



Blowing Smoke

By Bob Williams, President

I hope you all had a safe and pleasant Thanksgiving Holiday with family and friends. It seems that life has really sped up to warp speed, and that folks are less tolerant of others who might present a detour or delay in their goal or direction. As the holiday season is winding up, we all try to be a little nicer to those around us and even to those people that we may never actually meet. It doesn't matter whether you are driving to a destination, working on a project or trying to teach something, there are many different routes to take, and as long as you achieve that intended goal, then you are successful. If the journey was the same for all of us, we would only need one road. Being nice, pleasant and respectful to someone is not an energy consuming activity, in fact it consumes less energy and it draws more positive energy to you.

Every time you yield to someone by letting them merge onto the roadway instead of blocking their path, wave to a driver who made a mistake instead of introducing other sign language, respectfully listen to others even when they differ from your ideas or opinions, smile, offer a handshake or give to someone with less, you are giving a piece of your heart. The heart is the only thing that I know of, that gets bigger and bigger every time you give a little piece of it away. I wish for you all, the biggest hearts in the world, for the rest of your life.

The Fall Bee Festival was held on Nov. 5th, at the Platte County Resource Center in Kansas City, MO. It featured a Beginning Beekeeping Class and an Advanced Beekeeping Workshop. It was made a great success because of the well organized and professional work of Wes and Wanda Johnston and Laura and Pete Fish. There were beekeepers from all over the state in attendance at the Advanced Beekeeping Workshop including many members from the Midwestern Beekeepers Association. I would like to extend a heartfelt "WELL DONE" to all involved.

At the November 13th General Meeting, Dr. Moneen Jones presented the Missouri Certified Master Beekeeper Program. It is a five year program, although you can test through the first two levels and shorten the time to 3-4 years.

Please join us at the December 4th, General Meeting at Bass Pro, it will be a time of fellowship and to recognize the winners of our annual awards. Midwestern Beekeepers Association will provide the appetizers, drinks, and paper goods. You are asked to bring a dessert to share. Come join us, it'll be fun!!! Have a safe and happy holiday season!!!



COMING UP Attention

We have now moved to Sunday!

DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING

SUNDAY

DECEMBER 4, 2016

Bass Pro Shop
Independence MO
2:30 PM



JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

SUNDAY

JANUARY 15, 2017

Bass Pro Shop
Independence MO
2:00 PM
Q&A Session for
Beginning Beekeepers
2:30 PM

General Meeting



In case of inclement weather on the day of a meeting, please check our website, Facebook, or call an officer.



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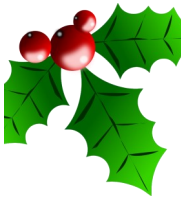
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Association



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December General Meeting
 Sunday, December 4, 2016, 2:30 PM
 Bass Pro Shop at Independence MO



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 our annual awards.

Appetizers, Drinks and Paper Goods
 provided by Midwestern Beekeepers

Please bring a dessert to share



January General Meeting
 Sunday, January 15, 2017
 Bass Pro Shop at Independence MO

Q & A Session for Beginners
 2:00 PM

General Meeting
 2:30 PM

Youth Scholarship Presentations
 Shelby Copeland and Amelia Schneider

Certificate of Ownership Awards
 Shelby Copeland and Seth McGraw
 Cathy Misko, Scholarship Chair

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**22nd Annual
 Beginning
 Beekeeping
 Workshop**

**Saturday
 February 25, 2017**

**Burr Oak Woods
 Conservation Nature
 Center
 Blue Springs MO**



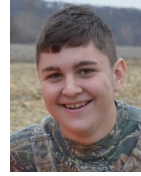
**Recipes for Winter
 Emergency Feeding**

See Midwestern Beekeepers
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Honey Plants

By Debbie DeCaigney



Basic Beekeeping

By Kyle Day

We made it thru another year. Weather is starting to turn cold and bees are trying to get their hives ready for winter. With the Holidays just around the corner now is a good time to look back on the past year and see what you can do to help your bees next year, research information to see what plants are good for your bees.

I would like anyone who would like to do Honey Plants next year to please volunteer.



Thank You!

Thank you to the retiring 2016 Officers and Committee Chairs that faithfully completed their duties for Midwestern Beekeepers.

Tom Britz

First Vice President/Programs

Wanda Johnston

Second Vice President/
Membership

Debbie DeCaigney

Honey Plants

Cathy Misko

Youth Scholarship

We sincerely appreciate your service!



Merry Christmas!

The important thing to manage through the winter is ventilation, moisture, and food. If any of the three is not managed correctly, along with cold weather, it will kill hives.

Cold, by itself, will not usually kill hives. There are a lot of people in states and countries north of us that will overwinter beehives in much colder weather than we will ever have here in Missouri. But some people still like to wrap/insulate their own hives here in Missouri; most experienced beekeepers consider it optional because though it can help during the coldest part of winter, it can become a problem during the warm parts. It is one thing you will have to try out and decide how well it works for you.

Ventilation is the process of fresh air entering the hive and stale moist air leaving the hive without letting drafts of cold wind or precipitation to enter your hive. The way I do this is having a bottom opening allowing air to come in (The hive entrance or leaving a screen bottom board slightly or fully opened depending on the hive) then adding a sugar board on top of the hive with holes drilled in it to release the air. Also if you don't use sugar boards you can take a couple Popsicle sticks and put between your inner and outer covers to release the air that way.

Next is Moisture control, this is the process of providing a rain proof "home" where the cluster is out of weather conditions and stays dry. It's also the ability for the hive to breathe (Ventilation), allowing the moist air that comes off the cluster to rise and exit the hive and not condense on the internal surfaces and drip back onto the cluster.

Throughout the winter your cluster must remain in contact with some sort of food source all winter long. Cold snaps keep a cluster tight and unable to move except up. A cluster only moving up to the top of a hive is bypassing honey stored on outside frames and ends of the frames. A cluster is usually round and unless you have a huge cluster of bees, does not fit end to end or side to side in a Langstroth box thus there is always honey not covered when the cluster is tight. If your bees reach the top of the hive, you will need to put food on the hive until the warm weather returns to us. Use fondant or moist granulated sugar to supplement your hive until warmer weather.

Winter inspections are a lot less intrusive than checking your hive any other time. If you want to see if your hive is alive simply lay your ear next to the hive and lightly tap on the side of the hive and listen for the bees to buzz. Also lifting the back of the hive will check its relative weight and give an idea on how much food to add if any at all. You can open the hive once a month on a warm day to look down through the frames to give an idea on how close the bees are to the top and to see how big the cluster is. This time of year is a good time to repair, clean and paint, build and buy new products for next season. Also it's a good time to read about other ways of beekeeping and gives you time to reflect what you did this year and what you want to try next year.





Join or Renew your 2017 Membership Missouri State Beekeepers Association

Welcome New Member

Lewis Van Deventer,
Bates City, MO



Local Resources and suppliers

See Midwestern Beekeepers Assoc.
website for a complete list.

[www.midwesternbeekeepers.org/
resources/local-resources-and-
suppliers/](http://www.midwesternbeekeepers.org/resources/local-resources-and-suppliers/)

\$10 Individual Membership

Advantages of MSBA membership include the opportunity for a unified voice in our state capital, discounts to MSBA sponsored events and conferences, as well as access to the newsletter, published every other month. With this support, we have recently been able to obtain passage of the Missouri Honey Law. Be sure your voice is heard!

<https://mostatebeekeepers.org/product/individual-membership/>



| Community America Credit Union Transactions for the Month of October 2016 | |
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| Bank Balance as of September 30, 2016 | \$ 12,701.71 |
| Total Receipts Deposited | 2,700.77 |
| Total Expenses Paid (- \$40.00 Pending) | -450.00 |
| Interest on Savings & Checking Account | .60 |
| Bank Balance as of October 31, 2016 | \$ 14,953.25 |

A complete report is available under the member's area on the website.



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| City, State, Zip _____ | Address _____ | | | |
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| Email _____ | Phone <u>(816) 392-4960</u> | | | |

MIDWESTERN Beekeepers ASSOCIATION

22nd Beginning Beekeeping Workshop Registration Form

Saturday, February 25, 2017

Registration: 8:00-9:00 AM

Workshop: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

11:30 AM-1:00 PM Lunch on your own, snacks provided

Burr Oak Woods Nature Center

1401 NW Park Rd, Blue Springs, MO 64015

(Print)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Pre-Registration required—Workshop limited to 60 individuals

Registration closed when filled or by February 18, 2017

Workshop Registration Fee: \$35 ea. _____

Fee includes presentation notes and *First Lessons in Beekeeping* by Keith S. Delaplane

Make checks payable to: **Midwestern Beekeepers Association**

Mail registration form and fees to:

Cindy Connell

365 SW 1081

Holden MO 64040

(816) 517-4357

goldwingers2004@yahoo.com

Beekeeping Suppliers will be on site to order bees and supplies



Midwestern Beekeepers Association (MBA) YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION / AGREEMENT

OBJECTIVES

- To educate youth in the art of beekeeping and to promote a better understanding of the value of honeybees to our environment and to the food chain.
- To provide an opportunity for youth to experience responsibility and enjoyment through beekeeping.
- To provide an avenue for youth to engage in an avocation and gain the potential to pursue beekeeping as a sideline or a full-time vocation.

THE AWARDS

The Youth Scholarship Award

- A two-year MBA membership.
- A beginning beekeeper seminar and textbook
- A complete set of woodenware for a beehive.
- A nucleus colony or package of bees for the hive.
- Basic beekeeping gear: hat, veil, gloves, hive tool, and bee smoker.
- Mentoring by a MBA member for one year.

The Apis Award

- A MBA membership.
- A beginning beekeeper seminar and textbook
- Mentorship sessions in an apiary with a beekeeper

ELIGIBILITY

The applicant must:

- Be between the ages of **10** and **18** by **February 1st** of the **Award Year**.
- Be a resident of Missouri.
- Be currently enrolled in public, private, or home school.
- Have permission to apply from a parent or guardian.
- Have no immediate family members that are currently beekeepers.
- Submit application (**postmarked**) to Midwestern Beekeepers Association by December 15th, 2016.

SELECTION PROCESS

- The Midwestern Beekeepers Association Youth Program Committee may arrange an interview with finalists and their parents or guardian.
- The Scholarship Committee Chair will award the scholarship and notify the applicant(s) after the MBA January General Meeting of the **Award Year**.



TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF AGREEMENT:

The recipient of *The Youth Scholarship Award* will receive the following:

- Woodenware consisting of two standard hive bodies with frames and foundation
- Bottom board, top cover, inner cover
- Two honey supers
- Queen excluder
- Feeder
- Nucleus or package of bees with queen
- Beginner's equipment to start the beekeeping project (veil/protective clothing, smoker, hive tool, bee brush)
- Beekeeping text and instruction notebook.

The recipient will also receive the additional benefits:

- A two-year MBA membership
- Mentoring by a MBA member throughout the year
- MBA assistance in extracting the first year's honey crop
- MBA beginning beekeepers workshop

The recipient *The Youth Scholarship Award* will:

- Keep a written record complete with dates, photos and other pertinent data sufficient to substantiate all progress of beekeeping experiences
- Complete two service projects during the year. Service projects may include activities such as speaking to a school class or a meeting of a youth civic organization (4-H or Scouts)
- Attend at least nine MBA club meetings
- Present a final report of activities and progress including service projects and beekeeping records
- Provide at least one State Fair entry

Note: Parents are expected to attend all activities with the student scholar.

Upon conclusion of the beekeeping year, if the scholarship recipient has met all requirements, the MBA President will present her/him a **Certificate of Ownership** and full ownership of the colony and equipment.

If, at anytime during the beekeeping year, the youth scholarship recipient has neglected to care for the bees, no longer wishes to continue in beekeeping, or has failed to meet the end of year requirements, the scholarship mentor will take custody of the hive (including bees) and all related equipment. In coordination with MBA, the scholarship mentor will move the hive.

Please attach to application a **letter of reference** from teacher, community leader, or another organization leader (4-H, FFA, Boy Scouts, or Girl Scouts).

Name of person providing reference:

Name of School _____ Grade _____

Do you know a beekeeper? Yes / No

If yes, name and address: _____ Phone _____

How did you learn of the scholarship program?

If you are awarded ***The Youth Scholarship Award***, what is the “planned address” for the location of the hive?
Hive Address:

Bee Suit Measurements:

Height _____ Weight _____ Shirt size _____ Pant Size _____

CHECK LIST:

- Full Application**
- Reference**
- Signatures / Waiver**
- Notary**
- Self-addressed stamped envelope**

Mail completed and **NOTARIZED** application, letter of recommendation, and a self addressed and stamped envelope to:

Nita Dietz
14500 East 37th Street South
Independence MO 64055
(785) 304-5905

WAIVER / BINDER

We/I understand that honey bees are unpredictable and that the applicant, participating parent or guardian, and observers risk being stung by the bees. All medical treatment is the responsibility of the applicant's parents or guardian. Special risks, including death, from allergic reaction to bee venom, are inherent for (a) persons allergic to bee stings and (b) those who do not know whether they are allergic to bee stings, when those persons practice bee-keeping, and although protective gear is being provided to the applicant, it is not a guarantee against being stung.

We/I understand that by signing this waiver I am releasing the Midwestern Beekeepers Association, its board members and officers, the beekeeping mentor and all other MBA members from any liability for all claims for damages and losses of any kind, including those arising from any accidents or mishaps which may occur to the applicant and/or the participating parent in the pursuit of this project.

We/I also understand the bee colony and equipment will be located on **owned property** of the **participating parent** or **guardian** and will remain the property of the MBA and cannot be sold, given away or destroyed during the qualifying period without the written consent of the same.

In the event that the applicant loses interest or can no longer pursue the beekeeping project, MBA will be notified and the equipment and bee colony will be returned to the same.

Upon successful completion of the qualifying term and the satisfaction of stated conditions, the recipient will be presented a *Certificate of Ownership* upon such completion of the program and receive ownership of the beehive and related equipment.

PARENTAL CONSENT

I _____ am (applicant) _____ parent or guardian. She/he is not known to be allergic to bee stings and has my permission to accept this scholarship if chosen.

Parent/Guardian: What do you feel the applicant can gain from this program?

Do you feel you can support and encourage the applicant in this effort?

Does anyone in your immediate family have bees? _____ If so, who?

Signatures below indicate agreement with the above terms and requirements.

SIGNATURES

Applicant Date Parent/Guardian Date

State of _____

County of _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____ in the year _____.

Notary Public



2017 MIDWESTERN BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

PLEASE CHECK ONE: RENEWAL NEW MEMBERSHIP

www.midwesternbeekeepers.org

MEMBER'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Please consider receiving your Beeline* by email to help control the cost of printing and postage.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE THE BEELINE BY: EMAIL MAIL

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP: \$15 _____

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP: \$18 _____

YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP DONATION: _____

TOTAL: _____

Do you have special skills or interests to offer the association?

Make checks payable to: **Midwestern Beekeepers Association**

Mail to: 401 NW Heady Avenue
Ferrelview, MO 64163-1413

Questions: wj@kc.rr.com or 816-392-4960 (Wanda Johnston)

Note: To Join the State Association (**Missouri State Beekeepers Association**, MoStateBeekeepers.org), Membership Fees can be paid by Pay Pal or mailed directly to: Missouri State Beekeepers Association, c/o Wanda Johnston, 401 NW Heady Avenue, Ferrelview, MO 64163

*Beeline is the our monthly newsletter



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General Meeting

Sunday, December 4th, 2016

2:30 PM

Bass Pro Shop

Independence MO

Please bring a dessert to share

**Youth Scholarship Applications
due December 15, 2016**

Midwestern Beekeepers Association 2017 Calendar

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|--------------------|--------------------------------------|
| January 15, 2017 | General Meeting at Bass Pro, 2:30 pm |
| February 19, 2017 | General Meeting at Bass Pro, 2:30 pm |
| March 19, 2017 | General Meeting at Bass Pro, 2:30 pm |
| April 23, 2017 | General Meeting at Bass Pro, 2:30 pm |
| May 21, 2017 | General Meeting at Bass Pro, 2:30 pm |
| June 18, 2017 | General Meeting at Bass Pro, 2:30 pm |
| July 16, 2017 | General Meeting at Bass Pro, 2:30 pm |
| August, 2017 | Picnic, TBD |
| September 17, 2017 | General Meeting at Bass Pro, 2:30 pm |
| October 15, 2017 | General Meeting at Bass Pro, 2:30 pm |
| November 19, 2017 | General Meeting at Bass Pro, 2:30 pm |
| December, 2017 | Christmas Social, TBD |