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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. Book your room now at:

**Hilton Garden Inn** 3300 Vandiver Drive, Columbia, Missouri 65202 Telephone: 573-814-5464

Mention the MSBA to get our \$99 group rate (subject to availability after October 1).

Register online at <http://mostatebeekeepers.org/registration/>  
Or mail in form on page 5.

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

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## From the President

by Valerie Duever

### MSBA Fall Conference Time - October 16 and 17, 2015

For the past 15 or so years, I have always looked forward to the MSBA Annual Fall Conference. The speakers and subjects discussed have been entertaining and informative, something new is always learned. If you haven't made plans to attend, please do so today!

This year is the same, and yet different. Same, because of the quality of speakers we have scheduled to appear. Michael Bush will be talking about his methods for Healthier Bees, Lazy Beekeeping, Observation Hives, and Myths in Beekeeping. Dr. Moneen Jones, an entomologist with the Fisher Delta Research Facility, will be discussing the DriftWatch program and how pollinators and honey bees are the same, yet different.

The Rolla Bee club will be discussing how to locate or set up a local bee club. Gregg Hitchings is going to discuss managing varroa mites. Becky Erickson will discuss how to incorporate native Missouri plants in Planting for your Hives. Jim Duever and Andy Seckinger will be talking about horticultural pesticides, and will present how some "organic" options are actually harmful to honey bees. Marty Comstock has developed a very informative presentation on how to calculate the Cost of Keeping Bees. We have two more speakers to firm up, but needless to say, we try to include as many avenues of beekeeping as possible.

There are also drawings and door prizes. Cooking contests and some 25 vendors from around the state. The Queen Banquet on Friday night will be exciting and bittersweet. We are celebrating the new Honey Bill, and Jeanie Riddle is scheduled to join us. There are a number of volunteer leaders that we are acknowledging and Erin Mullins, our current Honey Queen will be stepping down. She is just a phenomenal woman, beekeeper and ambassador. We are looking forward to her presentation.

This year's conference is different because of some administrative things. Our Membership has asked the MSBA to be considerate of family obligations so we will avoid having conference events on Sundays or the Halloween weekend. Many members stated that they wanted more time to visit vendors and just socialize, so we are having two full days of Conference. We try to keep the location centralized, so we selected the Hilton Garden Inn in Columbia to host our event this year. Because of football season, we decided to move the date up a couple of weeks so we wouldn't compete with a home college game. Lots of changes needed to take place so we could provide a good conference this year. But those do not touch the challenges and changes coming up. I have been trying to create a weekly email to keep folks updated on interesting beekeeping tidbits. Writing the Waggle Dance Data sounds simple, but it is a change...and we do know how difficult change can be. Our Membership has asked for more and better communication, so this is one way the MSBA is trying to improve.

Eugene, our newsletter editor and John, our webmaster are both stepping down from these positions. Both have just done excellent jobs developing and performing these duties. Many, many, many volunteer hours have been spent brainstorming and tweaking, planning and implementing. Filling these duties is really going to be a challenge, but your Executive Committee is actively seeking individuals to do just that. Again, we have made a commitment to provide stronger communication to our membership.

Ron and Dolores Vivian will be stepping down after the end of the year. Their wisdom and leadership over the past 10,000 years has been invaluable! For those that haven't yet taken the opportunity to volunteer with our organization, remember this. Having strong mentors, like Ron and Delores, to provide advice, direction and history of past experiences keeps the newer committee members from repeating the mistakes they made. We learn from history as we plan the needed change for the future.

The Vivians aren't the only ones that provide this advice. Many, many, many beekeepers that attend our Fall Conference have experiences and advice they are willing to share. All you have to do is ask. Come to the conference and ask.

And, when you get a chance, send a couple of "get-well" emails out to some of our Executive Committee members. Mike McMillen, our Program Director, broke his heel when he stepped on a metal post. Charlotte Wiggins, our secretary, broke her arm in two places and is recovering from surgery. We wish both of them a speedy recovery. Happy Fall and thank you for being a member of the Missouri State Beekeepers Association.

Valerie



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**MSBA Fall Conference  
October 16-17  
Hilton Garden Inn, Columbia**

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**Register online at [www.mostatebeekeepers.org](http://www.mostatebeekeepers.org)  
to earn two extra door prize tickets.**

**Register before October 1st to save on registration fee.**



**Master beekeeper Michael Bush is our headliner:**

Michael is a leading proponent of treatment-free beekeeping. He began his beekeeping career in the mid-1970s with just two hives, and now maintains over 200.

**State Senator Jeanie Riddle**, sponsor of Senate Bill 500, is scheduled to speak at our Friday evening banquet.

This year's contests include:

- Cooking with Honey (cookies, rolls and cakes)
- Honeybee Needlework (crochet, knitting, embroidery etc.)

**Any questions?**

Contact Clayton Lee

573-864-5172

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# 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 drawing!!! 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Partner/Children Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Registrations submitted on-line or postmarked date – Before October 1, 2015**

Individual Membership:.....\$ 60.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Family Membership:.....\$ 100.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Non Member (sold by individual only): .....\$ 130.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

**Registrations submitted on-line or postmarked date – On or After October 1, 2015**

Individual Membership:.....\$ 75.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Family Membership:.....\$ 130.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Conference Meals (All meals listed below, will have ample choices for Vegetarians)**

Friday Luncheon – Deli Buffet: 3 meats, cheeses& 2 salads (per person):\$ 12.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Banquet – Glazed Pit Ham & Chicken Cordon Bleu (per person):.\$ 21.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Luncheon - Buffet: BBQ Brisket & 2 salads (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 your completed registration form to: **Clayton Lee, 90 East Pope Lane, Smithville, Missouri 64089**. If you provide an email, we will 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. (Group discount is subject to availability after October 1.)



## Missouri State Beekeepers Association Fall Conference

Agenda (subject to change)

### Thursday – October 15, 2015

- 2:00 PM Vendor Setup Begins (Cypress Rooms 1 & 2)
- 6:00 PM Executive Committee Meeting (Iris 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** (Conference Center Lobby)
- 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 - Valerie Duever (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 & Hand Crafted Project Contest **Professional Judging Begins** (Conference Center Lobby)
- 11:00 AM Queen/Ambassador Silent Auction Begins (Cypress Room)
- 11:10 AM Comparison & Contrast between Pollinators & Honey Bees – Moneen Jones, PhD (Hawthorne Room #1)
- OR
- New Beekeepers – Starting Connections – Charlotte Ekker Wiggins & Rolla Bee Club (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 Deli Buffet at Hilton)
- Cooking & Hand Crafted Project Contest **People's Choice Judging Begins**



## Missouri State Beekeepers Association Fall Conference

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(Conference Center Lobby)

- 1:00 PM Michael Bush – Lazy Beekeeping (Sycamore Room)
- 2:15 PM Break – **Visit Vendors** (Cypress Rooms 1 & 2)
- 2:45 PM Feeding and attracting bees all season – Becky Erickson (Hawthorne Room #1 & #2)
- 3:30 PM Break – Visit Vendors (Cypress Rooms 1 & 2)
- 4:00 PM Sugar Shake and Alcohol Wash: Two methods of monitoring varroa mite levels in a bee colony.  
– Gregg Hitchings (Hawthorne Room #1 & #2)
- 5:00 PM Break – Get Ready for Banquet
- 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 What are you using on your bees? – Jim Duever and Andy Seckinger (Hawthorne Room #1)  
  
OR  
  
Cost of Keeping Bees – Marty Comstock (Hawthorne Room #2)
- 12:00 PM Lunch (On your own OR BBQ Brisket Buffet - ticket required – Sycamore Room)
- 1:00 PM Setting up an Apiary at College – Nathan Fox (Hawthorne Room #1)  
  
OR  
  
Sentinel Hive – Bee Informed Group – Scott Jackson (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)

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## **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 this 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.

For more information, contact Valerie Duever at 314-402-4841 or [president@mostatebeekeepers.org](mailto:president@mostatebeekeepers.org)

## Fall Conference Beehive Cafe

### Silent Auction Items Needed

The fall conference is rapidly approaching so it is time to search for silent auction items to benefit the MSBA Honey Queen/Ambassador Program. Please bring all donations to the Beehive Cafe hospitality area (adjacent to vendor area) when you come to the fall conference in Columbia.

We will be honoring our outgoing Queen Erin Mullins for a job well done. A reception will follow the banquet in the Beehive Cafe.

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 APICULTURE ENTRIES FOR 2015

### DIVISION A: HONEY (INDIVIDUAL CLASS)

#### Light Amber Extracted Honey

First	\$28	Melanie Avery	Independence
Second	\$20	Anne Schmitt	St. Louis
Third	\$16	Steve DeCaigney	Independence
Fourth	\$10	Bob Finck	Fenton
Fifth	\$8	Corinne Collins	Chesterfield
Sixth	\$6	Yvonne Von Der Ahe	Foristell
Seventh	\$6	Kenneth Heitkamp	St. Louis
Eighth	\$5	Kathie Jantz	Columbia

#### Dark Extracted Honey

Second	\$12	Scott Hitchcock	Warrenton
Third	\$10	Kathie Jantz	Columbia

#### Sealed Honey, White, Shallow Depth Honey Frame (5 3/8" or 6 1/4" X 17")

First	\$12	Michael Godfrey	Valley Park
Second	\$9	Kenneth Heitkamp	St. Louis

#### Candied Honey

First	\$12	Steve DeCaigney	Independence
Second	\$9	Yvonne Von Der Ahe	Foristell

#### Yellow Beeswax, approximately 3 lbs

First	\$12	Bob Finck	Fenton
Second	\$9	Yvonne Von Der Ahe	Foristell
Third	\$8	Beth Avery	Independence
Fourth	\$7	Kenneth Heitkamp	St. Louis

#### Queen and Her Bees

First	\$12	Cathy Misko	Centerview
Second	\$9	Michael Godfrey	Valley Park

### DIVISION B: APICULTURAL PRODUCTS (INDIVIDUAL CLASS)

#### Art Designs in Beewax

First	\$12	Corinne Collina	Chesterfield
Second	\$9	Yvonne Von Der Ahe	Foristell

### DIVISION C: HONEY (GROUP COMPETITION)

#### Light Amber Extracted Honey

First	\$28	Eastern	Kenneth Heitkamp	St. Louis
Second	\$20	Midwestern	Steve DeCaigney	Independence
Third	\$16	Eastern	Bob Finck	Fenton
Fourth	\$10	Eastern	Anne Schmitt	Univ. City
Fifth	\$8	Three Rivers	Corinne Collins	Chesterfield
Sixth	\$6	Three Rivers	Yvonne Von Der Ahe	Foristell
Seventh	\$6	Midwestern	Cathy Misko	Centerview
Eighth	\$5	Eastern	Lavn'e Metz	St. Louis

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**2016 Grand Champion (Individual): Yvonne Von Der Ahe**

**2016 Grand Champion (Group): Eastern**





**"I have about 20 more at home,"** says John Pashia of Affton as he shows off his historical collection of bee smokers at BeeSpeakSTL's Honey Festival September 26. The smoker in his hand was designed to hold tobacco and be smoked by the beekeeper while working the bees.

The Honey Festival featured lectures on mead making and the history of honey's use in alcoholic beverages. It also included honey tastings (see photo on page 16) and a sampling of meads and honey beers.

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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**  
2nd Monday of each month, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.  
Golden Corral, Clinton MO. Tom McCormick, President  
[tomm@goldenvalleybeekeepers.com](mailto:tomm@goldenvalleybeekeepers.com)  
[www.goldenvalleybeekeepers.com](http://www.goldenvalleybeekeepers.com)
- 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  
Contact Cory Stevens 573-225-6935  
[wells.ernie@gmail.com](mailto: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")**  
3rd Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m.  
United Methodist Church, Hwy 37 NW of Monett  
Kevin Young, President 417-847-5464
- 18 Southwest Missouri Beekeepers Assn. of Neosho**  
1st Tuesday of month, Neosho High School FFA Bldg  
Contact Thelma Ross 417-472-3504  
[rtross@jscomm.net](mailto:rtross@jscomm.net)
- 19 Three Rivers Beekeepers**  
3rd Monday, 7pm, University of Missouri Extension,  
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- 22 Northeast Missouri Beekeepers Association**  
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- 25 Western Missouri Beekeepers**  
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Laurie Rose at [laurierose1219@yahoo.com](mailto:laurierose1219@yahoo.com)
- 27 Quad County Beekeepers**  
1st Tuesday, 7:00 pm, Missouri Extension Office, Troy  
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- 28 North Central MO Beekeepers Association**  
1st Monday, Area Career Center, Macon, 7:00 pm  
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- 29 Bees Alive**  
(Springfield area) [www.beesaliveclub.com](http://www.beesaliveclub.com)  
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Dan Barton, [dannyohboy@hotmail.com](mailto:dannyohboy@hotmail.com)
- 30 Wright County Beekeepers**  
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[rollabees@gmail.com](mailto:rollabees@gmail.com) [www.rollabeeclub.com](http://www.rollabeeclub.com)

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% MO Dept. of Conservation,  
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## 33 EZ Beekeeping

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## 34 Mark Twain Beekeepers

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## Honey Queen report

by Erin Mullins

Hello fellow beekeepers!! If I'm not mistaken I believe this is my last newsletter entry as the 2015 Missouri Honey Queen. It has been an absolute pleasure being able to serve you all! Honey bees have become a true passion of mine and having the opportunity to help advocate for them and to visit with other beekeepers who are equally as passionate has truly been an amazing experience for me. I thank you all for supporting me throughout the year!



Queen Erin

A couple of events that I've gotten to attend in the past couple months include the Leavenworth County Fair in Tonganoxie Kansas, and the Missouri State Fair in Sedalia. The Leavenworth County Fair event was sponsored by the NEKBA. They had a booth setup selling honey and had honey extracting demonstrations. It was a very neat event that I was glad I was able to attend! This year at The Missouri State Fair I attended all 11 days!! Crazy as it sounds it is always tons of fun! I got to do four different demonstrations in the Home Economics building, a couple of radio interviews, and talk with hundreds of fair goers as they stopped by the booth!

I have a few more events coming up, including my county's conservation day where we speak to all the 4th graders in my county. I'll attend a farmers market in Maryville with a local beekeeper I know, and then Meadfest at 7Cs winery in Walnut grove. I hope to see you all at the fall conference as well, as I will be saying my farewell as the Queen!

Again I can't thank you all enough for your continued support and encouragement. It has been a great honor getting to know all of you!  
Erin Mullins

## Fall Conference

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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. 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 13 for a list of vendors.)

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*Judy Ivery of Festus attends a display of honey tasting samples, decoratively showcased in wine glasses as part of the September 26 Honey Festival hosted by BeeSpeakSTL. One collection of glasses contained varietal honeys for comparison tasting, while another group comprised a “People’s Choice” honey tasting competition. Mary Tevlin of Vinita Park was awarded the \$100 First Prize.*  
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