MSBA website gets needed overhaul
by Scott Moser

If you haven’t seen the Missouri State Beekeepers Association website recently, you should take a look. Thanks to the hard work of John Timmons and myself, the website has a fresh, new look, complete with more functionality and added convenience.

The old website had been maintained status quo for several years, but technology had outpaced it; in short, it was time for a change. Early in the year, John approached me and wanted to help me design and set up a totally new MSBA website. The project took several months, but on July 25, the new website went live for the first time.

The new site is in a state of constant updates and changes, so each time you visit you may find something new has been added, or something changed. As we progress, we have many ideas that we would like to implement with the website, including up-to-date news, information, important dates to remember, and a new forum available for MSBA members to ask and answer questions. In addition, there is a link to the MSBA Facebook page as well. It is our goal, and hope, that the Missouri State Beekeepers Association website will be a showpiece for the club, and an invaluable tool for its members. The website can be found at www.mostatebeekeepers.org, or by searching for Missouri State Beekeepers Association through your favorite search engine.

The queen gets her bees

In full royal regalia, Missouri Honey Queen Lillian-Grace Misko captures a swarm of bees from under a deck at a Warrensburg lumber store. For more on the story, see our Honey Queen Report on page 15.

photo by Jesiah Misko
Happy New Year!

Instead of breaking out the Champagne and party hats, I’m making splits and filling feeders. August 1st is my mythological New Year’s Day in my beekeeping world. This is when I hope to have all my honey supers off and I’m breaking down hives to make splits for my latest crop of queen cells. Key word is, “hope to.” Everything seems to be behind schedule this year. And this heat and humidity is so crazy even I don’t want to go out and work in it.

Once I get all my honey off, I begin assessing queens to see if they need replacing. In my larger, more productive hives, I look to breaking them down into two, maybe three hives, the splits which will be given a queen cell. My supers have been light this year and there’s a lot of uncapped honey that will have to go into my splits instead of my extractor.

Then the treatments begin. I’m very much a minimalist treatment person. I’ve never used the conventional chemical treatments such as Apistan and Checkmite+. In the past, I’ve favored the Food Grade Mineral Oil treatments (lots of work and needs to be repeated frequently -- hard to do as the number of your hives increases). I’ve thought of giving the powdered sugar treatments a try, but again, it takes multiple applications and I don’t have that kind of time.

There’s a lot of new information on the MAQS formic acid treatments. I’ve been hearing some negative comments and it seems these work best on screen bottom boards (SBB). I really liked the Mite-Away pads but they were discontinued in the production of the MAQS (the quick strips). There are also a host of thymol treatments available.

My preference is to work a couple of “soft” treatments as I doubt anything is 100% foolproof. This is the time to treat. And even with the so-called soft treatments, I don’t want to be treating any hive unless the honey supers are off. And the honey supers need protection as well from wax moths. August is a busy time. It’s also the time to feed. Before I feed, it’s my strong preference to get my hive configured for winter. This way, as I feed and treat, the bees have the opportunity to move the syrup around the hive to suit them. They also have time to cure it for winter consumption. I’m also sensitive to queens that may want to slow down or even quit laying eggs because of the nectar dearth. I want to keep them stimulated.

Since it has been so dry, I’m already giving up on any kind of fall flow from the goldenrod. And sugar continues to rise in price. But I consider that buying a 25-pound bag of sugar at $14 is better than spending $100 on a nuc next spring.

I’m continually reminded that beekeeping is a game of anticipation. With my New Year’s Day set for August 1st, I’m getting ready for winter and thinking about next spring. I’m making plans and dreaming big dreams. I’ve even making New Year’s resolutions for next spring as I assess what worked this year and what needed improving. That means I need to order my equipment prior to winter instead of next spring when everyone else wants it and the items I need will be on back order.

In my obsession to avoid being a day late and a dollar short, I make lists of what I need to be doing. But it’s not so much what I have to do, it’s what I want to make happen. Nothing important merely happens. In my beekeeping practices, August 1st begins my new year in beekeeping.

All the best,

Grant
I first became interested in the Top Bar Hive (TBH) after three years of beekeeping with the Langstroth variety. I was constantly reading conflicting information regarding TBH and thought it would make a great challenge to build my own Top Bar and find out how things really happened.

I found plans on the internet and modified them adding a few “bells and whistles”. It was a winter project that didn’t take very long and only cost me about $10, with most materials on-hand. My TBH is four feet long with 31 bars. There are entrances on both ends. The original idea (original ideas and reality are seldom found together in beekeeping) was to put a removable divider in the middle and have a colony in each end. It has a screened bottom board with mite boards and the bottom is also hinged so it can be dropped for cleaning. It has entrance holes at each end that can be closed, and lower entrances like a Langstroth with a landing ramp are sized to fit a Boardman feeder which may come in handy next Spring. It stands on patio blocks and the legs on the windward side are tied to metal rods stuck in the ground for more stability. The main feature is the observation window in one side. There is Plexiglas inside and the cover is removable from the outside. They don’t seem to care that every so often, the wall disappears for a few minutes and we are looking in! Since we are looking in from the side, protective equipment hasn’t been needed. So far.

We found a large swarm in our yard on April 22nd, and after cutting the log they were on and hand carrying it to the hive in the Buzzz Buggy, aka golf cart (absolute truth!), we braced the log up against the hive and they all trooped right in, just like the books said they would. They went straight to the back and stayed in a ball for a few days and then went right to work. On May 8th, they had combed out from bar 31 to bar 17! As of June 28th, they were down to bar 7. So much for housing two colonies.

It’s fascinating to look through the window and see what they are doing in all the different stages. They have attached the sides of comb to the window and you can peer inside the cells at the honey and pollen stores. The comb cells are of various depths and contents. This would be an ideal hive for children to see and work with and for those who have trouble lifting the usual frames. Although the comb is fragile and must be moved with extreme care, it’s solid, new, clean wax and teaches one patience and experience in handling more so than the Langstroth frames.

One of the debates is whether the Top Bar produces less honey than the Langstroth and it would appear to be a viable opinion. Another debate item is whether to put wax or foundation on the Bar to guide the bees in making their comb. Of the 31 bars in my hive, four had one-inch pieces of foundation attached, two had a brushing of melted beeswax, and 25 where just raw wood. The bees made their comb on the raw wood bars only, skipping the waxed bars completely. Debate over. Another of the differing opinions is if you can winter a Top Bar hive this far North. Only time will tell on that front.

This August harvest will tell me a lot about the differences in the hives and the colony makeup. However, this hive is perfectly suited for seeing how the bees do things in “their world” as opposed to being manipulated by man.

If you like a challenge and are halfway handy with hammer and nails, this would be a fine addition to any apiary. Top Bar Number 2 is on the to-do list for this winter.
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Please make checks payable to: Missouri State Beekeepers Assn.   Send to:  Cathy Hogan,  PO Box 281,  Boss, MO 65440-0281, 573-626-4493.  If you pre-register and then  cannot attend, your registration fee will be considered a donation and no refund will be made.  If you pay for meals and we are able to sell them, you will be refunded  for those.  Please note – no receipts will be sent. Checks will be deposited after the meeting.
Why is it good to attend the semi-annual MSBA meetings? People at our meetings are going to be interested in beekeeping and our environment. You can make invaluable connections with such soulmates, and friendships which can last for decades. We used to call this “making the connection”. We now tend to call it “networking”. Either way, it is heartening to know that others are interested in the same things you are, so take the time to meet new people and enlarge your circle of beekeeping connections.

We will gather at Lake Ozark and our host hotel will be the Country Club Hotel & Spa, 301 Carol Road, Lake Ozark MO 65049, 800-964-6698. We have negotiated some very good rates; to receive this discount, you must make your reservation by October 6, and identify yourself as a Missouri Beekeeper.

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Our special guest speakers are:

**Dr. Marla Spivak**, Distinguished McKnight Professor, Department of Entomology, University of Minnesota. Marla’s interest in bees began when she worked for a commercial beekeeper from New Mexico in 1975. She later completed her B.A. in Biology from Humboldt State University in northern California, and her PhD from the University of Kansas, under Dr. Orley “Chip” Taylor, in 1989. She spent two years in Costa Rica conducting her thesis research on the identification and ecology of Africanized and European honey bees. From 1989-1992 she did postdoctoral research at the Center for Insect Science at the University of Arizona. She began as Assistant Professor at the University of Minnesota in 1993. Influenced by Martha Gilliam and Steve Taber from the USDA Bee lab in Tucson, she became interested in hygienic behavior of honey bees. This interest has expanded into studies of “social immunity”, including the benefits of propolis to the immune system of honey bees.

**Ed Levi**. Having started keeping bees in France in the early 1970’s, Ed is now the State Bee Inspector for Arkansas, and has been Secretary of the Apiary Inspectors of America for many years. He is a Master Beekeeper, certified through the EAS program. Ed keeps bees, produces honey and raises queens. He is a highly sought-after speaker, having traveled the world conducting beekeeping extension initiatives in third world countries. He is knowledgeable about beekeeping and promotes the use of IPM methods and minimizing the use of chemicals. Ed also does a lot of consulting in developing countries throughout Asia, Eastern Europe and Africa.

**C. Marina Marchese** is founder and owner of Red Bee Honey; she sells honey and natural products to gourmet food shops and fine restaurants all over the United States. Certified by the American Apitherapy Society, she has trained as a honey judge at the University of Georgia and serves on the board of Back Yard Beekeepers Association of Connecticut. Marina has written for Bee Culture magazine and the Journal of the American Apitherapy Society, and Red Bee Honey was the cover story of the American Bee Journal in 2004. Marina lives and tends bees in Weston, Connecticut. Book signing.

**Michael Arduser**, Natural History Biologist, Missouri Department of Conservation.
Bob Finck – Making Mead
- Started beekeeping in 1980, currently maintains around 125 hives
- Markets honey and beeswax, numerous State Fair Blue Ribbon awards for honey and wax last 25 years
- Spent 42 years working as a Food Chemist for Allen Foods (25), Arcobasso Foods (6) and Pevely Dairy (11). Retired May, 2010, can now enjoy beekeeping at its fullest “every day”, twenty-four-seven. Enjoys mentoring new beekeepers and “talking bees and honey”
- Started making mead 2000
- Served two 5 year terms as president of Eastern MO Beekeepers Assn., and served in other board positions most of his 30 year membership.

Steve Moeller – Managing Bees in Single Brood Chambers; Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer - He began keeping bees in 1974 while living near Odessa. Shortly thereafter Steve joined the MSBA and in 1983 became a member of the Midwestern Beekeepers in the KC area where he is still a member. Today he lives just outside Columbia, is a member of the Boone Regional Beekeepers and is currently serving as secretary of the MSBA.

Art & Vera Gelder – Lunch and Tour of Their Bee Operation and Agri-Tourism Farm in Columbia.

Fred Meder - How to Build a Better Mouse Trap (Catching Swarms) - Fred is a 48 year old beekeeper from Troy, MO., was born in St. Louis, MO, but grew up in Farmington, MO until he moved to Arizona. He joined the U.S. Army and served for 12 years on Active Duty. In 1999 he was placed on Medical Retirement. Fred moved to Troy, MO in 2004. With the help and supervision of Ian Brown, Fred began beekeeping in 2009 with one hive of Russian Bees. Fred now has around 65 hives. He has bees in Troy, Elsberry, and Montgomery City, Missouri. His favorite season is “Swarm Season”.

Competitions:
- Cooking (white yeast bread, candy [no fudge], chili, popcorn);
- Needle work;
- Soap

Special events:
- Thursday – Tour & Lunch at Walk About Acres, wine social with 7C’s wine, movie “The Secret Life of Bees”
- Friday – spouses card party, cooking contest, needlework contest, soap contest, chair massages, Honey Queen Reception
- Saturday – ladies shopping

UPCOMING STATE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Our next few semi-annual meetings are in the final planning stages, here are some updates:

March 9 & 10, 2012 with special activities on March 8. Marriott. West St. Louis. Special speakers: Dr. Greg J. Hunt (Indiana), Dr. May Berenbaum (Illinois) and Jerry Hayes (Florida). Contests to be held: Cooking with Honey, bread (machine), brownies/blondes, jam/jelly, cheesecake, mead, and Beeswax Art.

October 26 & 27, 2012 Special speakers, David Burns (Illinois)
Missouri State Beekeepers Fall 2011 Meeting Agenda

(Subject to Change)

Thursday, October 27

12:00 PM Lunch ($15) and tour of their bee operation and Agri-Tourism Farm in Columbia. Make reservations and payment directly to Art & Vera Gelder, Walk About Acres, 6800 N. Kircher Rd., Columbia, MO 65200-7652

4:00 PM Free Wine Tasting Social

7:30 PM Board Meeting

8:00 PM Movie w/Queen Latifah - The Secret Life of Bees

9:30 PM Directors, Meetings with Beekeepers

Friday, October 28

7:00AM Breakfast Buffet – ticket required

9:00 AM Vendors open

10:00 AM Welcome - Grant Gillard

10:30 AM What's in Your Wax? - Ed Levi

11:20 AM Scales, Weights, Measures, Labeling – MO Depart of Agriculture

12:15 PM Native Pollinators – Michael Arduser – MO Dept. of Conservation

1:00 PM Lunch – ticket required

2:00 PM Concepts of Integrated Pest Management - Ed Levi

Spouses' Card Party

2:50 PM My Journey – C. Marina Marchese

3:40 PM Book Signing -- C. Marina Marchese – Honeybee Lessons from an Accidental Beekeeper

Q&A – Ed Levi

4:10 PM Bees and Bears in Missouri

5:20 PM Directors' Meeting with beekeepers

6:30 PM Honey Queen Banquet – ticket required – Ed Levi

9:00 PM Directors' Meetings with beekeepers

Honey Queen Reception

Saturday, October 29

6:45 AM Breakfast – ticket required

7:30 AM Directors Meeting With Beekeepers

Q & A and Book Signing – C. Marina Marchese

8:00 AM Welcome – Grant Gillard

8:15 AM Patriotic Presentation – Honey Queen

8:30 AM Honey Queen Report – Joyce Justice

8:40 AM Bee Health – Marla Spivak, PhD

9:30 AM Preparing Honey for Competition – D. Marina Marchese

Q & A - Ed Levi

1:15 AM Socialized Medicine in Honey Bee Colonies – Marla Spivak

12:00 PM Lunch – ticket required

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At the fall 2011 Executive Board meeting, it was decided that a committee would be formed to review, update, and correct the Missouri State Beekeepers Association by-laws. It had been several years since any review of the by-laws had been done, and it was long overdue. Below is a listing of the changes and updates that were made and will be voted on by the general membership at the fall 2011 meeting. The proposed changes are underlined, italicized, and bold. To review a complete copy of the updated by-laws, visit the MSBA website.

**Article 3 Basic Policies:**

D. Upon dissolution of this organization, after paying or adequately providing for debts and obligations of the Association, the remainder of the assets shall be placed in a trust fund at the University of Missouri-Columbia, or other educational institution dedicated to research in apiculture.

L. The bylaws of this Association may only be amended by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at a regular meeting of the Association, provided members present are not less than thirty (30). Announcement of this meeting and the proposed change must be published in the Association newsletter or other suitable medium (ie. internet) thirty (30) days prior to the meeting date.

**Article 4 Officers and Elections:**

Section 2: The officers of this Association shall consist of a President, Vice President, *Past President*, Secretary, Treasurer, Program Chairperson, Editor, and five (5) directors. These offices shall make up the Executive committee of this Association.

Section 5: Tenure

A. All officers, except President, Vice President, and Past President shall serve a term of at least one (1) year.

B. The President, Vice President, and *Past President* shall serve a term of two (2) years.

C. The state shall be divided into five (5) sections, northeast, northwest, and south east, south west, and central. Each Director shall be an advisor to their section of the State reporting to the *Past President/ Director* any pertinent issues of concern.

D. The *Past President* shall serve as coordinator of the directors and shall serve for two (2) years. Each local Association may elect, from their membership, one (1) representative to the State Association each year to serve at the pleasure of the President, and be present at all board meetings to represent their local association.

**Section 6: Vacancies**

A. In the case of the President, the Vice President of this association shall fill the vacant office of the Presidency until the Nominating Committee can offer a candidate to the general membership for election. This individual will serve the unexpired term.

**Article 5 Duties:**

Section 5 Treasurer:

E. Keep a record of the members and their addresses;

Section 7: Directors

C. Report to the *past President* and be assigned to a region of the state by the direction of the *Past President*.

**Article 6 Executive Board:**

Section 1: The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice President, *Past President*, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, Program Chairperson, Auxiliary Representative, Fair Chairperson, Queen Chairperson, and Directors.

A. Each local Association may elect, from their membership, one (1) representative to the State Association each year to be present at all board meetings to represent their local association and serve at the pleasure of the President.

Section 2: The *Past President* shall supervise the directors with a two (2) year term of office.

**Article 10 By-Law Review**

The by-laws of this Association shall be reviewed/revised every five (5) years beginning in the year 2015, by a group of board and general members in good standing with the Association.
Joplin Area Beekeepers Association pulls together after storm devastation
by Dave Kayser

On Tuesday, July 26th, I had the honor of attending the monthly meeting of the Joplin Beekeepers. I was not sure what to expect after one of the biggest tornados on record had plowed through the area. What I found was a group of committed beekeepers getting their stock back together, assessing what they needed to do, and moving forward. The attitude of the club was very positive and everyone seemed to be in good spirits, in spite of the fact that some of the members had lost everything. The loss this club has faced is beyond what most of us can imagine. Yet they still come out in big numbers to the meetings and are still very committed.

This is going to be a lost year for most in the club from the perspective of beekeeping, not to mention the personal devastation. Only one member is going to have a honey crop. Even for the hives that were not in the path of the tornado, honey production is so small that it wasn’t worth taking. Another issue was with all the contaminants (household products, transformer PCBs, etc.) that were released in the area and have probably tainted the honey. The general consensus was that the honey was not going to be fit for human consumption.

The club’s plan for now is get the bees that are left through until next year. At the meeting there were recommendations on feeding plans to help get the hives enough food to get them through the hot months of July and August. Then next spring they will do an assessment of where to go.

During our last executive board meeting, the Missouri State Beekeepers Association voted to donate $500.00 to the Joplin beekeepers to do with as they see fit. After talking to the President of the Joplin Beekeepers, Dale Foley, they are still in the process of assessing the needs of the club and members. Even two months after the tornado hit, it’s extremely overwhelming the amount of work that will be involved just to get people’s lives to point where they can start to rebuild (not even close to normal).

Please keep these people in your thoughts and prayers. If anyone is interested in helping out, I suggest that you contact Dale Foley at 417-850-0285 and see where the biggest need is. These needs will change as they move forward, but the one thing I’m sure of is the club is very strong and will get through this.

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Our Missouri State Honey Queen has been busy. She will be at the Ozark Fair, Missouri State Fair and 7-C’s Winery in August.

To date, we do not have anyone interested in being the Missouri State Honey Queen for 2012. Please help, look in your 4-H Clubs, Agriculture Classes and your local bee clubs.

Just a reminder to bring items for the silent auction table to the fall meeting. We will need money to support our queen, Lillian, if she decides to go for the Federation Queen. No prejudice, but we feel she can win!

I plan to retire as the Queen Chairperson after our fall meeting. I will be happy to help anyone assuming the Chairperson. We have new guidelines and I have learned some things as I have gone along that may be helpful and I am willing to share.

Joyce
Fair-weather friends: Dean Sanders yuks it up with Harold the mannequin, an annual fixture at our State Fair booth. This year, after stopping along the highway to check his load of fair supplies, Dean was approached by an FBI agent about the “body” in the back of his truck!

In the honey judging, Eastern took home the Club Grand Champion prize, while Jim Fisher of Midwestern won the title of Individual Grand Champion. Full results will appear in our October issue.

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1 Beekeepers Association of the Ozarks
   4th Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m.
   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
   http://beekeeper.missouri.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.easternmobeekeepers.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.
   Contact Don Moore  573-265-8706

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
   3rd Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m.
   Location varies, call contact number below if unsure
   Contact Stephanie Sullivan  636-584-9817
   sasullivan55@yahoo.com

13 Parkland Beekeepers
   3rd Tuesday of month, 7pm, Ozark Federal Savings & Loan
   President Bob Brenneke  573-518-1997 or 573-631-2782

14 Pomme de Terre Beekeepers
   2nd Thursday of each month, 7 pm
   Missouri Extension Office, Hermitage
   Contact Bessi Shryer  417-745-2527

15 SEMO Honey Producers
   2nd Thursday of each month, Poplar Bluff Extension Office
   Contact Ernie Wells  573-429-0222
   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")
   3rd Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m.
   United Methodist Church, Hwy 37 NW of Monett
   Leon Riggs, President  417-235-5053

18 Southwest Missouri Beekeepers Association
   1st Tuesday of month, Neosho High School FFA Building
   Contact Glenn W. Smith  417-548-2255

19 Three Rivers Beekeepers
   3rd Monday of month, University of Missouri Extension,
   260 Brown Road, St. Peters, Missouri, 7:00 p.m.
   For info: 2952 Greenleaf Drive, St. Charles, MO 63303
   info@threeriversbeekepers.com

20 Northwest Missouri Bee Busters
   1st Monday of odd months, 7:00 p.m.
   511 4th Street, Conception Junction, MO 64434
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21 Lake of the Ozarks Beekeepers
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Honey Queen report
by Lillian-Grace Misko

Greetings all,

Summer is a unique time for students, families, and individuals in general. I try to use each summer in a special way. This summer has been quite unique indeed; it has proven to be an exciting adventure! Not only have I been traveling throughout Missouri, but I have been to Tennessee (working as a dance instructor and choreographer for an arts camp) and the United Kingdom and Europe for a missions trip.

These past few months I have promoted honey bees, honey and beekeeping to thousands of people. To give you a hint, I attended six events in eight days. Early June, I provided a 45-minute, four-course dinner cooking demonstration, and presented a PowerPoint class for children at the Kansas “Fun Day”. I really did have fun—I also held a hand full of bees! It was quite interesting.

At first, holding bees seemed intimidating. But when I realized how the temperament of a swarm is usually quite calm, it was not frightening at all. Once I had a hand full of bees, the children wanted some too!!! Not one person got stung.

I did receive a bee sting that next week though. My mother and I received a call from Warrensburg Economy Lumber about a swarm that was underneath a deck on the side of their building. My mother and I gathered the supplies and headed out. Once I got there, it was time for some action! It was quite humorous how the workers all gathered to watch at the beginning, but seemed to have disappeared by the next time I looked back to see their reaction to the "fallen" bees that I swiped into the box. It was not an easy swarm. I had to "knock" them down about five times for them to stay in the box and before I spotted the queen. All of you beekeepers would be proud, I did it all without any “protective” bee equipment except for my crown and sash! Now you are probably wondering about that one sting . . . I only received that one sting because a bee got caught underneath my shirt on the back of my arm.

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I would like to encourage those around downtown Kansas City to take an adventure of their own. To my surprise, I came across and was able to attend the grand opening of a specially designed bee “Haven”, sculpted by Jarrett Mellenbruch. This special “Haven” is located in a new garden on the corner of 18th and Broadway; it has been specially designed so bees could live in the midst of a city location.

Summer is a magnificent time! I hope you have had as much of a blessed summer as I have. The Queen program has been an amazing educational, eye-opening, and fun-filled program! Please encourage others to contact Joyce Justice for more information on registering so that another young lady can experience the joys of “The Missouri State Honey Queen”!

Hope to see you at 7C’s Meadfest, the Springfield Empire State Fair, or the Missouri State Fair.

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A fistful of ... bees? Just look how much fun our Honey Queen is having! Lillian-Grace Misko has enjoyed a busy summer both learning and teaching about honeybees and beekeeping. She writes about this and other experiences on page 15.

Lillian will certainly be a hard act to follow, but the sad fact is that her term is ending at the Fall Meeting in October. If you know a young lady who might be interested in taking her place, get in touch with Queen Chairperson Joyce Justice, whose contact information also appears on page 15.

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