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Early registration ends October 7!

MSBA Fall Conference will be October 25-26 at the Lake of the Ozarks

The Fall Conference of the Missouri State Beekeepers Association will be held Friday and Saturday, October 25-26 at the Lodge of Four Seasons at the Lake of the Ozarks.

The Lodge is located at 315 Four Seasons Drive, Lake Ozark, MO 65049.

Our MSBA Group Rates are as follows:

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Rates do not include current state taxes of 7.975% and county lodging tax of 3%.

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Reservations at the MSBA group rate will be accepted no later than Thursday, October 10, 2013. All reservations after October 10th will be available at the hotel's space and rate availability only. Check-in Time: 4:00 PM Check-out Time: 11:00 AM

For more Lodge information, visit <http://4seasonsresort.com/>



Phil Craft

Our speakers:

Phil Craft served as the Kentucky Dept. of Agriculture's State Apiarist from 1999 through 2011. He is a graduate of Oberlin College in Ohio (BA in biology), and the University of Kentucky (BS in civil engineering). He is a past president and past chairman of the Heartland Apicultural Society, past program chairman of Eastern Apicultural Society, and past president of the Apiary Inspectors of America. A native of the mountains of Eastern Kentucky, he now lives out in the sticks in the Bluegrass Region of Kentucky near Lexington with his family, a very old dog, and some bee hives.

Phil was recently named to the position of U.S. technical advisor for the Vêto-pharma's Apivar® honeybee miticide product line. Vêto-pharma S.A. is a French veterinary pharmaceutical company specializing in honey bee health.

You can learn more about Phil on his website at www.PhilCraftHiveCraft.com.

Blake Shook and his wife, Kathleen, are the owners of Desert Creek Honey Company (www.DesertCreekHoney.com), and operate 2,000+ hives in Texas, California and North Dakota. Blake is past president and vice president of a local beekeeping association in Texas, a director for the American Beekeeping Federation, and President of the Texas Beekeepers Association.

When he is not working bees, he has had the privilege of speaking at local, state, national and international beekeeping conventions promoting beekeeping. He has also written and contributed content for national beekeeping



Blake Shook

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**From the President** by John Timmons

In the mornings, here in the east-central part of Missouri, we're beginning to feel the fall chill. The seasons are getting ready to swap places. The supers have been haphazardly scraped of most of the protruding propolis and wax (I'll get to the rest of it in the spring) and stacked into the far corner of the garage, ready for next season. The hives are in their fall and winter mode, some with feeder, some ready to bear the brunt of the winter, containing plenty of honey stores.

As I write this, I'm just finishing up discussions with beekeepers across the state describing how the popularity of beekeeping in their region continues to peg off the chart. It seems as if every month I'm getting word of another beekeeping club either having started, or thinking about it.

And the corporate interest in honey bees and beekeeping continues to grow, as more and more business sectors realize the impact of honey bees and the beekeeping community on their bottom line. Suffice it to say, it's an important time for the MSBA to be at the forefront of beekeeping across the state as we educate government and business.

Speaking of government, we're only a few short weeks away from announcing the appointment of one, and possibly two, MSBA government liaison representatives. This has been an important objective of the MSBA Board, realizing the importance of having someone with working knowledge of local and state government in case we need to navigate some sticky legislative issues. We'll have more to announce on this later.

By the time you read this, we at the MSBA will be well into the final stages of organizing the Fall, 2013 Membership Conference. Scheduled for October 25th – 26th at the beautiful Lodge of Four Seasons resort on Lake of the Ozarks, we've planned a great lineup of new speakers with fresh, innovative ideas.

First, we'll hear from Greg Hannaford, a 20-year beekeeper out of Oklahoma and owner of Ozark Bee Supply. He's got some interesting information on how to make \$500 per hive. I can't wait to take plenty of notes.

We'll also hear from Blake Shook, coming to us from the northern-Texas region where he operates more than 2,000 hives. Blake is the President of the Texas Beekeepers Association and has been keeping bees since the age of fourteen. I'm particularly anxious to hear his description of growing from one hive to 1,400 in just a few years.

We're also thrilled to have Phil Craft, of Véto-pharma (Apivar), speaking to us about some new developments in the Varroa mite fight as well as the identification of some common queen problems - thorny problems for all of us that can't be ignored.

In our ever-popular breakout sessions you'll have your choice among a variety of interesting subjects, including minimalist back yard queen rearing, bee nutrition, treatment free beekeeping, making splits, and honey bee gardening. We've even got a new presentation from our popular Yvonne Von Der Ahe on how to put together a holiday honey bee tree!

And, of course, I don't want to forget the ever-popular Cooking with Honey and Beeswax Craft Contests. Competition is always stiff, so we invite you to bring in your best honey recipe or beeswax craft project.

We'll hear a report from the outgoing State Honey Queen as we welcome the new Honey Queen and her Princess for 2014.

Suffice it to say, we're really excited about this conference! Not only is it one of the most beautiful times of the year at Lake of the Ozarks, but the Lodge of Four Seasons is really going out of their way to make us feel welcome. They're providing special room rates for MSBA members and, to make things especially affordable, the MSBA is picking up part of the tab for the Friday banquet and Saturday lunch! And with the Friday afternoon - Saturday format, you'll only need to spend one night, instead of the usual two. We're working hard to keep the impact on your pocket book minimal, while providing high quality presentations from some really innovative experts.

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You can get more information and register at the MSBA website found at www.MOStateBeekeepers.org.

Here's hoping the 2013 beekeeping season brought you everything you wished, whether that means a bountiful honey harvest, or just lots of fun enjoying your first year with a hive or two in your backyard.

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magazines. Blake began his business in 2004 at age 14, and still packages and markets a wide variety of honey and honey products online and throughout Texas.

Greg Hannaford is a 20 year beekeeper and retired businessman. Greg and his wife Shelly are the owners of Ozark Bee Supply in Tulsa, OK, and operate around 150 hives. Greg is also one of the largest nuc producers in Oklahoma.



Greg Hannaford

As a speaker, Greg Hannaford has a unique way of cutting through the hype and getting down to the basic principles of bees.

A frequent speaker at the Serious Sideliner Symposium at the American Beekeeping Federation, Greg generally focuses on marketing and economics, which is just a fancy way of saying "making the most income possible". But by far, most of his work is at the local level teaching hobby beekeepers to be better, more intuitive beekeepers.

Workshop speakers:

We will have numerous other speakers in our breakout sessions (see agenda on pages 6-7). Some topics and speakers are yet to be determined.

Vendors:

We also have a good crop of vendors confirmed as of this time. They are listed on page 9, though more may be added later.

Contests:

We will also again hold contests, this time for cooking, candles and beeswax art. Categories and rules can be found on back page (in digital newsletter edition), or at mostatebeekeepers.org

Fall Conference Hospitality Room

Silent Auction Volunteers And Items Needed

The conference will once again provide a Hospitality Room. We will welcome contributions from the local clubs and individuals. We need snacks and drinks such as tea, punch, cider, or lemonade. Please also bring in items for the silent auction; proceeds will be utilized to help fund our Honey Queen's activities for the coming year. Volunteers are needed to assist with replenishing snacks and drinks, and to help with the silent auction. Volunteers will be especially appreciated on Friday morning, as the Executive Board will be meeting.

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MSBA Fall Conference

October 25 - 26, 2013

Lodge of Four Seasons, Lake Ozark, Missouri

Thursday - October 24

2:00 PM Vendor Setup Begins

10:00 PM Vendor Setup Closes

Friday - October 25

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 "*Beekonomics 101 – How to Make \$500 per Hive*" with Greg Hannaford

2:30 PM Break - Visit with Vendors
MSBA Auxiliary: Silent Auction Bidding Begins

3:00 PM Breakout Sessions:

- "*How to Identify Common Queen Problems in Beekeeping*" with Phil Craft
- "*Back Yard Queen Rearing*" with Cory Stevens
- "*Nutrition - How It Affects Your Bees*" with Blake Shook

4:00 PM Break - Visit with Vendors
People's Choice Contest Judging Ends

4:30 PM "*Products of the Hive*" with Blake Shook

5:30 PM Break - Visit with Vendors

6:30 PM Queen Banquet, Queen Auction and Contest Awards (Ticket Required)

8:30 PM Queen Reception

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Saturday - October 26

- 8:00 AM Vendor Hall Opens
- 8:30 AM Hospitality Room Opens
- 9:00 AM Welcome, Announcements & Door Prizes
- 9:30 AM *"Making the Jump ... from Hobby to Sideline to Fulltime"* with Greg Hannaford
- 10:30 AM Break - Visit with Vendors
- 11:00 AM Breakout Sessions:
- *"Varroa Mites - Biology and Control"* with Phil Craft
 - *"Decorating a Holiday Honey Bee Tree"* with Yvonne Von Der Aye
 - *"The Truth About Treatment Free Beekeeping"* with Greg Hannaford
- 12:00 PM Lunch (Ticket Required)
- 1:00 PM *"From 1 to 1,400 Hives in a Few Years"* with Blake Shook
- 2:00 PM Break - Visit with Vendors
Bidding on MSBA Auxiliary Silent Auction Ends
- 2:30 PM Breakout Sessions:
- *"A Local Produced Nuc & Queen Initiative"* with John Timmons
 - *"Thoughtful Gardening for Honey Bees"* with Valerie Duever
 - *"Making Splits & Re-Queening for the Hobbyist"* with Steve Moeller
- 3:30 PM Business Meeting and Drawings

Missouri beekeepers mourn loss of Ted Jansen

by Eugene Makovec

The St. Louis area and the state of Missouri lost a great friend in the beekeeping community last month. Theodore Jansen of Chesterfield died September 3 at the age of 87. He is survived by Marlene, his wife of 50 years.

Ted was a giant among beekeepers, and a mentor to hundreds of beginners over the years. He and Marlene were a common sight at MSBA meetings. They were active for decades with the Eastern Missouri Beekeepers, and instrumental in the creation of Three Rivers Beekeepers in 2009. Ted was awarded Missouri Beekeeper of the Year in 2006.

One fond memory I have of Ted is from early August about five years ago, when I went by his house on a weekday afternoon to drop off some labels for the state fair. I stayed to chat for about an hour at the kitchen table, and during that time no fewer than four other beekeepers dropped by. One was picking up a queen or something, but the others just came to talk about their bees, the year's honey harvest and related issues. At one point Ted looked over at me, beamed and said, "You know it's like this every day? People just come by to talk about bees."

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AGRICULTURE / APICULTURE

1 - CUT COMB HONEY IN PLASTIC BOXES

- 1st - CUT COMB Jim Fisher
- 2nd - CUT COMB X
- 3rd - CUT COMB X
- 4th - CUT COMB X

2 - ROUND OR SQUARE SECTION COMB HONEY

- 1st - ROUND OR SQUARE COMB SECTION Jim Fisher
- 2nd - ROUND OR SQUARE COMB SECTION X
- 3rd - ROUND OR SQUARE COMB SECTION X
- 4th - ROUND OR SQUARE COMB SECTION X

3 - LIGHT BULK COMB HONEY, 3-2 OR 2 1/2 LBS

- 1st - LIGHT BULK COMB Jim Fisher
- 2nd - LIGHT BULK COMB X
- 3rd - LIGHT BULK COMB X
- 4th - LIGHT BULK COMB X

4 - LIGHT/AMBER EXTRACTED HONEY 3-1 LB JARS

- 1st - LIGHT EXTRACTED Michael Godfrey
- 2nd - LIGHT EXTRACTED Royce Fossey
- 3rd - LIGHT EXTRACTED Jackie Marcoux
- 4th - LIGHT EXTRACTED Ken Heitkamp
- 5th - LIGHT EXTRACTED Michael Dee
- 6th - LIGHT EXTRACTED Samuel Fahrmeier
- 7th - LIGHT EXTRACTED John Hutchins
- 8th - LIGHT EXTRACTED James Widman

5 - DARK EXTRACTED HONEY, 3-1 LB JARS

- 1st - DARK EXTRACTED Delores Vivian
- 2nd - DARK EXTRACTED Michael Godfrey
- 3rd - DARK EXTRACTED Scott Hitchcock
- 4th - DARK EXTRACTED Jim Fisher
- 5th - DARK EXTRACTED Steve Harris
- 6th - DARK EXTRACTED Jackie Marcoux

6 - SEALED HONEY, WHITE, BROOD SIZE FRAME

- 1st - SEALED HONEY Jim Fisher
- 2nd - SEALED HONEY Ken Heitkamp
- 3rd - SEALED HONEY X
- 4th - SEALED HONEY X

7 - SEALED HONEY, WHITE, SHALLOW-DEPTH HONEY

- 1st - SEALED SHALLOW FRAME Jim Fisher
- 2nd - SEALED SHALLOW FRAME Michael Godfrey
- 3rd - SEALED SHALLOW FRAME Ken Heitkamp
- 4th - SEALED SHALLOW FRAME Scott Hitchcock

8 - CANDIED HONEY, 3-1 LB JARS, SINCE LAST YEAR

- 1st - CANDIED HONEY Yvonne Von Der Ahe
- 2nd - CANDIED HONEY Jim Fisher
- 3rd - CANDIED HONEY Phil Ewing
- 4th - CANDIED HONEY Delores Vivian

9 - YELLOW BEESWAX, 3 LB CAKE NOT OVER 1 YEAR

- 1st - YELLOW BEEWAX Jim Fisher
- 2nd - YELLOW BEEWAX Ken Heitkamp
- 3rd - YELLOW BEEWAX Yvonne Von Der Ahe
- 4th - YELLOW BEEWAX X

10 - QUEEN AND HER BEES

- 1st - QUEEN AND BEES Cathy Misko
- 2nd - QUEEN AND BEES Jim Fisher
- 3rd - QUEEN AND BEES Tim Hyde
- 4th - QUEEN AND BEES X

11 - ART DESIGNS IN BEESWAX, 1-3 ITEMS OF WAX

- 1st - ART DESIGN Yvonne Von Der Ahe
- 2nd - ART DESIGN Dolores Vivian
- 3rd - ART DESIGN Jim Fisher
- 4th - ART DESIGN X

12 - BEESWAX CANDLES, 6 CANDLES MOLDED OR DIPPED

- 1st - BEESWAX CANDLES Jim Fisher
- 2nd - BEESWAX CANDLES Yvonne Von Der Ahe
- 3rd - BEESWAX CANDLES X
- 4th - BEESWAX CANDLES X

OUTSTANDING EXHIBITOR

CHAMP - GRAND CHAMPION Jim Fisher

GROUP COMPETITION

13 - CUT COMB HONEY IN PLASTIC BOXES 3 PKGS

- 1st - CUT COMB X

14 - ROUND OR SQUARE SECTION COMB HONEY 3 PKGS

- 1st - ROUND OR SQUARE SECTION COMB Midwestern - Jim Fisher
- 2nd - ROUND OR SQUARE SECTION COMB X

15 - LIGHT BULK COMB HONEY, 3-2 OR 2 1/2 LB

- 1st - LIGHT BULK COMB X

16 - LIGHT/AMBER EXTRACTED HONEY 3-1 LB JARS

- 1st - LIGHT/AMBER EXTRACTED HONEY Eastern - Matt Marciano
- 2nd - LIGHT/AMBER EXTRACTED HONEY Midwestern - Steve De Cagney
- 3rd - LIGHT/AMBER EXTRACTED HONEY Eastern - Michael Dee
- 4th - LIGHT/AMBER EXTRACTED HONEY Midwestern - Rick Messenger
- 5th - LIGHT/AMBER EXTRACTED HONEY Eastern - Michael Godfrey
- 6th - LIGHT/AMBER EXTRACTED HONEY Eastern - Ken Heitkamp
- 7th - LIGHT/AMBER EXTRACTED HONEY Three Rivers - Timothy Fredricks
- 8th - LIGHT/AMBER EXTRACTED HONEY Eastern - Yvonne Von Der Ahe

17 - DARK EXTRACTED HONEY, 3-1 LB JARS

- 1st - DARK EXTRACTED Eastern - Michael Godfrey
- 2nd - DARK EXTRACTED Eastern - Jackie Marcoux
- 3rd - DARK EXTRACTED Three Rivers - Scott Hitchcock
- 4th - DARK EXTRACTED Midwestern - Jim Fisher
- 5th - DARK EXTRACTED Three Rivers - Steve Harris
- 6th - DARK EXTRACTED HONEY X

18 - YELLOW BEESWAX, 3 LB CAKE NOT OVER 1 YR

- 1st - YELLOW BEESWAX Midwestern - Jim Fisher
- 2nd - YELLOW BEESWAX Eastern - Ken Heitkamp
- 3rd - YELLOW BEESWAX X

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Please make checks payable to: **MO State Beekeepers Association.**

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)

Frenched Free-Range Chicken Breast (per person): \$ 21.00 X _____ = _____
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Vegetarian Meal (per person): \$ 21.00 X _____ = _____

Saturday Lunch (See Details at Bottom of Page)

Lodge Deli Buffet (per person): \$ 12.00 X _____ = _____

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Roasted Pork Tenderloin ...

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Bruce Snavelly, President 417-732-5219
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
- 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
- 5 Golden Valley Beekeepers**
2nd Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m. (but varies)
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Tom McCormick, President 417-644-7507
tlmccormick@mccormickcos.com
- 6 Jackson Area Beekeepers**
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First Pres. of Jackson, 206 E. Washington
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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
Steve Davis, President 620-202-0232
- 9 Mid Missouri Beekeepers**
3rd Sunday of each month, 2 pm, Old Train Depot, St. James.
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- 10 Midwestern Beekeepers Association**
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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**
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Location varies, contact below if unsure
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- 15 SEMO Honey Producers**
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wells.ernie@gmail.com
- 16 South Central Missouri Beekeepers Association**
1st Friday of month, Howell Electric Coop, West Plains
Monty Wiens, President 417-257-3994
- 17 Southern MO Beekeepers of Monett "MOBees"**
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United Methodist Church, Hwy 37 NW of Monett
Leon Riggs, President 417-235-5053
- 18 Southwest Missouri Beekeepers Assn. of Neosho**
1st Tuesday of month, Neosho High School FFA Bldg
President Roger Ross 417-472-3504
- 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@threeriversbeekeepers.com
- 20 Northwest Missouri Bee Busters**
1st Monday of odd months, 7:00 p.m.
511 4th Street, Conception Junction, MO 64434
Gerald Auffert, President 660-944-2535
- 21 Lake of the Ozarks Beekeepers**
3rd Saturday of month, 1:00 p.m.
UMC Extension Office, 100 E. Newton, Versailles MO
Contact Russell Kasnick 573-372-3122
- 22 Northeast Missouri Beekeepers Association**
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Randy Ewart 573-248-5561 rewart@centurytel.net
- 23 Gasconade Region Bee Keepers**
2nd Tuesday 7:00, First State Comm. Bank, Owensville
President Rodney Angell 573-259-5811
2224 Nowack, Rosebud MO bee143@fidnet.com
- 24 St. Louis Beekeepers**
4th Tuesday 6:30, Schlafly Bottleworks
contact@saintlouisbeekeepers.com
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- 25 Western Missouri Beekeepers**
2nd Tuesday 6:30, Moor-View Community Room, Nevada
Caroline Phillips, President 417-321-3587
bcphillips81@gmail.com
- 26 Meramec Valley Beekeepers**
First Sunday 2:30 pm Bourbon, MO American Legion Hall
Contact Sam Elia 573-732-5597
- 27 Quad County Beekeepers**
1st Tuesday, 7:00 pm, Missouri Extension Office, Troy
Contact Fred Meder (573) 760-2574
quadcountybeekeepers.com
- 28 North Central Missouri Beekeepers Association**
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Honey Queen report

by Megan Allen

Greetings everyone,

I hope everybody has been having a wonderful year; enjoying the beautiful weather and also nature's beauty. I'm sorry I was unable to get my last letter out; it's been very chaotic this year for me, so where to begin???

Ah yes, the Missouri State Fair, if you couldn't make it out this year it was a blast as always. It is never a dull moment with Dean and Steve around as many people know if you have had the chance to work with them at the State Fair Honey Booth. Many visitors stopped by to observe the observation hive and displays. I talked to many people and educated them about honey bees, beekeeping, what beekeepers do, and even helped direct people interested in learning about beekeeping or getting into beekeeping and also information where they could contact a local beekeeper in their area to maybe be mentored.

In my non-official time at home I've been corrupting my entire family to the art of Beekeeping. One afternoon I invited my little cousin Grace to come over because she has been very interested in my bees for a while and wanted to help us harvest our honey. Her older brother Sam also tagged along. I explained the process as we went; starting with uncapping the frames, combing out some of the cappings before putting the uncapped frames into my extractor, where my cousins got to manually spin out honey. (Hey, free labor... I think everyone has a little bit of Tom Sawyer in them...) We then filtered my honey before bottling and labeling.

When I asked my cousins what they thought about my bees and the process of beekeeping they replied they wanted their own bees and that they loved my honey. My cousin Grace also replied that she wanted to become a Honey Queen someday when she became eligible. The evening ended with my cousins taking home a freshly bottled honey bear which they were very excited about and I can't comment on whether or not that honey bear made it home or not for their parents and older brother to also enjoy.

I would like to thank Art Gelder for the opportunity to travel to Columbia for a honey promotion with Walk About Acres at their local Hyvee Store. We had a trivia contest where if visitors could correctly answer trivia questions about bees they won a honey stick. Needless to say... everyone was a winner with a few extra guesses and hints allowed. I talked with many visitors, however probably one of my most interesting people I met was a young woman named Natalia who was from the Ukraine. I also found out that Walk About Acres sells their honey ice cream in the local Hyvee, so naturally I ended up buying a cooler and some dry ice so I was able to buy and haul ice cream home. (Hey... it wasn't just for me ... Dad's orders. He tried some that we brought back from the State Fair. Oh, and he called dibs on the Peach ice cream ... Rats!!! Well..sometimes you have to make sacrifices...) We had a wonderful day.

Hope to see everyone at the Fall Conference at the Lake of the Ozarks. Be sure and get your reservations in.

Well that's all for now, yours truly,

Megan Allen, 2013 Missouri State Honey Queen



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Category 1: Cooking with Honey

Class 1: **Hand Decorated Cookies**

Class 2: **Candy** (no fudge this time, please)

Class 3: **Quick Breads**

***Judging Criteria:** Presentation; Amount of Honey Used; Exactness of Skills Used; Taste/Flavor and/or Crumb/Tenderness/Texture { all judging applicable to the individual food class}

Category 2: 100% Beeswax Candle Craft

Class 1: **Traditional Beeswax Candles:** dipped or molded candle(s) which can burn and glow in a simple holder(s); no decorations, please

Class 2: **Artistic Choice Beeswax Candles and Scenes:** your choice - any scene, any colors, any decorations, any candle(s) you wish to create that will burn and glow

***Judging Criteria:** Presentation (impact value); Complexity of Design; Workmanship and Neatness; Burning Performance (must burn correctly for ten minutes); Color (a pleasing tone between straw and canary, only required for Class 1); Aroma of Honey (for both Classes)

*{all judging applicable to the individual candle class}

A FEW FRIENDLY REMINDERS

*Bring all entries for your personal set-up to the **Cooking and Craft Contest Room (it will be designated by the time you arrive) by 10:00 am Friday**. You may enter as many classes as you wish. Please remember to mark your container with your name unless it's disposable.

* Honey should be the principal sweetener in recipes, and candles must be 100% beeswax.

*Commercial mixes aren't to be used, but there are no other ingredient restrictions. Your recipe(s) shouldn't require refrigeration or heating.

*The Peoples' Choice Contest vote will be held as usual; everybody LOVES that! The people will get their vote after the professionals vote. So...please bring a delicious, generous amount of your recipe(s)!

*Please type or print your **recipe entry** on a 5x7 card with **your name and phone number on the back**; this will possibly be included in the MSBA newsletter, website, calendar and/or cookbook. If you enter **candles**, please also prepare a similar identity card. For any entry, please share **your creative experience** on the ID card!

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