

Spring Meeting of the Kansas Honey Producers' Association

Friday & Saturday, March 5th & 6th

Ramada Inn, Hays Convention Center, Hays KS

3603 Vine St. (exit 159 off of I-70)

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The Kansas Honey Producers Association will hold their spring meeting in Hays Kansas on Friday and Saturday March 5th & 6th. Guest speakers will be Dr. Marion Ellis, Lincoln NE and John Talbert, Josephine TX. This meeting will include a great deal of beginning beekeeping concepts—just good old basic information and a concurrent program for more experienced beekeepers. As you can tell from the program I'm still working on the concurrent program.

The meeting will be held at the Ramada Inn at 3603 Vine St. Hays KS. 785-625-7371. Room reservations must be made by February 18th rates are \$65.00 per night. Mention the Kansas Honey Producers to get this rate.

JOHN J. TALBERT

Is the owner of Sabine Creek Honey Farm in Josephine, Texas. He grew up on a dairy farm in McLennan County near Waco. John attended UT Austin and graduated with BS in Mechanical Engineering. He's been a beekeeper since 1985. He is past President of Collin County Hobby Beekeepers Association and past President of Texas Beekeepers Association and Chairman of the TBA State Fair Booth Committee. He is Blake Shook's mentor.

Dr. Marion Ellis

Dr. Marion Ellis is a Professor and Extension Apiculturist at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. He is an incredible speaker with solid commonsense ways to keep bees.

Dori Porter is a M.S. student working under the supervision of Dr. Marion Ellis

Dori graduated from UNL May 2008, majoring in Insect Science and minoring in Biological Sciences. Dori was a past president of the Insect Science Club.

We'll have two SPECIAL activities:

1. Friday night for the buffet we'll have ice cream for dessert. Members are asked to bring **homemade ice cream toppings** to add to the buffet to share with others—hopefully you'll make them with honey. Please bring recipes to share.
2. Our contest for this meeting will be a gift package/basket contest. Friday afternoon they will be judged, using the same criteria as the state fair. **All baskets** will then be put on the silent auction on Saturday to benefit the Queen and Youth Scholarship programs.

Judging criteria: Gift Package: Items must be clearly labeled, as they would be offered for sale - except any marks identifying the entrant must be obscured or removed, or fictitious. Gift basket, if wrapped, must be able to be unwrapped for judging.

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| 1. Originality & creativity | 30 points |
| 2. Quality of products | 20 points |
| 3. Variety i.e. Other products from the hive | 30 points |
| 4. Commercial appeal | 20 points |

March 4th, Thursday night, Board Meeting 8:30 p.m. Hickok meeting room

March 5th, Friday

Cody: 7:30-8:00 Registration, silent auction set up
Cody: 8:00-8:15 Announcements, Introductions, President Jim Kellie
Cody: 8:15-9:00 **Keynote address:** Dr. Marion Ellis—Beekeeping Today— What is really going on with our bees and our beekeeping Industry.

Cody: 9:05-9:45 **History of Beekeeping**, Ron Ward
Custer: 9:05-9:45 **Promoting Your Honey Business**—Putting together a recipe or product brochure, Introducing a recipe each week and more, Becky Tipton

Cody: 9:50-10:05 **Break**, Bid on Silent auction items

Cody: 10:05-10:45 **Basic Equipment**, the essentials of what you need and the choices you'll have to make and the proper name for the equipment, Larry Coppinger
Custer: 10:05-10:45 TBA

Cody: 10:50-11:25 **Starting a Beekeeping Club in your area or improving the one you already have**, John Talbert (The Northeast KS Beekeepers Assn. has made several changes to their club based on some things we learned from John)

Cody: 11:30-12:00 **Bi-Annual Business Meeting**

Atrium 12:00-1:00 **Lunch**, Prepared lunch at the hotel, see registration form for price and to place order.

Cody: 1:00-1:45 **Putting beekeeping equipment together**, Cecil Sweeney
Custer: 1:00-1:45 TBA

Cody: 1:50-2:35 **Small Hive Beetle and African Bees**—how we deal with them in Texas, John Talbert

Cody: 2:35-2:50 Break—end of silent auction at the end of the break

Cody: 2:50-3:35 **Locating the Perfect Yard**, Ron Hopkins
Custer: 2:50-3:35 **Making your hobby into a business**, John Talbert

Cody: 3:40-4:25 **Honey Bee Biology**, Dr. Marion Ellis

Cody 4:30-5:00 **Gift Basket Judging**—members are asked to bring gift baskets to be judged and then sold on Saturday's Silent auction –the proceeds go to the Honey Queen Program and the youth scholarship program

Atrium 6:00 p.m. Dinner Buffet & Program— Bees in the mail, Marion Ellis

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Saturday, March 6th

Beginning Beekeeping Class will be held in

Cody: 8:15-8:30 Introductions, silent auction set up

Cody: 8:30-9:15 **Ways to acquire bees & installing a package of bees**, Becky Tipton
Custer 8:30-9:15 **Queen rearing for the Commercial Beekeeper**, Jim Kellie

Cody: 9:20-10:05 **Spring Management** –requeening and making nucs to control swarming and increase your hives, John Talbert

Custer: 9:20-10:05 **Making Natural & Flavored Creamed Honey and Infused Honey**, Cecil Sweeney

Cody 10:05-10:25 Break, Bid on Silent auction items

Cody 10:25-11:10 **Honey Bee Diseases and Pests**, Dr. Marion Ellis

Cody 11:15-11:25 Presentation by one of our 2009 Youth Scholarship winners Lacie Falk

Cody 11:25-11:40 **Bee Prepared**—bee stings and first aid, Ron Ward

Cody 11:40-12:00 **Beekeeping Etiquette**, Becky Tipton

Custer 11:15-12:00 **HIDI: Raising a few queens for the hobby beekeeper**, Robert Burns

Atrium 12:00-1:00 **Lunch**, Prepared lunch at the hotel, see registration form for price and to order. At the end of lunch the silent auction will end.

Cody 1:00-1:45 **Fall & Winter Management**, getting your bees through the winter, Dr. Marion Ellis

Custer 1:00-1:45 **Labeling and Packaging your products**, Beth Ward

Cody 1:50-2:35 **Integrated Pest Management**, Marion Ellis

Custer 1:50-2:35 TBA

Cody 2:35-2:50 Break

Cody 2:50-3:35 **Native Bees and their Conservation**, Dori Porter

Custer 2:50-3:35 **Giving a Presentation to the Public**, Greg Swob

Cody 3:40-4:25 **Extracting 101**—just the basics for beginners— Removing Honey from the hives, how to uncap your honey, extract it and strain it, Ron Ward

Custer 3:40-4:25 **Making Mead**, Steve Tipton

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