

**Northeastern Kansas Beekeepers Association &
The Midwestern Beekeepers Association Present
Beginner's Beekeeping Classes (2 Days)**

Sunday, March 14th, 12:30-5:30 & March 21st, 1-5:30 p.m.

For additional information call:

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Download extra registration forms & programs at nekba.org

Fees (if you have questions about the fees call us): *The registration fee is per family.*

Members who have already paid their dues - \$10.00 (includes a supplement to last year's notebook),

Members who have already paid their dues-\$30.00 includes a notebook

Non-members-\$50.00, includes a one year membership in one of the clubs & full notebook

New members will be eligible to win a starter single story hive and a 3-pound package of bees with a queen. All other registrants will be eligible to win door prizes. You must be present to win.

Each paid registration will receive one door prize ticket.

Directions to the Johnson County Fairgrounds:

I-35-exit 210 (Gardner) west to light at Elm, North to the fairgrounds

From 56 Highway to Gardner to light at Elm, North to fairgrounds

Sunday, March 14th

12:30-1:00 **Registration**

1:00-1:10 **Introductions**, Cecil Sweeney

1:10-2:10 **History of Beekeeping through Modern Day Equipment**, A brief history of beekeeping and how history leads to the equipment we use today. Our presenters will also cover the tools to use, clothing and woodware. Learn the proper names for beekeeping equipment. This presentation will give you a good idea of the equipment you have to have to keep bees. Ron Ward and Steve Tipton present

2:10-2:50 **Ways to Acquire Bees-packages, buying established hives, catching swarms.** Our speaker, Becky Tipton, will discuss all of the different ways you can get started in beekeeping from buying packages of bees, to catching swarms, to purchasing established colonies. She will also demonstrate how to install a package of bees.

2:50-3:15 **Break**, refreshments will be available.

3:20-4:05 **Honey Bee Biology**, Joli Winer will present a PowerPoint on how bees make wax, their bee body parts, how long it takes bees to develop from egg to adult and the different jobs the bees have in the hive, just the basics!

4:05-4:15 **Break**

4:15-5:00 **Seasonal Management-Spring** Getting your bees ready for the honey flow-spring management, which includes requeening your hives, feeding and making splits & supering. Steve Tipton presents this.

5:00-5:15 **Question and answer session.**

Putting Equipment together At the end of the session Michael Sinclair & Robert Burns (with the help of others) will demonstrate how to assemble the beehive that will be given away at the conclusion of the workshop on March 21st. Members of both clubs present this

Sunday, March 21st

- 1:00-1:05 **Welcome, Michael Sinclair**
- 1:05-1:55 **Seasonal Management-Late Summer and Fall** Removing your honey from the hives, fall management, includes checking your hives to make sure they have enough bees and food and getting your bees ready for winter. Cecil Sweeney presents this.
- 1:55-2:20 **Bee Diseases & Pests** The Big 5 diseases and pests will be presented—American Foulbrood, European Foulbrood, Nosema, Varroa Mites and Small Hive Beetle. This is for identification purposes only. We suggest that you attend the April program of your beekeeping association for an in depth Bee Disease and Integrated Pest Management presentation.
- 2:20-2:40 **Break**
- 2:40-3:00 **Choosing the best location for your bees and major honey plants** Joli Winer will talk about some of the local plants that make great honey crops and what to plant to increase your honey yield. She will also talk about the best place to locate your hives.
- 3:00-3:40 **Extracting Honey** Club members will demonstrate how to remove honey from your hives and uncap your honey, extract it and bottle it for sale and gifts. Ron Vivian & Glenn Davis
- 3:40-4:00 **Break**
- 4:00-4:10 **Opportunities for members of the bee clubs. Books, videos and magazines**, Presented by Becky Tipton. Becky will talk about our wonderful libraries, our Funday and our monthly meetings. She'll recommend some of the workshop "presenters" favorite books, videos/DVD and she'll encourage you to subscribe to at least one beekeeping magazine. She will also let you know about other associations such as The Kansas Honey Producer's Association and the Missouri State Beekeepers Association and more.
- 4:10-4:45 **Beekeeping Etiquette** Cathy Misko will demonstrate how to light your smoker, approach a hive, open it up and get started on your beekeeping adventure.
- 4:45-5:30 **Question and Answer Session & Drawing for door prizes**-you must be present to win, one door prize ticket per paid registration.