



The Buzz



September 2017



This quilt will go home with someone with the wisdom to buy Raffle Tickets.

A second, similar quilt will be auctioned off. Proceeds go to IHPA.

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IHPA members,

First, those of you who missed our summer field day in Toddville, you missed ONE GREAT DAY in beekeeping. Eve, you did a spectacular job! Erin Miller, Shane Bixby--I thank you for bringing this place to the attention of the IHPA. A GREAT PLACE FOR A FIELD DAY! So now where from here? Well, we are talking to folks in Dordt College in Sioux Center, (northwest part of the state) to possibly have field day there. There are many beekeepers up in that area and the facility is capable of handling a lot of people. (2017 IHPA Field Day attendance was over 100.) Lots of people is great, but we have to find a place big enough and fits our needs.

I was invited to a summer Field Day at Dordt College just after our summer Field Day. This meets our needs and has capacity for lots of people. There are some real positives that are going to be looked at closely.

After a wonderful day in the field, I was asked to go see the display at the Plymouth County fair just a few miles down the road. I did, and our queen Carly Raye and her mom CarolAnn joined me. We took a look at a wonderful display by the Siouxland Beekeepers Club, complete with an observation hive where bees were able to fly outside. My hat comes off to the Siouxland Beekeepers. Nice display. I mentioned Queen Carly and her mom Carol, I spent some time with them at the fair, and I have to say we have a great queen. It was a very nice couple hours with the two of them. SPECTACULAR PEOPLE. (Carly thought the helicopter ride would have been fun.)

I found a new interest we must continue at Field Days--Camping Friday night before and the Saturday night after. We had several people camp out at Toddville for our Summer Field Day. It was a very nice time around the fire telling bee stories and getting to know each other. So, I must say the camping facility at Sioux Center is top notch with hookups and a nice bath house. We will advertise this more as it develops. Keep camping in mind at next year's summer Field Day.

The Annual Meeting is just around the corner, so do you have that room booked yet? We have TOP speakers coming. Looking at the Buzz last month, it is going to be worth every penny going to this one. Since I mentioned cost, we are spending more than I thought we would have to at this facility. Yes we are all trying to control cost but it's not easy to do. I do feel with the speakers that are coming more than make up for some added cost.

I have mentioned before that I will not run again as president. I have enjoyed being the leader of this wonderful association and truly treasure my friends I have a met and more I'm sure I will meet. I have several people in mind I feel would make a great president. I will be starting to approach these people. The job includes a lot of speaking and organizing and overseeing, you can say, that I do. I don't give this justice. I turn down 5 to 1 that I do. I simply struggle with the time it takes. I hate that. I love to talk about bees and I have no problem speaking. It's just a time thing. Am I talking about you? Trust me, if Roy Kraft figured out a way to be president for two years, why can't you? I almost flunked out of my freshman year in high school. Talk to some of my teachers and their mouths drop about me. Like doing this writing every month. Literature I flat failed and English was not much better. (Editor Ron makes me look real good here.) But writing a column for a monthly paper--Roy Kraft? people in Goldfield don't believe it. I guess what I'm saying is coming out of the comfort zone is a tremendous experience when you are ready for it. I guess I was ready for that and didn't even know it. I have a short night and a long day tomorrow. I have to hit the bunk and get some zzz's. More next month. Good night.
Roy Kraft, IHPA President

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More Speaker Bios—Annual Meeting

Please refer to the August Buzz for the bios of Dr. Dennis vanEngelsdorp, Marion Ellis, and Rhonda Flemming Hayes. As the Annual Meeting draws nearer, we are adding more speakers to the roster. The Annual Meeting in Oskaloosa will likely be one of the best events ever—be sure to be there! Here are two more speakers:



Tim Olsen, who grew-up near Windom, Minnesota, graduated from the University of Minnesota and then worked as a County Extension Agent in both Minnesota and New York State. Following graduation from Seminary, as a second career clergy, he served churches in Iowa for several years. Returning to Minnesota, Olsen worked for Sioux Falls Seminary. A special project at the Seminary led him to create the nonprofit, Ground Works-Midwest that specializes in school teaching garden programs, and youth health summer camp programs in the tristate area. Olsen is a U of M Extension Master Gardener, and County Fair and State Fair 4-H judge.

A beekeeper with seven years of beekeeping experience, Olsen is President and education coordinator of the Northwest Iowa Beekeepers Association. He manages 25 bee colonies at six bee yards in the Luverne, Minnesota area.

Dr. Matt O'Neal is an Associate Professor in Entomology at Iowa State University, with research and teaching responsibilities related to pest management with a focus on soybean production. Before coming to ISU, he received his MS in Entomology at the University of Illinois working with Dr. Mike Gray. He received his PhD at Michigan State University where he was advised by Drs. Chris DiFonzo and Doug Landis.

In 2004, he arrived at ISU and developed a research program focused on the biology and management practices for the soybean aphid. During this time he has studied several approaches to soybean aphid management, including the use of foliar and seed-applied insecticides, various biological control agents and aphid-resistant soybeans. His work includes studies of how conservation can improve the delivery of ecosystem services, like pest regulation and pollination.

Currently, Matt is collaborating with several scientists at ISU to determine the impact of IPM and conservation practices on pollinators that use soybean as a forage.

In addition to research, Dr. O'Neal teaches several classes to undergraduate and graduate students at ISU on the topic of entomology and pest management. He is also chair of the Graduate Program in Sustainable Agriculture. In his free time, he co-hosts the 'Soybean Pest Podcast' with Dr.



Are mites the whole story?

I am a veterinarian that started raising bees to fulfill one of the things on my bucket list. It has been both a rewarding and frustrating experience. Last season I had 11-12 hives/nucs to go into winter. By the first snowfall, all were dead except one. The experts told me it was mites. I checked for mites until I took honey supers off. They tell me we had an exponential growth of mites after that. What caused this exponential growth. There has to be a reason. Sometimes when confronted with a problem, you need to think outside the box! My question is, "What came first, the chicken or the egg?"

Being a veterinarian, I understand the host/parasite relationship and have seen it first hand in multiple species. When organisms do not get the proper nutrition it makes them more susceptible to infections and/or parasite infestation. I ask again, "What came first, the chicken or the egg?"

I am thoroughly convinced that insecticides and herbicides have more to do with our bee problems than the "experts" lead us to believe. I don't know if they truly don't understand how these chemicals are negatively affecting our environment and our health or they don't chose to make waves because of all the research dollars coming into the Universities.

I don't profess to have all the answers to these problems but would like to bring to light some facts about one of the most common herbicides used today in agriculture. That herbicide is glyphosate, brand name--Roundup.

This was originally patented as a chelating agent in 1964. As such, it was used as a descaling agent to clean calcium and other mineral deposits in pipes and boilers of residential and commercial hot water systems. It chelates (ties up) iron, calcium, magnesium, manganese, and boron. Every one of these minerals are involved in the metabolic pathway for energy production. Do your bees act like they not getting enough to eat? In 1969 it was patented as a herbicide by tying up the minerals involved in energy production, thereby starving the plant of energy and killing it.

In 2004 it was patented as an anti-microbial. Not only does it kill beneficial soil micro-organisms such as mycorrhizae which helps decompose crop residue, but only 0.1 ppm inhibits normal gut flora in living organisms such as bees and livestock. 70-80% of an organism's immune system depends on a healthy and robust intestinal microflora.

When the bees are inhibited from making energy and their intestinal microflora is reduced from the effects of glyphosate, is it any wonder mites and viruses find a new home to live? I was told early in my career that "if you're standing in the middle of Iowa and hear hoof beats, DON'T THINK ZEBRAS ARE COMING!

The good news is that I have figured out how to replace tied up minerals and intestinal microflora for about 5.5 cents/gallon of sugar solution. I also put a gallon of



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treated water on top of a hive in the apiary. The jury is still out, but two mite checks resulted in zero mites found. It appears to take a while for the nutrition to make a clinical difference. This is the same thing we find in livestock.

Prevention is 1000 times better than treatment. If we have to treat, that means that something has already broken down and let our bees be susceptible to mites and viruses.

Bruce Rafoth DVM, Earlville, Iowa 563-608-1675

2017 North American Mite-A-Thon

Saturday, September 9th to Saturday September 16th will mark the First Annual North American Mite-A-Thon. Pollinator Partnership is sponsoring this event to raise awareness about varroa infestation. Your results can be uploaded to www.mitecheck.com. Shane and I invite you to join us and Bee a Part of this important event.

Many articles are written on the importance of checking for mites and I wanted to give everyone detailed instructions (see these instructions here and there throughout this issue) how to perform a mite test and what the resulting numbers mean. Given this information everyone should have the needed knowledge to participate in this year's Mite-A-Thon. We recommend an Alcohol wash test; we believe it is the most effective way to test. Although we have included directions for a Sticky Board test and we find it beneficial in providing feedback on the effectiveness of mite treatments, we don't recommend this method for your initial test.

We would like everyone to also report their results of the Mite-A-Thon to their IHPA district director. This information will be tallied and given to our State Apiarist Andy Joseph for further review. Your district directors are listed on the back of the Buzz, along with their emails. It will take everyone working together to save our bees. If you need further information regarding Varroa mites and treatment options please contact your district directors. Erin Miller – Master Beekeeper and Shane Bixby – District 2 Director

Powder Sugar Roll Mite Test--You will need a quart glass/plastic jar with a #8 hardware screen lid and 2 tablespoons of powdered sugar, and a white bucket or container

Remove a ½ cup (approximately 300) bees from a brood frame and drop them into your jar with the powder sugar. *It is important not to remove your queen from the hive!

Gently Roll/shake jar to coat the bees with the powder sugar, then set the jar in the shade for 2 minutes to allow the mites to dislodge.

Hold the jar upside down over the bucket, shake vigorously up and down for 1 minute. Shaking will dislodge the mites enabling them to fall through the screen lid into your bucket so you can get a mite count.

Count the number of mites you find at the bottom of the bucket. You may wish to dissolve the sugar with water before counting.

Most bees will survive this test and will be less than happy when released. Return the sample of bees to their colony. Be careful.

You will need to divide your mite count by 3 to get the number of mites per 100. Example: Mite count is 12. $12/3=4$ Your mite count is 4 per 100. --> next column-->

IHPA Awards

If you know of somebody the IHPA should recognize during the Annual Meeting in November, please contact Curt Bronnenberg at [\(515\) 480-6075](tel:5154806075). Send nominations to cbronny823@aol.com

or Curt Bronnenberg, 14405 Hull Ave, Perry IA 50220. A brief written description of the nominee's involvement in beekeeping/IHPA would be appreciated.

Here are the categories. See if someone you know should have an award.

Lifetime Membership Award

Pioneer Award--for having been involved in beekeeping for 50 years or more and still active in beekeeping.

Distinguished Service Award--for assisting other beekeepers, being willing to share information, and/or serving the state association.

Education Award--for teaching beekeeping classes, speaking at service clubs, giving presentation to school children or speaking about beekeeping on radio or T.V.

Promotions Award--for promoting honey and beekeeping, promotions for the state association or promoting their own product.

Friendship Award--for being a friend of the association. This could be someone who has displayed at the annual IHPA trade show or a state official who has assisted or encouraged beekeeping. They do not need to be a member of our beekeeping community.

Youth Award--for a young person who has shown commendable involvement in such things as helping at the state or county fair, successfully keeping bees for at least one

Alcohol Wash Test

The most effective way to conduct a mite count is with the use of alcohol unfortunately this method will kill your sample.

Testing Steps: You will need a quart glass/plastic jar with a #8 hardware screen lid and alcohol, and a white bucket or container. Remove approximately 300 bees from your hive. Bee sample should be taken from a brood frame. Be very careful not to remove the Queen. 300 bees are around ½ cup or 2 finger widths in the mason jar. Pour enough alcohol into the jar to cover your bees. Swirl the jar to ensure the bees are well coated. Shake 10-12 times over your container so you can perform your mite count. You will need to divide your mite count by 3 to get the number of mites per 100.



Recipes with Emma Jakes

Wow, summer is almost over and school is getting ready to start. It seems like this summer has just flown by! Since school is almost here or has already started for some, and apple season is in full swing, I thought it would be fun to do a quick breakfast treat and a nice fall themed cake.

Breakfast Granola:

2 ½ cups quick oats	2 cups old fashion oatmeal
1 cups brown sugar	1 cup wheat germ
2/3 cup honey	2/3 cup canola oil
¼ teaspoon cinnamon	2 teaspoons vanilla
½ teaspoon salt	¼ cup chopped pecans
¼ cup slivered almonds	1/8 cup sesame seeds
½ cup flax	

Mix dry ingredients. Sprinkle over honey, oil, and vanilla. Mix. Pour into 3-4 shallow pans. Bake at 200 degrees for 30-60 minutes. Stir granola every 10 minutes while baking. Store in airtight container when cool.

Note: This recipe was created by Lyman Marshall, a local bee club scholarship winner in 2010, and has received numerous awards at the county and state fair and a special award sponsored by the Iowa Machine Shed.

The granola was quick to mix up and pretty easy to make. It took me about 30 minutes to make it and then another 40 minutes to bake it. It makes a great snack or breakfast. I have used it in yogurt and eaten it plain. Try adding dried fruit or chocolate chips (they will melt while in the oven) for a special flair!

Honey Applesauce Cake:

2 ½ cup sifted flour	1 teaspoon baking soda
½ teaspoon salt	1 teaspoon cinnamon
½ teaspoon cloves	1 cup raisins
1 cup chopped nuts	1 cup honey
1 egg, well beaten	½ cup shortening
1 cup thick applesauce	

Sift 2 cups flour with soda, salt, and spices. Mix remaining flour with raisins and nuts. Cream shortening with honey until fluffy. Add egg and beat thoroughly. Add sifted dry ingredients alternately with applesauce, beating well after each addition. Blend in flour raisins and nuts. Pour into 8" x 8" greased pan or in a 10" tube pan, and bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes.

I made this cake for a family get-together, and everyone said it was delicious! The cake took a little longer than 45 minutes to get fully done, but it was well worth the wait. Also try adding a cinnamon honey icing for a delicious addition!

WANTED ... YOU!

It's rare when people beat down the door of non-profit organization to serve on their board, especially when it's an unpaid position. In fact, it's probably easier to get money from some folks than it is to get them to donate their time. Yes, everyone is busy and there are always excuses. I know many of us are over committed and looking to scale down; there's only so many hours in a day. Come talk to me! Then there are those who are committed to a cause and passionate about making a difference - they step up to the plate for board service. Society and the Iowa Honey Producers Association needs more of these people! Can we count on you?

Our current **President**, Roy Kraft, has served on the IHPA board for three terms, two years as president and one year as vice president. He knows the ins and outs of this organization well. He has decided to pass the torch on in order to spend more time in his bee yard and some other diversion having do with a watercraft. Before he departs, he deserves a big round of applause and a standing ovation. Not one to simply disappear, Roy has a lot of experience to share and believes the next president will inherit an organization well positioned for a growing membership.

I am stepping down as **Vice President** to explore other opportunities. Serving in this role has been a very big learning experience. My organizational skills have been my biggest asset and hopefully you have benefited from my many hours sitting at a computer. My eyes need rest.

We will also have a couple of **District Director** positions which will open up requiring as much time and energy into the directorship as you can muster. Additionally, Eric Kenoyer will leave his role as **Youth Coordinator** to focus his efforts more towards expanding and maintaining the IHPA website. Eric has built upon and enhanced the youth coordinator role and is committed to a smooth transition for the incoming coordinator.

We are asking you to consider serving in one of these open positions. Here's the qualities we are looking for (not just someone with a pulse):

- Passion for beekeeping
- Willingness to commit time for board meetings, committee meetings, planning sessions and/or special events
- Team player – works well in group
- Someone who listens well and contributes effectively

Of course if you have an interest to serve in another board position, we welcome all candidates. All talents are needed and will be considered.

As humans, we tend to complain about things when we're not 100% satisfied, me included. What may be a great idea to me may sound like an awful one to you. My point is that no one person can be satisfied 100% of the time. Life just doesn't work that way. But if you want to make a difference in this organization, this is your time to shine. As a member of the IHPA you have the right to run for a

position and you are able to vote for those you feel most qualified to serve. Your involvement counts and is valued.

If you would like to learn more about these open positions or are interested in running for a board position, please contact Roy Kraft or me. We would love to explore ideas on how best you can serve. Contact information for us both can be found on the back of The Buzz.

Below is useful information from the IHPA By-laws. For a full listing of the By-laws, please visit the IHPA website.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. The officers of this Association shall be a president, a vice-president, secretary, treasurer and historian. There will also be seven directors, one of which will be the immediate past president. All officers will hold office for one year and be elected at large from the State of Iowa. Each officer or director shall be 21 years of age or older. Six directors shall be elected, three each year for two year terms. The immediate past president shall remain as a director until the election of another president. The six directors, excluding the past president, shall be elected, one from each district of Iowa, with these districts corresponding to the six 1990 U.S. Congressional Districts*. All officers and directors shall be elected by the general membership present at the annual meeting.

*refers to a map of the 1990 U. S. Congressional Districts

Eve Vander Broek, IHPA Vice President

Hotel California? No, Hotel Oskaloosa!

Would you head out on vacation to San Francisco and not book a hotel in advance? That may have been the modus operandi in the 70's and 80's but in this day and age you'd be betting on your luck to find something in your price range and hope it wasn't the Bates Motel. Fortunately for the IHPA Annual Meeting and Conference we have blocks of rooms at two nice hotels: The EverSpring Inn & Suites (Tel: 641-676-6000) and The Super 8 (tel: 641-673-8481). Rooms are filling up and I would hate for you to miss this event because you failed to book a room. Even if you're not 100% sure you can attend, book a room anyway because you can cancel up to 24 hours prior to arrival. Of course if you'd rather wait until the last minute, that's up to you. Just remember, come October I'll have other things to occupy my time and will not be able to help you find a place to lay your head. I was responsible to visit the hotels and organize blocks of rooms; you are responsible to make your reservations. Yes, there are other rooms available in Oskaloosa and in Pella just 15 miles away but blocks of rooms are only available at the two mentioned above. Should I learn these two hotels are completely full, I will then look into to blocking rooms at another hotel, most likely in Pella. I would keep you updated via the IHPA website and in the next edition of The Buzz. My recommendation: Save yourself the frustration and book a room today!

Eve Vander Broek, IHPA Vice President

105th Iowa Honey Producers Association Conference and Annual Meeting November 10 -11, 2017 Gateway Church of the Nazarene - Oskaloosa, Iowa



Keynote Speakers include Marion Ellis and Dennis vanEngelsdorp
(See more details in The Buzz newsletter or online at www.iowahoneyproducers.org)

Friday and Saturday -- Registration: 8:00 AM -- Conference/Annual Meeting: 8:30 AM
Friday -- Queen Luncheon - Noon -- Social Hour - 5:00 PM -- Banquet - 6:15 PM
Saturday -- Meet the Board & Directors Luncheon - Noon

Please print legibly!

Name: _____ No. of colonies: _____
Address: _____ Years in Beekeeping: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Phone: _____ County: _____
E-mail Address: _____

DEADLINE FOR PRE-REGISTRATION IS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31ST ** NO EXCEPTIONS **

If you can only attend one day, no discounts are offered. No refunds given after November 1st.
**** Pre-registration received by October 31st will be entered into a drawing for 2 free banquet meals! ****

Conference and Annual Meeting Fees:

INDIVIDUAL:
Registration **BEFORE** October 31st - \$35 / **AFTER** October 31st - \$40 \$ _____

COUPLE /FAMILY:
Registration **BEFORE** October 31st - \$45 / **AFTER** October 31st - \$50 \$ _____

QUEEN LUNCHEON – Friday Noon (pre-registration **required**) (Orange glazed pork roast)
Number of tickets (per adult) _____ x \$14.00 \$ _____
Number of tickets (per child 4-12 years) _____ x \$10.00 \$ _____

BANQUET – Friday at 6:15 PM Banquet Keynote Speaker – Dennis vanEngelsdorp
Number of tickets (per adult) _____ x \$ 24.00 \$ _____
Number of tickets (per child 4-12 years) _____ x \$ 17.00 \$ _____

MEET THE BOARD & DIRECTORS LUNCHEON – Saturday Noon (pre-registration required)
Number of tickets (per person) (Box lunch - drink extra) x \$8.00 \$ _____
Sandwich options offered will be smoked dried beef, smoked ham and roasted turkey

2018 MEMBERSHIP DUES
IHPA membership dues (includes subscription to "The Buzz" newsletter) \$20.00 \$ _____
2nd Family membership w/same address - Name - _____ \$ 5.00 \$ _____
3rd Family membership w/same address - Name - _____ \$ 5.00 \$ _____

TOTAL DUE: \$ _____

Return this completed form along with payment to: Rhonda Heston, IHPA Treasurer
Check payable to Iowa Honey Producers Association 52735 187th Avenue
Your cancelled check will serve as your confirmation Chariton, IA 50049

**** REMEMBER TO BOOK YOUR HOTEL – ROOMS WILL GO QUICKLY – DETAILS ON THE WEBSITE ****

Event questions can be directed to Eve Vanden Broek, VP IHPA at: mrstheo@iowatelecom.net or 515-491-6760

Let's Get Serious About the Annual Meeting and Conference

The Summer Field Day has come and gone and now it's time to get serious about the Annual Meeting and Conference. The event will be held **November 10 and 11 at the Gateway Church of the Nazarene in Oskaloosa, Iowa**. If you are a new member to the Iowa Honey Producers Association, this is the organization's annual meeting where honeybee experts are brought to Iowa to educate us in their field of expertise. We also learn about the state of Iowa's honeybees from the state apiarist, and we sprinkle in a few additional talks by others who do honeybee research or who have honeybees or products of the hive near and dear to their heart. Vendors will be on hand to sell you the latest products or those tools you can't live without, and we feature cooking, photo and hive-painting contests. Curious about the history of the Iowa Honey Producers Association? We've got that covered. We'll have a table where you can read what has been happening in Iowa for nearly a hundred years. We'll also elect a new Iowa Queen, celebrate the honeybee in grand style as we come together for a Friday night banquet, and present awards to those beekeepers so deserving of recognition. And if all that is not enough, you can fill your car up with items from the ever-popular silent auction or bid on one-of-a-kind items at the Queen auction following the banquet. Last I forget, you could walk away with one of two honeybee quilts.

If you have been to one of these gatherings, you know first-hand how valuable it is to attend. It's a great opportunity to learn about what is new in the beekeeping industry and talk with beekeepers from around our state and beyond our borders. Regardless of your level of experience, there will be something for you. It's a fun event. It's an educational event. It's a great exchange of ideas and an event that is put together especially for you.

Guest speakers this year include Dennis vanEngelsdorp, Marion Ellis, Rhonda Flemming Hayes, Andy Joseph, Tim Olson, and others. Read speaker bios in this edition of The Buzz.

Remember, there are only so many hotel rooms available. If you haven't yet booked your room, putting it off another month or two may find you scrambling for a place to lay your head at the last minute. Check out the website for hotel options and room rates.

Eve Vanden Broek, IHPA Vice President



NEW
For the 2017 Iowa Honey
Producers Association Annual
Meeting & Conference in
November

It's a Honey

Here's how it works...

YOU bring a 1 lb. jar of your IOWA HONEY - labeled and in the container of your choice - drop off at the registration table at the event. You will be asked to fill out a 3 x 5 card with your name and the county from where the honey was collected. If you attend from another state, the same rules will apply but include your state. Yes, you can swap more than one jar. No store bought honey, please.

You will receive a ticket for each jar you provide. On both days (afternoon) you will turn in your ticket(s) for an equal number of jars at the swap.

Honey will be displayed for all to see.

Join in the fun ... Show off your honey ...
Taste new honey from around our great state!

Participation is easy and as near to free as you can get!



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2017 IHPA Annual Meeting Contest Rules

Contest will be Friday, November 10th, 2017. Entries need to be in place by 10:00 a.m.

This year there will NOT be a Mead Contest. Due to the facility we are using, no alcoholic beverages will be on premises.

Rules for the Cooking contest: ~Honey is to be the only sweetener. ~Please submit your recipe with your entry. ~Contest coordinator will keep recipes to be included in the "Buzz" newsletter. ~Your name needs to be on the back of the recipe card. ~Bring enough samples for judging as well as tasting at the afternoon break on Friday.

This year the 1st place in each of the below 6 Categories will receive their choice of a Single Admission Ticket for either the 2018 Annual Meeting OR 2018 Summer Field Day. This needs to be determined when picking up their containers from the contest area.

*Must win the category, so that means 2 or more people need to enter a category.

*Can only enter 1 category item (for example: you cannot enter a soup plus a main dish because they are in the same category).

*The above rules will be waived if you enter 3 or more categories.

*Example #1: Jodi enters Category 2 (Breakfast; Main Dishes; Soups) but is the only category she entered and is the only one who entered that category, she is then only eligible to win a Blue ribbon and no other prizes.

*Example #2: Jodi enters Category 1, 3, 6 because she has entered 3 categories but was the only one entered into category 6, she is then eligible to receive the 1st place prize being the 2018 Summer Field day pass OR 2018 Annual Meeting pass.

*Only one 1st place prize (2018 Summer Field day pass OR 2018 Annual meeting pass will be given even if you place 1st in other categories.) **Categories** to be submitted will include: 1. Breads/Jams and Jellies 2. Breakfast/Main Dishes/Soups 3. Candies/Cookies/Brownies/Bars/Desserts/Cakes/Pies 4. Fruits/Salads/Vegetables 5. Snacks/Appetizers/Beverages (Non-Alcoholic) 6. This 'n That Edibles BBQ and other sauces, dressings, marinades Honey Butters Fruit Dips Ice Cream/sorbets/fudge pops

*Note: Frostings and icings need to be included on a cake so will not be part of this category.

Entries will be judged on: ~Presentation of entry. ~Best use of honey. ~Amount of honey used (compared to other entries in the category). ~Flavor of entry. ~Overall appearance of entry. (Judges reserve the right to determine how to best judge the entries).

First (Blue), Second (Red) and Third (White) place ribbons will be given in each category. The 1st place prize for the Cooking Contest per category is going to be a 2018 Summer Field Day pass OR 2018 Annual Meeting pass. **Remember only non-alcoholic entries this year!!!**

Rules for the Judged Photo Contest:

~Photo must be matted but not framed.
~Any size photo will be accepted for this competition. ~Your name needs to be on the backside of the photo. ~Must be a Honey Bee, not a Bumblebee or native Iowa Bee. ~Photo contest will be judged by the Annual Meeting participants as a whole.

Categories to be submitted will include 1. Bee on a flower. 2. General beekeeping. 3. Marketing or promotion. 4. Extracting Honey or Specific Photos pertaining to Honey.

First (Blue), Second (Red) and Third (White) place ribbons will be given in each category. The 1st place prize per category for Photo Contest is going to be a Digital Picture Frame with Flash Drive.

Rules for Hive Body Paint Design Contest: ~There are two categories: *Adult (16 years of age or older) *Youth (15 years of age or younger) ~Your name needs to be written on paper provided in the contest room. ~The use of stenciling is not allowed. ~Hand painted design to cover a minimum of one side of the hive body. ~Theme of your choice.

First (Blue), Second (Red) and Third (White) place ribbons will be given in each category. The 1st place prize per category for Hive Body Paint Design Contest is going to be a \$30.00

Sweet Autumn Clematis / *Clematis paniculata* *Clematis terniflora* (Hardy Zones 4-9) by Shiela Weldon



There are few plants that produce more flowers over the course of several weeks than vigorous, sweet autumn clematis. There's no confusion regarding this plant's reliability as a late summer through early fall blooming vine. It blooms on current year's

growth and begins a profuse display of fragrant, creamy-white, bisexual or functionally unisexual flowers in late summer, on fast growing vines up to 20 feet long. When planting any Clematis, remember the plant likes its "feet" cool and in the shade. I've sometimes placed a large rock or potted plant near the base to give it that needed shade for the roots. Make sure the plant has something to climb as it reaches for the sun. While researching this plant, I read that it's possible for some late season bloomers to flower again during the growing season by cutting the vine by one-half after the main bloom period. I'm anxious to try it on at least one of our vigorous vines this year. The following image reflects *terniflora* (non-native) with smooth leaves though on young plants the leaves may be toothed. There's another vine that is very similar to Autumn Clematis and that is **Virgin's Bower, *Clematis virginiana***, that's native to this country. It too, is honey bee friendly and **hardy to zones 3-9**. There is little to distinguish the two plants. It may bloom a little earlier than the Autumn Clematis, so I'm thinking for those of us with space it might be another vine to consider planting thereby extending the forage period. Please note that nurseries may sell both plants with the same common name.



Let's Go Clubbing

As I look at the back of the July edition of The Buzz Newsletter, I note **Iowa boasts 14 beekeeping clubs**. Have you looked at the list of clubs lately? Just five years ago there were only ten clubs listed on the back page of the newsletter. A new club is added in this issue—Tama County Beekeepers. What does this tell you? It's a sign of the times. More and more people are taking beekeeping courses and getting involved with honeybees. Once involved, those new beekeepers look for ways to get connected with other beekeepers to learn more, seek advice and share experiences. Where do they go? They look for a local beekeeping club. While there may be at least 15 clubs in our state, some beekeepers drive miles to attend club meetings. Do you know a handful of beekeepers in your county or the combination of a few counties? Have you thought about starting a club in your neck of the woods? How do you get started? What is involved? Do you have to have officers? Do you need to become a non-profit? Do you need to charge a membership fee? Whom do you contact for speakers? Where can you meet? How often should you meet? Yes, the creation of a beekeeping club can be a bit daunting, but not impossible. At the 2016 Annual Meeting and Conference, Ron assembled an impromptu meeting on Saturday morning to discuss this very topic. That meeting was well received and proved there is a need to help people connect. If you have an interest to start a club in your area, **please join Ron Saturday, November 11 at 7:30 a.m.** at the church where you'll have an hour to get the scoop. Ron will answer your questions and provide tips and advice. Be sure someone from your club attends. Who knows, maybe next year Ron will have to devote an entire page to list all of Iowa's beekeeping clubs!

Eve Vanden Broek, IHPA Vice President

Queen Auction

It's time to be thinking about donating to the actions at the Annual Meeting. Anything you have that would be of interest to the membership is welcome. Some will be auctioned off live, some will go on the silent auction. Proceeds from the auction go to help fund the Iowa Honey Queen as she travels our state attending various events. Thanks in advance for bringing auction items to Oskaloosa in November.

Connie Bronnenburg, Honey Queen Program Chair

Have you all gone to the post office and bought some of the new pollinator stamps? Put them on all your mail with pride!

2017 Iowa Honey Producer's Quilts

Hello Everyone! This year's Two Iowa Honey Producers' quilts are very similar; they both have a center panel with flowers, birdhouse and bees flying around. The blocks around the panels were all created by IHPA members. I would like to take this time and thank everyone for helping make the blocks for the TWO Iowa Honey Producers' quilts this year. Roz Hemberger from Forest City quilted both of the quilts again this year and did a fabulous job. Thank you Roz for offering your quilting services to this association. The first quilt will be available for Raffle. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00, and the tickets will be available for purchase at the Registration Table at the Annual meeting or you may contact Rhonda Heston (indicate that you want to purchase Raffle Tickets for the 2017 Quilt). The second quilt will be sold at the Iowa Honey Producer's Annual Meeting, November 10th during the Banquet. Remember all proceeds go back to the Iowa Honey Producers' Queen Program for both quilts. Are you ready to sew again? Fabric has been purchased and packets for the 2018 quilt will be available at the Registration Table at the Annual meeting. I am looking forward to receiving your blocks back and putting the quilt together for 2018. Thank you again to everyone who participated this past year with quilt blocks, quilting, etc. Looking forward to bee-ing creative in 2018.

Jodi Kraft

News from District # 4--Doyle Kincy

We have finished our honey harvest the first week of August. I was happy with a 85-90 # per production hive average. The rural hives were about ½ of what the urban hives produced this year. The rural hives have done better in the past years, but for some reason not this year.

The State Fair is now behind us. Thanks to Heidi, Connie and all the volunteers that worked so hard to put on a great booth to represent the Iowa Honey Producers. Also thanks to all who entered their products into the Apiary competition.

Once you get those honey supers off, be sure and check for mites. The sooner the better in getting those mite treatments on and having young, healthy bees making up the winter cluster. Make sure each colony has enough stores before the cold weather hits to get them through a typical Iowa winter.

The Annual Meeting will be here shortly. Get your registration info in to Rhonda. It looks to be another great meeting this year in Oskaloosa.

See you there!

Mentors Needed – Let’s Get You On The List!

Back in January I spelled out my five beekeeping resolutions for 2017. My 5th resolution was to “Pay it Forward” – to take on the role as a mentor. That role began in December 2016. While the year is not yet over, my role as a mentor to Rebekkah Weers continues. We successfully installed Rebekkah’s package in April and today is thriving at seven boxes tall, following two location moves. She and her dad, Lee, installed a swarm on their own a few weeks later which also has topped at seven stories. Rebekkah recognized the poor brood pattern in a third hive and decided the queen must die. The hive re-queened itself and is thriving. She has started a couple of nucs and most recently we tested for mites – we didn’t find any but we each sustained a sting. “We’re beekeeping!” I told her. How is your mentoring relationship progressing? What have you learned?

In June, I penned an article about what it means to be a mentor and briefly described what is involved for both the mentor and student. I bring up the topic of mentoring up once again because the need for dedicated and patient mentors is needed for our 2018 youth scholarship recipients. Yes, that’s months down the road but if it isn’t at the forefront of our minds today, we’ll end up scrambling to find mentors at the annual meeting and that’s no way to operate a successful program. Besides, planning ahead is in my DNA.

Eric Kenoyer, the IHPA’s youth scholarship coordinator, has spent considerable time to put together a well-thought out timeline and duties for our mentors. If you were mentored this year, you know how valuable the time with a mentor can be. For your consideration and the benefit of the membership, take a look at the timeline.

Annual Meeting: Meet the scholar, if possible.

November – December: Receive scholar information, make contact and student find the beekeeping class appropriate for them.

January – March: Receive hive, either by mail to student or delivered to you and put together; student attends beekeeping classes.

April – May: Receive bees; delivered by designated IHPA member; .

May – October: Work with your student throughout the spring and summer. You should have lots of contact with your student. Help them take what they learned in class and apply it with their bees. Help them harvest their honey, check for mites and then get their hive wintered. Encourage them to attend the IHPA Summer Field Day.

October – November: Attend the annual meeting to receive your recognition and congratulate your student.

Always encourage your student to attend club meetings, read beekeeping magazines and ask questions.

As Eric has mentioned to me during our conversations, the future of beekeeping is in our hands; it is our duty to nurture those who will help sustain the honeybees of our future. In 2017 the IHPA awarded 19 scholarships. If we are to maintain that level or increase it, we will need just as many mentors. With a growing membership, we can no longer expect one person in any of our districts to mentor more than a couple of students, and it is absurd to believe that “someone else will do it”. That someone else is YOU. We all know helping one another is in the best interest for our organization. Whether you have logged years of experience or only have a couple under your belt, you can be a mentor. Our goal is to have a full list of willing mentors to pull from and match them with students in their area. As you have heard so many times before, the more the merrier. So what’s stopping you? Eric is ready and willing to discuss the program or answer your questions. He’s waiting to hear from YOU. Please contact him at ekenoyer@aol.com. Tell him you’re interested and want to be first on the list. Thank you for your consideration.



This is my Granddaughter, Shannyn Northup from Archer, IA. Shannyn presented this bee project at the O’Brien County fair just last week. Many thanks to Marlene (Boernsen) for mentoring Shannyn all spring and summer. Shannyn received a blue ribbon and a purple ribbon, as well as Junior Achievement Award. If Shannyn was in 6th grade she would have gone to the Iowa State Fair with her bee project. –Next Year !! This was a great opportunity to educate many of the County fair goers about Bees. I just wanted to send this to you as maybe it would be an encouragement to get our youth involved in bees – our future ! Thanks, Richard Ludeke

Editor Note: This photo is a sample of what’s happening all over the state--people are mentoring youth on how to keep bees, people are starting to participate in fairs who never did that before, people are taking winnings to the Iowa State Fair, and the general pollinator picture is getting brighter all the time. I personally know of three counties that are just starting to see beeks presenting their hives. May your tribe increase!!



2017 IHPA Donation Proposal Form



The Iowa Honey Producers Association supports honeybee and beekeeping research through donations to research projects during the IHPA Annual Meeting.

The IHPA Donation Proposal Form will need to be submitted during the Submission Period prior to the Annual Meeting. The IHPA Board will review the stated use of the donation to confirm the use is in line with the goal of promoting continued research in honeybees and beekeeping. This review will allow the board time to request additional information if needed, and ensure total proposed donations do not exceed the association's budget for research donations.

With acceptance by the IHPA Board, the Donation Proposal will be brought to the floor during the Business Meeting of the Annual Meeting for a vote by the members. Donation Proposals can be made by anyone with a current IHPA membership. Members are encouraged to help the Association to identify research projects that will continue to work for the benefit of honeybees, beekeepers and the honey industry.

Submission Deadline: October 15, 2017 Submission Period: July 1st – October 15th

IHPA Member submitting the Donation Proposal.

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Please provide a description of how the proposed donation would be used in regards to your research relating to honeybees, beekeeping or the honey industry. (Please add additional page(s) as needed.)

A Little Recognition Goes A Long Way

Let's stop for a moment and think about this past year in beekeeping. Whether it's your first year keeping bees or you know someone who can be considered a sage in the industry, we've all benefited from the kind help or advice of someone more experienced. It's these individuals who help nurture us along and provide support at each juncture.

The Iowa Honey Producers Association would like for you to consider recognizing someone who has been an important influence on your beekeeping journey. Maybe you know someone who has volunteered countless hours teaching beekeeping classes or can be called upon at the drop of hat to answer questions. How about that person who has worked tirelessly to promote beekeeping in all facets of the industry? Do you know a beekeeper that has gone above and beyond for the benefit of others? Or, how about one of our youth members who has worked hard at keeping their bees and entered a project or frame of honey at their local fair? Maybe you know a beekeeper that has been in trade for longer than you have been alive and they are still thriving. These are just some of the possibilities.

So you say you cannot write very well. No worries; we're not looking for a dissertation but a 140 character tweet is probably too short. How about a two or three paragraphs? That should be doable for everyone. Maybe you can solicit a family member to help get you started. Here are a couple of tips for preparing your recognition:

Include the name of the person you are recognizing and how you know them.

What award are you recommending they receive?

Site the reason you feel this person deserves the recommended recognition. This would be "the meat" of your write up.

Remember to include details, examples, and facts or figures to support the recognition.

We have a great membership and many deserve to be recognized. In 2016 ten awards were handed out. Distinguished Service Awards went to: Teresa Brandenburg, Jodi Kraft, Bill and Louise Johnson and Eric Kenoyer; Lee Heine took home a Lifetime Membership Award; and Carly Rae Vannoy accepted an Education Award. Two budding beekeepers took home the Outstanding Youth Award--Jacqueline Ehrlich and Brandon Raasch; The Vannoy Family gracious accepted the Friendship Award; and our Queen Bee Connie Bronnenberg was surprised with the Sweepstakes Award. Thank you to those who took the time to recognize these individuals. Now, it's your turn!

For more information about awards offered and where to send your recognition, look further in this edition of The Buzz. Your consideration is appreciated!

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