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/](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.)
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 Jeannie 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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**October 16-17**  
**Hilton Garden Inn, Columbia**

Call 573-814-5464 to reserve your room. Mention MSBA - discounted rate may still be available.

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.

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**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.)

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**Any questions?**

Contact Clayton Lee  
573-864-5172  
leeland55@gmail.com
Online Conference registration at 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: ________________________________________________
Street Address: ___________________________________________________________________
City: _______________________________ State: ______ Zip Code: __________________________
Email: _______________________________ Telephone: (_____) _______________________
Your Local Beekeeping Assn: ______________________________________________________

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
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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

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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.

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

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

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

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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.

photo by Eugene Makovec
Local Beekeeping Associations in Missouri

1 Beekeepers Association of the Ozarks
   4th Tuesday of each month, 6-9 p.m.
   CH Chub O’Reilly Cancer Center, 2055 South Fremont,
   Springfield MO 65804
   Jeffrey Maddox, President  maddox65804@yahoo.com
   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 - 8:30 p.m.
   Golden Corral, Clinton MO. Tom McCormick, President
   tomm@goldenvalleybeekeepers.com
   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, 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, dlmoore2@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 for calendar
   Pres. Cathy Misko, 660-656-3485 cathymisko@earthlink.net

11 Mississippi Valley Beekeepers Association
   Last Tuesday of Month in Quincy, IL
   Contact Berniece Andrew 217-938-4975

12 Missouri Valley Beekeepers Association
   3rd Monday, 7pm, Union, location varies
   President Calvin Brandt  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

14 Pomme de Terre Beekeepers
   2nd Thursday 7 pm, Missouri Extension Office, Hermitage
   Contact Rebekah Huddleston  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

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

19 Three Rivers Beekeepers
   3rd Monday, 7pm, University of Missouri Extension,
   260 Brown Rd, St. Peters, info@threeriversbeekeepers.com
   President Eugene Makovec 314-703-7650

20 Northwest Missouri Bee Busters
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   nwmobebusters.blogspot.com
   beebusters2012@gmail.com
   Gerald Auffert, President 660-944-2535

21 Lake of the Ozarks Beekeepers
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   Contact Garrett Blackwell 573-374-7402

22 Northeast Missouri Beekeepers Association
   1st Friday of month, 7 pm, Clark County Courthouse,
   Lower level, Kahoka (location may vary)
   (3 miles south of Wayland) Contact Randy Ewart
   573-248-5561 rewart@centurytel.net

23 Gasconade Region Beekeepers
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   Pres. Chris Bilbrey 573-692-0698 twaace01@gmail.com
   www.gasconaderegionbeekeepers@hotmail.com

24 St. Louis Beekeepers
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   www.saintlouisbeekeepers.com

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 pm, Peace Lutheran Church in Sullivan
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   Laurie Rose at laurierose1219@yahoo.com

27 Quad County Beekeepers
   1st Tuesday, 7:00 pm, Missouri Extension Office, Troy
   President Eric Reid quadcountybeekeepers.com

28 North Central MO Beekeepers Association
   1st Monday, Area Career Center, Macon, 7:00 pm
   Contact Bill George (660) 646-3354, www.ncmobees.org

29 Bees Alive
   (Springfield area)  www.beesaliveclub.com
   1st Thursday, 7pm, Empire Bank, Highlandville
   Dan Barton, dannyohboy@hotmail.com

30 Wright County Beekeepers
   2nd Thursday, Laclede Electric building, Hartville, 7 pm
   Rick Bledsoe, Contact 417-741-7466
   wrightcountybeekeepers@gmail.com

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31  Rolla Bee Club
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California, Rolla
Contact David Draker (573) 578-0561
rollabees@gmail.com  www.rollabeeclub.com

32  Swarm Chasers
% MO Dept. of Conservation,
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Contact Jason Seetin
swarmchasers@gmail.com

33  EZ Beekeeping
3rd Sunday, 2 pm, Peace Lutheran Church in Sullivan
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34  Mark Twain Beekeepers
3rd Monday, 6-8 p.m. No dues. February meeting at
Gregg Tivnan’s workshop near Bunker; call for
other months. Contacts: Terry Phelps  573-729-3333
Gregg Tivnan (573) 689-2254 or greggtivnan@yahoo.com

35  New Bee Club (as yet unnamed)
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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!

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

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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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