekeepers!

I hope your summer is going well! I have seen many pictures of people harvesting honey. I hope you all are having great success with your honey this season. I had a slight setback with my honey production this year. A little over a month ago my dad and I went to add another super to our hive when we discovered the hive was not producing any brood! The hive was full of bees and they had already filled one super and we were excited to see that they were working so hard. But finding no brood really caused some panic! I called a fellow beekeeper and he gave me some brood frames, some of which had queen cells on them. I put a frame that had a really nice looking queen cell into the hive and the waiting began! I took the remaining frames of brood and put into a nuc to see if it would develop. We went back to check on the hive and were happy to find several frames with brood!!! The nuc hive we started also took off and just a couple of days ago we put it into a 10 frame hive!! On top of all that success we had a swarm move into an empty hive we had in our bee yard. So we went from one iffy hive we were trying to save to three hives!!!

During the month of June I had two Honey Queen events, both involving cooking demonstrations. On June 6th I attended the North East Kansas Beekeepers Association's FUNDAY in Lawrence Kansas. At this event I got to do a children's presentation as well as the cooking demonstration. Both went really well. I also got to listen to Marla Spivak speak which is always a treat. Then we finished the day with some homemade Honey Ice Cream which was delicious and perfect for the hot day. Then on June 20th I got to do a cooking demonstration at the Powell Gardens pollinator event. If you haven't been to Powell gardens I strongly encourage it. It is beautiful!! Midwestern Beekeepers had an observation hive and a booth set up which was great for the kids to see some real bees. My next events will be the Leavenworth County fair on July 30th and the Missouri State Fair!!!

I wish you all the best of luck during harvest season!



Queen Erin



Queen Erin teaches about honeybees at a recent event.

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**Splitsville:** Beekeepers attending Three Rivers Beekeepers' July 25 Nuc Workshop look on as Tim Scheer (inset, at left) and Tim Fredricks split new colonies from club hives in St. Peters. The nucs were supplied with queen cells and will overwinter in two-story nuc boxes. photos by Valerie Mertz



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