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Early registration ends October 12!

MSBA Fall Conference will be October 24-25 in Jefferson City

Complete information, agenda and registration begin on page 5

Common buckwheat (*Fagopyrum esculentum*) may look like a grain, but this fast-growing field crop is actually related to rhubarb. Sometimes referred to as “green manure” for its soil-rebuilding value, it is often planted after harvest of an early-season crop, then tilled under just as it begins flowering. But if allowed to bloom, it is a favorite of honeybees, who can produce large quantities of strong, dark honey that sells at a premium in some markets. The seed can be ground for pancakes and as a gluten-free grain alternative.

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From the President by John Timmons

Well, autumn is definitely in the air. I just went outside after morning coffee to check a couple of hives and had to quickly retreat to put on another layer of clothing!

Everything just seems to move a little slower this time of the year, including the bees. They continue their daily routines, yet I know that populations are diminishing while preparing for another long, cold winter. I've yet to notice the drones getting booted as I have in years past. If they've not already been sent packing from the hive, their time is near. For those who haven't witnessed this phenomenon, it's a fascinating but sad sight ... especially if you're a drone!

Like everyone, I've been paying special attention to winter food stores and monitoring the weight of my hives as assurance they've got everything they need to survive. As always, my over-wintering nucs seem to be the most prepared, while my 10-frames seem a little late in getting everything together.

Upcoming Fall Membership Conference ...

A reminder that our Fall 2014 Membership Conference is just a few weeks away. Coming up October 24th and 25th at the Truman Hotel and Conference Center in Jefferson City, we're looking for another great gathering of members from across the state. If you haven't registered yet, be certain to do so as soon as possible to take advantage of the pre-registration discount. For complete information on the conference and registration, be certain to head over to the MSBA website at MOStateBeekeepers.org. Consider entering the Cooking with Honey and Art Contests, too.

It seems as if I'm spending most of my day attending to the loose ends that are always a part of an event of this size. However, it looks like everything is well in order; the rooms are filling; the vendor hall is properly laid out by our Vendor Liaison, Tim Hyde; and our speakers report they're prepared and ready to go. As always, there will be last minute changes and additions to the agenda, so keep a sharp eye towards the MSBA website for modifications.

Report on the Missouri State Fair ...

Every year for longer than I can remember, The Missouri State Beekeepers Association has been represented at the Missouri State Fair. The MSBA is fortunate to have a prominent booth just inside the main door of the Agriculture Building, and entertains thousands of curious and inquisitive visitors during the fair. This year was no different than in the past as our State Fair Coordinator, Dean Sanders, made certain everything was well planned, the freezers were kept well stocked with honey ice cream, plenty of jars of honey were ready for sale, and everything was coordinated for all the volunteers coming from local beekeeping associations across the state to lend a hand.

Most years Dean's assistant, Steve Harris, is on hand to make certain Dean doesn't doze off in his chair. However, this year health problems kept Steve at home in St. Charles. Stepping in for the duration this year were Wanda and Wes Johnston, who did a wonderful job assisting Dean. Thanks Wanda and Wes! And

thanks to the multitudes of volunteers from across the state who travelled to Sedalia to help out.

Looking Forward to Next Year ...

Beekeeping is a cyclical activity, and while we are entering into the end of this season's cycle, we're already looking forward to the beginning of the next cycle. For most, including me, this means the start of the next round of beginning

beekeeping classes and workshops. Over the course of my career as a beekeeper, I've watched the number of beekeeping classes across the state triple, while the number of attendees in each class has more than doubled. I told someone a few years ago that things would slow down soon. I was wrong. The growth in popularity of beekeeping and the number of spring beginner events just seems to skyrocket.

A special thanks to all who work so hard every year to host the numerous beginning beekeeping and queen rearing classes. Very soon now, we'll be adding a new page to the MSBA website listing all the upcoming local events, so be certain to let us know of your event so it can be included.

Congratulations to a Friend of the MSBA ...

By the way ... congratulations go out to May Berenbaum from the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign, for her recent honor as recipient of the National Medal of Science. Awarded annually, "the Medal recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to science and engineering." May will receive her award in a special ceremony at the White House later this year.

It was only a couple of years ago that May spoke to the MSBA membership at our conference in St. Louis. It's nice to have a friend of the MSBA receive such a high honor.

Until next time ...

John



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My first year at the Fair by Eugene Makovec

Well, I finally did it. For years I've talked about going to the State Fair to work in the MSBA booth. Steve Harris always told me that once I did it once I'd have so much fun that I'd go back every year. Maybe that's what I was afraid of. Or maybe I really was too busy. But every year by about July I'd blown enough vacation days on other things that I figured I just couldn't spare any more, and I backed out again.

But since I found myself at the helm of a local club this year, and thus in the position of twisting other people's arms to man the booth on that club's designated day, I ran out of excuses. I took a day and a half off work, and Diane and I packed up on Thursday afternoon and headed to Sedalia for our Friday work day.

We'd signed up for a six-hour shift, but ended up staying from 9 am till about 7:30 pm. Dean and Wanda were there all day, as they had been throughout the Fair - other than a brief hospital visit by Dean on Wednesday to deal with a kidney stone. It's a testament to his dedication that he missed only three hours and was back on duty! Princess Erin was there too, along with some of my fellow Three Rivers volunteers. We had a steady stream of visitors throughout the day, but it never got too crowded, so everyone had time to take a break at some point and see the sights.

I wanted to show Diane the different types of dairy cattle, but in addition to Holsteins, Jerseys, Guernseys, Ayrshires and Brown Swiss, I ran across one I'd never seen before - the Pinzgauer, a brown-and-white native of Austria. We also spent time with the draft horses, donkeys, hogs, chickens and rabbits. Wanda insisted on showing off the adorable black bunny she'd bought (which she later named "Dean Sanders"), and that meant I had to spend an hour or more talking Diane out of bringing its little sister home with us! It was only later that I learned that all show animals were required to stay till the end of the fair, so it was a moot point anyway.

Of course, we also got to sample some of the Fair's fine dining, including corn dogs, funnel cakes, meatballs on a stick, and fresh-made fudge. Not to mention the honey ice cream at our booth!

Next year's fair runs August 13-23. I've already blocked off a day and a half of vacation to attend.

A word about Sweet Springs:

The folks in charge of our booth arranged for volunteers to stay at a Rodeway Inn in Sweet Springs, on Interstate 70 about a half hour from the Fairgrounds. At fifty bucks a night, the room was nothing special. But we were intrigued by the town itself. We arrived about 4:30 pm, and when I asked for directions to downtown, the hotel proprietor obliged but said there was nothing to see there.

(Perhaps the Chamber of Commerce needs to have a chat with him!) Since the town boasted a population of over 1400, and the in-room brochure listed five churches, we figured there must be some life there. The first evidence was The Cheese Store, which specializes in cheeses, wines, fresh flowers ... and fishing worms. We stopped in, bought some cheese and crackers, and inquired about the flyer for the town's upcoming "Gusher Days"

- which we were told commemorates the town's defining event, when what was first thought to be an oil strike turned out to be the discovery of the mineral spring that gives the town its name.

Further in, we passed a small grocery store, a high school, and not much else - till we turned down a side street and saw this amazing mural on the side of a brick building. "Sweet Springs Bottling Works", it said, which I mistakenly took to indicate a microbrewery within. The adjacent door said OPEN, and there was indeed a small bar inside (by the name of Brickstreet Grill), but the most exotic brew on tap was Shocktop. We sat at the bar, got a beer and an ice tea, and ordered a one-pound Chicken Cordon Bleu Burger to split. The place was empty but for us, the female bartender and one other woman, and presumably a cook in the back. The barkeep was delighted to hear that we liked the food, and informed us that this was in fact the bar's opening day! Both women were lifelong residents and seemed impressed that we'd found our way to this part of town from the highway. The mural itself dates to 2000, and references a spring water bottling plant that ceased production a century ago.

After a long Friday at the Fair, we returned to Sweet Springs about 8:30 pm, and decided to drop back by Brickstreet for a nightcap. To our surprise, the bar was hopping. "You came back!" said Thursday's bartender with a smile. "And you're on the other side of the bar!" I responded. Thursday's other customer was also there, along with about 20 other locals. We got the last table and asked for a menu. Five minutes later, tonight's bartender, a man of about 50, apologized for our wait, gave me a complimentary beer and explained that the opening weekend's success had caught them off guard and they were about out of food. Since all we wanted was an appetizer he was able to accommodate us with an order of onion rings.

They also had no wine, he said, explaining that they could not yet afford to stock it. But he seemed very excited that the first weekend was such a success.

Soon the owner came out of the kitchen and greeted us. (I think he was also the cook.) He apologized for the slow service and offered to comp our entire bill. We refused, whereupon he sat and chatted with us, telling us of his dreams of expanding into the rest of building, and possibly one day bringing the Bottling Works back to life in the form of a microbrewery.

There's just something exciting about being a part of something new, even if only by accident. We shook his hand, grabbed a menu to go, and promised him we'd be back this time next year!



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*(This agenda may not include changes to speaker assignments.
The final version will be available at the door on the day of the conference.)*

Thursday - October 23

2:00 PM Vendor Setup Begins [Glenwood]

8:00 PM Vendor Setup Closes [Glenwood]

Friday - October 24

7:00 AM Vendor Setup Continues [Glenwood]

9:00 AM Vendor Hall Opens [Glenwood]
Executive Board Meeting [Board Room]

10:00 AM Registration Opens
Hospitality Room Opens [TBD]
Cooking & Artwork Contest Room Opens for Entry Setup [Wellington]

11:00 AM Professional Cooking & Artwork Contest Judging Begins [Wellington]

1:00 PM Welcome, Announcements & Door Prizes [Stratford]
People's Choice Cooking & Artwork Contest Judging Begins [Wellington]

1:20 PM Invocation [Stratford]

1:30 PM "Natural Beekeeping in Russia & What We Can Learn" with Fedor Lazutin [Stratford]

2:30 PM Break - Visit with Vendors [Glenwood]
MSBA Auxiliary: Silent Auction Bidding Begins [TBD]

3:00 PM Breakout Presentation Sessions

- "The Other End of the Hive Tool: Are You Sustainable?" with Grant Gillard [Stratford]
- "Backyard Queen Rearing I" with Cory Stevens [Hightower Court]

4:00 PM Break - Visit with Vendors [Glenwood]
People's Choice Cooking & Artwork Contest Judging Ends [Wellington]

4:30 PM "Keeping Bees Without Chemical Input" with Linda Hezel [Stratford]

5:30 PM Break - Visit with Vendors [Glenwood]

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

8:30 PM Queen Reception [Hospitality Room] *(continued next page)*



Fall Conference agenda

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Saturday - October 25

- 8:00 AM Vendor Hall Opens [Glenwood]
- 8:30 AM Hospitality Room Opens [TBD]
- 9:00 AM Welcome, Announcements & Door Prizes [Stratford]
- 9:30 AM *"Sustainable Beekeeping: What Is It and Is It Important?"* with Grant Gillard [Stratford]
- 10:30 AM Break - Visit with Vendors [Glenwood]
- 11:00 AM Breakout Presentation Sessions
- *"Backyard Queen Rearing II"* with Cory Stevens [Stratford]
 - *"Making Aunt Bee's Cold-Processed Soap Using Honey & Wax"* with Yvonne Von Der Aye [Kingsland]
- 12:00 PM Lunch (Ticket Required) [Hermitage]
- 1:00 PM *"Regulatory & Legislative Beekeeping Issues"* - Panel Discussion with Valerie Duever [Stratford]
- 2:00 PM Break - Visit with Vendors [Glenwood]
Bidding on MSBA Auxiliary Silent Auction Ends [TBD]
- 2:30 PM Breakout Presentation Sessions
- *"What Every Beekeeper Needs to Know About Insurance"* with Kevin Gubbels [Stratford]
 - *"Backyard Queen Rearing III"* with Cory Stevens [Hightower Court]
- 3:30 PM Business Meeting and Drawings [Stratford]

From the Honey Princess

Hello everyone!! I hope that you all had very successful honey harvests!! I know we were very blessed. We had an abundance of wildflowers in our area and lots of rain to produce those flowers.

The past few months have been packed with events for me! I got to spend a week at the State Fair which was a blast!! I got to meet several members of the MSBA who helped work the booth and many people just visiting the fair.

I have also gotten to attend an Insect-o-Rama in St. Joseph, and my county's Conservation Day, both of which catered to young kids.

I also want to take the time to say thank you to everyone in the MSBA who has supported me and made my year as

Princess a success. I want to say a special thanks to Wanda and Wes Johnston for heading up the program and finding places for Lauren and me to go, and for driving me around the state!! I am looking forward to representing you all again as the Queen for 2015!!

Hope to see you all at the Fall Conference!!

Erin Mullins

2014 Missouri Honey Princess



Princess Erin

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Conference Meals

Friday Evening Banquet (See Details at Bottom of Page)

Dinner Buffet – Three Entrées (per person): \$ 21.00 X _____ = _____

Saturday Luncheon (See Details at Bottom of Page)

Deli Buffet & Salad Bar (per person): \$ 12.00 X _____ = _____

TOTAL FOR MEALS (*Please Enter this Amount on the Previous Page*): _____

Please provide any special requests or instructions:

Friday, October 24th Banquet

Dinner Buffet – Smokey Barbecue Beef Brisket, Baked Salmon, Southern Fried Chicken, Vegetables, Potato, Salads, Dinner Rolls, Assorted Desserts, Beverages

Saturday, October 25th Luncheon

Deli Buffet & Salad Bar – Choice of Meats, Soups, Cheeses, Breads, Salads, Assorted Desserts, Beverages

Note: Both menus above have ample choices for vegetarians.



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Please also remember to bring your donations for the Hospitality Room. We welcome and appreciate all varieties of snacks for the break times during the conference.

Thank you, in advance, for all your generous silent auction donations, and your Hospitality Room contributions!



**MISSOURI STATE FAIR
2014 Apiculture Judging Contest Results**

INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES

Cut Comb Honey	1st	Ken Heitkamp	Sealed Honey Deep	1st	Ken Heitkamp
	2nd	Jim Fisher	Sealed Honey Shallow	1st	Ken Heitkamp
	3rd	Mary Ellen Raymond		2nd	Michael Godfrey
Section Comb	1st	Jim Fisher		3rd	Jim Fisher
	2nd	Samuel Fahrmeier	Candied Honey	1st	Jim Fisher
Light Bulk Comb	1st	Jim Fisher		2nd	Kathi Jantz
	2nd	Ken Heitkamp	Yellow Beeswax	1st	Bob Finck
Light Extracted	1st	Mary Ellen Raymond		2nd	Ken Heitkamp
	2nd	Jim Fisher		3rd	Jim Fisher
	3rd	Ken Heitkamp	Queen and Her Bees	1st	Wanda Johnston
	4th	Jurgen Ermel		2nd	Tim Hyde
	5th	Bob Finck	Beeswax Art	1st	Jim Fisher
	6th	Matt Marciano		2nd	Dolores Vivian
	7th	Laurie Miller	Beeswax Candles	1st	Jim Fisher
	8th	Beth Avery			
Dark Extracted	1st	Jim Fisher			
	2nd	Jackie Marcoux			
	3rd	Bruce Snavelly			
	4th	Kathi Jantz			
	5th	Ken Heitkamp			
	6th	Dolores Vivian			

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Light/Amber Extracted	1st	Steve DeCagney, Midwestern		3rd	Jackie Marcoux, Eastern
	2nd	Matt Marciano, Eastern		4th	Ken Heitkamp, Eastern
	3rd	Jim Fisher, Midwestern	Yellow Beeswax	1st	Bob Finck, Eastern
	4th	Jackie Marcoux, Eastern		2nd	Jim Fisher, Midwestern
	5th	Ken Heitkamp, Eastern		3rd	Ken Heitkamp, Eastern
	6th	Bob Finck, Eastern	Section Comb	1st	Jim Fisher, Midwestern
	7th	Madonna Bogacki, Eastern			
	8th	Samuel Fahrmeier, Midwestern			

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Thanks to all our volunteers at the Missouri State Fair

by Dolores Vivian

A BIG THANK YOU goes to Dean Sanders and Wanda Johnston (and Wes too) for their dedication, time and perseverance in all they did to manage our MSBA booth at the State Fair. No one but them realizes how much energy it takes to be at the booth for 12 consecutive days from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Actually their job starts way before the Fair opens, getting supplies ordered and vendors contacted, recruiting volunteers, as well as all the paperwork, etc. Ron and I have been involved in the booth's operations for many years and have traveled to Sedalia many days and we cannot even compare to what these managers have to endure.

Steve Harris needs to be included in this article also. He would have been there every day, if his health had permitted him to do so. Steve called us on Thursday (the first day) and told us he was depressed. I said, "You're missing the fair?" He said, "Yes ma'am." We're hoping Steve will be ready for next year.

These guys have got to love what they do to be there every day. They build lasting friendships with all the people they meet - volunteers as well as other vendors in the building and the people that come by and visit the booth.

If you have never worked the booth, plan to sign up next year. Just be sure to be a responsible volunteer and be there the day(s) and

hours you sign up for. We're all volunteers and it's a big job and takes a lot of people and a lot of teamwork to make our MSBA mission a success in all areas. We appreciate you ... as well as all the others who have served in the past as our State Fair Booth managers.

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The teacher: Fred "Fuzzy" Pipkins, of Three Rivers Beekeepers, parks himself at the observation hive and answers questions from a steady stream of visitors during Three Rivers Day at the Fair.
photo by Eugene Makovec

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4th Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m.
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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
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- 3 Busy Bee Club**
4th Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m., Cedar County Health Center, Owens Mill Road, Stockton
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- 4 Eastern Missouri Beekeepers Association**
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- 5 Golden Valley Beekeepers**
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- 6 Jackson Area Beekeepers**
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- 7 Jefferson County Beekeepers Association**
2nd Tuesday of each month, 7:30 p.m., Hwy B & 21
Jefferson County Extension Center, Hillsboro
Contact Marvin Hook 636-274-1759
- 8 Joplin Area Beekeepers Association**
Last Tue. of each month, 7 pm, SM Bank Community Building (7th and Duquesne Rd), Joplin
Contact Dale Foley 417-850-0285
- 9 Mid Missouri Beekeepers**
3rd Sunday of each month, 2 pm, Old Train Depot, St. James.
President Mat Woessner 573.308.7006
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- 10 Midwestern Beekeepers Association**
Most meetings: Fellowship Hall at Graceway, 5460 Blue Ridge Cutoff, Kansas City, MO 64133
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Cathy Misko, President 660-656-3485
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- 11 Mississippi Valley Beekeepers Association**
Last Tuesday of Month in Quincy, IL
Contact Bernie Andrew 217-938-4975
- 12 Missouri Valley Beekeepers Association**
3rd Monday of each month, 7:00 pm, Union
Location varies, contact below if unsure
President Calvin Brandt cvbrandt@landolakes.com
- 13 Parkland Beekeepers**
3rd Tuesday of month, 7pm, Ozark Federal Savings
President Gregg Hitchings glhitch@hotmail.com
- 14 Pomme de Terre Beekeepers**
2nd Thursday of each month, 7 pm
Missouri Extension Office, Hermitage
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- 15 SEMO Honey Producers**
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Contact Cory Stevens 573-225-6935
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- 16 South Central Missouri Beekeepers Association**
1st Friday of month, Howell Electric Coop, West Plains
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Honey Queen report

by Lauren Collins

The time has come to prepare for our fall beekeepers meeting in Jefferson City! I can hardly believe that it's almost October, and that I will be crowning the 2015 Missouri State Honey Queen in one month! The past year has gone by so quickly, and has been full of wonderful experiences! As the Honey Queen, I've had the opportunity to attend many agriculture events, including the AgriMissouri Banquet, the Kansas City Lawn and Garden Show, and Powell Gardens Pollinator Week. I was also able to help at several beekeeping events, like the NEKBA FUNday, and the Midwestern State Beekeepers Association's Beginner Beekeeping class at Burr Oak Woods.



Queen Lauren

Most recently, I worked at the Missouri State Fair at our club's booth. This was such a fun event! I had the opportunity to talk with many different vendors (including my friends from the Berry Nutty farm, whom I've met at several events), and help educate the people that visited our booth. I met so many interesting people, and I was surprised at the amount of "royalty" that I was able to meet during my time there! I had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Missouri, Miss Missouri State Fair, and even the Missouri Beef Queen!! The thing I enjoyed most was being able to spend time with old friends, and meet quite a few new ones! The Missouri beekeepers are some of the most fun people that I've ever known and I don't think I stopped laughing for the entire time that I was at the fair!

As my time as the Missouri State Honey Queen draws to a close, I want to thank you all for giving me this incredible opportunity to represent the MSBA's members in your business, hobby and passion. I have learned so many valuable lessons over the past year that I know will help me in my future. Thank you for your encouragement and support this year. But, mostly, thank you all for your friendship! I'm so grateful for all of you, and I look forward to seeing you in October!



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I found one red-flowered plant at the edge of a 15-foot square plot, and planted myself next to it until this bee happened along.

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