

The Buzz



August 2023

Newsletter of the
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Association

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Iowa State Fair

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The Buzz

The Buzz is a monthly publication printed by the Iowa Honey Producers Association (IHPA). This is one of the many perks of being a member of the IHPA!



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Save the Date!!

**IHPA Annual Conference
& Trade Show
November 10-11th**

IHPA Officer & Director News

Ramblings from The Russian Bee Guy

President, Jason Foley

Hello and welcome to my August Ramblings. For the past couple of weeks my life has been consumed with prepping for state fair. When I'm not working bees, I'm shut up in our little certified food packing room bottling up honey, barrel aged honey, and dutch letter creamed honey. I guess when I write it that way it doesn't sound like all that much, but it does equate to over 1,200 units of product. All of which need poured or made then poured, labeled, shrink wrap sealed, and a barcode put on it lol. Oh, and we have boxes and boxes of candles we also had to prep before that and are barcoding right now. Barcodes just showed up yesterday lol.

In the next couple of weeks we will start work on our blue ribbon entries. Don't worry, I went crazy last year on doing a ton of entries. I just "HAD" to win the sweepstakes award at last year's annual conference. This year I just want to focus on a few categories that I find dear to me. Like the beeswax art category I take particular interest and pride in because I actually have a degree in art lol.

Nothing much to report on the bees at this time. It seems like they have settled down and are holding solid or just barely growing at this stage of the season. 3rd week of August it will turn into a madhouse getting everything extracted and treated. With me assisting more board members than ever on projects, I'm closing down the queen rearing early this year. I'll have queens through the first week of August but will be done and over with at that point. I just need to focus more on state fair and the IHPA right now. There's a ton of stuff in the works for both state fair and annual conferences that need me to design art, advertising, videos, posters, etc... Plus it's an early year for seeing hive beetles and issues with so dang many dragonflies around my area eating up the queens. All-in-all, it's just best to wrap up than to stretch myself too thin.



Updates from your Iowa State Fair Committee

WE NEED YOUR HELP AT THE IOWA STATE FAIR BOOTH!

Dear Beekeepers,

I know it may be hard to start thinking about the State Fair, however Spring is here and the Iowa State Fair is fast approaching; August 10-20. For those members new to the Iowa Honey Producers Association (IHPA), we have a booth at the State Fair annually in the Ag building 2nd floor; selling honey products, honey lemonade, lotions, soaps, beeswax items, promotional merchandise, etc. This is our main fundraising event, which is needed to help support our various educational programs. We ask our members to help make this event a success, by volunteering their time assisting with cash register sales, bagging products, pricing, mixing and serving honey lemonade, offering honey samples, etc. Each volunteer will be provided with **free** honey lemonade if you get thirsty while working at the booth, also a **FREE** pass to get into the fair, plus you get to enjoy the great entertainment at the fair before/after your shift at the booth.

We had a successful 2022 thanks to all those who participated! Over the years we have had some wonderful people volunteer their time and would love to see you again. We encourage new members, friends, families and bee clubs to participate in this event too, because we need everyone's support to make this event a success.

We have three shifts daily, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 12:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. (11-14 people are needed per shift). If you are able to volunteer for one or more shifts during August 10-20, we would like to hear from you. All you need to do is mail the completed tear off slip below, or email the same details to Heidi. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Heidi Love (IHPA Secretary) 18115 F Ave, Perry, IA 50220. Cell: 515-729-1761

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First and Last Name(s) of Volunteers: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____
Phone no.: _____ Email address: _____ Number volunteering: _____

Please **write** the date(s) below you would like to work and **circle** shift that works best for you.
(Fair dates August 10-20)

We appreciate any help you can provide!

Date or Dates: _____

8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

12.30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

4:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

IHPA Program Leaders

IHPA Youth Scholarship Program

Youth Scholarship Coordinator, **Stephanie Meyers**

The IHPA Youth Scholarship Program encourages all beekeepers to reach out to youth ages 13 to 16 years old (by **November 1, 2023**) in your neighborhood, community, church, etc. and share about the program. Applications are currently being accepted for the 2024 year and must be postmarked by **September 15, 2023**.



10 frame observation hive. Frames included. \$25.00. Bondurant
Tony Christensen (515) 240-4957.

Interested individuals should check out the IHPA website at <https://www.iowahoneyproducers.org/youth-scholarship-program>

for more information. Students accepted into the program will receive a complete hive, a package of bees with a queen, a feeder, a hive tool, a smoker, a bee brush, a hooded jacket/veil, a pair of leather gloves, a mentor for a year, a membership to the Iowa Honey Producers Association, free registration to Bee Camp, and free registration for annual conference.

I know it may seem early, but start chatting with youth in your area today! If you have any questions, please reach out to **Stephanie Meyers**, Youth Scholarship Coordinator by phone at 641-691-5036 or by email at sonshinefarmsia@gmail.com.

HELP WANTED: The National Association of State Departments of Agriculture, (NASDA) working with USDA is hiring FIELD STAFF. Work is part time collection data for the USDA/NASS. A farm background is preferred. Qualifications - a good work ethic, a self-starter, and good communications skills. Starting wage is \$16.31/hr. Mileage allowance is 65.5 cents. Find more info at NASDA.org. For more information call Tony at 515-802-8367

This year the wife & I are sad to say but we are selling out of the bees. Our jobs are taking away from the bees. We have 8 frame hives. We have some that are built & some that are bought from Dadant & Mann Lake. There is too much to list-if you're interested please call or text me at (319) 572-2012. Wanting to sell all together not piece it out. Have supers, hives, hive stands. Thank you. [Eric Higdon, Mediapolis, IA]



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Iowa Honey Royalty



Rachel Vakulich - 2023 Iowa Honey Queen

Happy August!

While back to school and Iowa State Fair are occurring, it might be hard to catch the last bit of summer that is left. I hope that your honey supers are full and overflowing.

For this month's article, I am going to write about the application process and competition for the Iowa Honey Queen position. Now, some of these are my thoughts and experiences and may not be the same for other queen contestants who were running for the Iowa Honey Queen position.

The application form asks the usual things like name, address, schools, clubs, and other things like that. But the other aspect is the question: "Tell me about you?" I personally do not like that question because that means that I have to try to brag about myself which is hard to do. It asks to list your accomplishments, your contributions, and your leadership positions. It can be easier for someone who has been in 4-H or FFA or has been a local honey queen before. Now being a local honey queen has great advantages because the local queen already knows some time management skills, speaking skills, and may be comfortable interacting with any age group. It also asks you to list all your contributions to the beekeeping. This can be in the form of presentations in 4-H or even being a queen, volunteering at the Iowa State Fair, or showing up to the Iowa Honey Bee Day reception. It can be as simple or as difficult as you would want it to be.

The last part asks you why you are the best candidate for the Iowa Honey Queen position. This is the part where you have to persuade the reader of your application that your leadership and speaking skills really add up to something and you are the most qualified for the job. I know that I struggled with this one because I felt like there was probably someone who deserved the position better than I. This application is originally three pages long but I know that other honey queens in the past submitted a five page application. It depends on how many things you are involved in and what you want to include in that application.

Now allow me to insert something important. While some candidates did not have a scrapbook, a scrapbook offers a pictorial view of the different things that you do to promote honey and beekeeping. I personally will have three scrapbooks of each of the years that I was a honey queen.

While having a scrapbook is not necessary for the Iowa Honey Queen program, if you ever wanted to go to the American Honey Queen competition, having a scrapbook is required. Plus, having a scrapbook helps the judges learn to know you and the other attendees can look at your scrapbook and see all the things that you did to promote honey and beekeeping.

So the application gets mailed in (or emailed to Connie Bronnenberg). You will communicate with Connie a lot during this process of when you need to meet at the Annual Conference and what you need to do. The night before the IHPA Annual Meeting and Conference begins, the IHPA board has a meeting. The queen candidates are given the opportunity to go in front of the board and answer questions about their qualifications, application, and anything else that the board decides to ask. Some of the questions that might be asked would be: "How do you manage school, job, and extracurricular activities and how to you plan to manage all this while being the Iowa Honey Queen?" or "Tell us about the most fun experience that you had as being a local honey queen." These interviews help the board get to know the candidates and allows them to break the ice per se.

The following day, the Iowa Honey Queen candidates have a variety of roles to do. They might introduce speakers, give a short presentation about why they are to be the next Iowa Honey Queen, help with the queen silent auction table, or even direct lost attendees to the correct rooms. While they are doing these tasks, a few anonymous judges judge the candidates. (To this day, I still do not know who the judges were, but my sister spotted a few but would not tell me anything). Some of the things that the candidates are judged for are public speaking, interactions with attendees, and overall personality. Some of the things that are not judged are beauty or how expensive is the wardrobe. Just after the mead social, the candidates are dismissed to go and get ready for the banquet. The banquet is definitely a highlight because that is when the queen's live auction is (if you have any ideas on what should be sold there, let me know). The candidates and the queen show off the merchandise while Roy Kraft does his magic. The years Iowa Honey Queen says her farewell and the new queen is crowned. Saturday is more relaxed as the new Iowa Honey Queen takes a back seat and the youth scholarships are honored. The new Iowa Honey Queen then has the opportunity to meet the IHPA membership and get to know them.

Iowa Honey Royalty



Rachel Vakulich - 2023 Iowa Honey Queen

That night, the new Iowa Honey Queen goes home, ready to tackle the enormous task of being the public representative for the Iowa Honey Producer's Association.

I hope that this gives you all a sneak peak into the Iowa Honey Queen competition. If you would like to run for the 2024 Iowa Honey Queen, the application deadline is September 30th, 2023. I hope to see you all at the Iowa State Fair.

If there are any events that you would like the Iowa Honey Queen or Princess to come to, let Connie Bronnenberg know. We would be happy to come to your event.



Sincerely,

Rachel Vakulich
2023 Iowa Honey Queen





Iowa Honey Royalty Application

**Thank you for expressing interest in running for the
Iowa Honey Queen/Iowa Honey Princess!
Please fill out the following information as completely and accurately as possible.
Any questions may be directed towards the
Iowa Honey Producers Association Queen Chair Connie Bronnenberg.
She can be reached at one of the following; 515-480-6076 or cbronny823@aol.com.**

NAME: _____

LOCAL TITLE: _____

SPONSOR: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

FATHER'S NAME: _____

FATHER'S ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

FATHER'S PHONE: _____

MOTHER'S NAME: _____

MOTHER'S ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

MOTHER'S PHONE: _____

Please fill out the following information about your education. If an area is not applicable, please indicate by writing, "NA".

SCHOOL CURRENTLY ATTENDING: _____

HIGH SCHOOL NAME: _____

GRADUATION DATE: _____

ANTICIPATED GRADUATION DATE: _____

YEAR IN SCHOOL: _____

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY NAME: _____

MAJOR(S)/MINOR(S): _____

Please list the following information. Feel free to add lines or additional pages.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: _____

(Please include leadership roles.)

SPORTS: _____

CHURCH: _____

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: _____

OTHER HOBBIES & INTERESTS: _____

**Please answer the following questions completely using full sentences and proper grammar usage.
Feel free to add lines or additional pages.**

How long have you been affiliated with beekeeping and/or honeybees?

What have you done locally to promote honeybees, beekeeping, and the consumption of honey?

Why would you like to be part of the Iowa Honey Producers Association Royalty and what assets do you possess which make you a qualified candidate for the position?

**Please send completed form via email
to Connie Bronnenberg or to
Iowa Honey Producers Association Royalty Program
Attn: Queen Chair Connie Bronnenberg
1433 Hull Avenue
Perry, IA 50220**

From the Editor

Kelsey Wigans, IHPA Editor

**Iowa Conservation Education Coalition Teacher of the Year 2022
Humboldt County Conservation Teacher of the Year 2022**



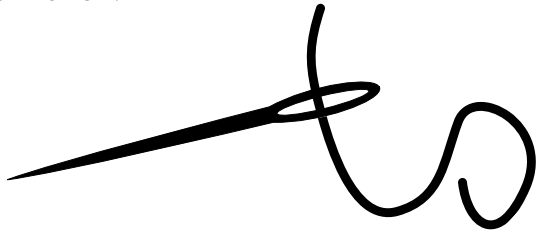
Hello Beekeepers!

Things have been busy with planning homesteading classes and getting ready to open our preschool, King's Kids, in Humboldt.

I'm looking forward to presenting for the third year at the Pollinator Party put on by the Humboldt Soil and Water Conservation District about pollinator plants that benefit you AND pollinators. Trying to get more bang for our buck when planting landscapes is important. For example, purple coneflower (echinacea) is a good one for honey bees and for people. You'll often see a picture of a purple coneflower on "immune boosting" tea blends.



In other news, H.R. Cook, myself, and the existing Event Committee are in the works of planning the 2023 Annual Conference. It's been a whirlwind of meetings, emails, and planning, but it's going to be a blast. Be looking in the next edition of The Buzz for registration details. AND always be checking iowahoneyproducers.org for up to date information.

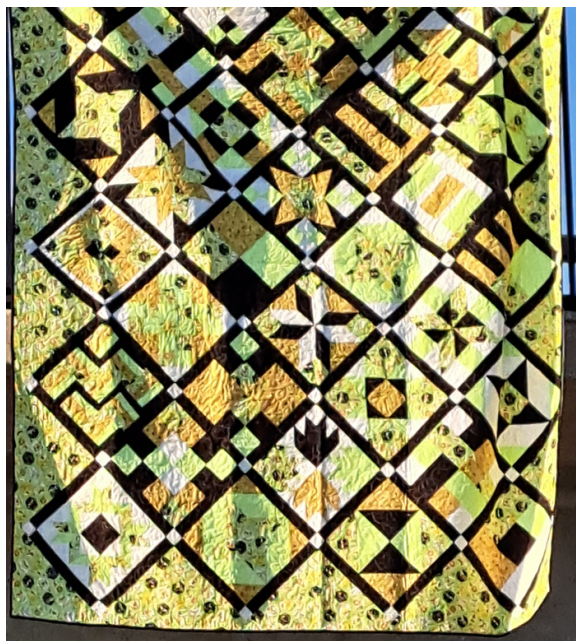


Cool huh?!

Quilter's Corner

Submitted by: Jodi Kraft

The quilts to support the Iowa Honey Queen Program are finished, and they are BEE-U-TIFUL!



These quilts are stitched together by several people in the IHPA. Quilt block kits are picked up at the IHPA Annual Conference and Meeting in November, submitted by February and finished up by the very talented, Jodi Kraft.

The auction quilt is 80 inches x 100 inches, a very large queen sized quilt. [LEFT]

The raffle quilt is 50 inches by 64 inches. Still a nice lap sized quilt. [RIGHT]



Recipes by Emma Ingram

Happy August! I can't believe how quickly this summer seemed to fly by! One minute I was making my list of summer adventures and the next the State Fair and school were upon us. I guess I will just have to savor this last month of summer, even if it is super hot outside! With that heat, I decided to try some cool and refreshing treats. This month I made red lemonade punch and Kaleidoscope popsicles. They were delicious treats after a hot day in the bee yard!

Ruby Red Punch (Pg. 167):

1/2 cup honey	1 (6 oz.) can of frozen lemonade
3 cups very hot water	1 (1 pint or 2 cups) bottle of cranberry juice cocktail
1 cup apple juice	

Blend honey into hot water. Let stand until cool. Mix the remaining ingredients. Chill and pour into punch bowl. Garnish with frozen fruit ice cubes, if desired. Yield: 16 punch glass servings.

Emma's Notes: Yummy! We loved this punch and all the flavor it had. It reminded me of a much healthier version of fruit punch Kool-aid. It was super simple to make and was fun to make with kids. There was something for everyone to do even if the kitchen did get a bit messy! We made a double batch which worked really well since frozen lemonade is typically sold in 12 oz. cans. Although it had some unusual ingredients I don't usually keep on hand, it was worth the extra trip to the grocery store to enjoy it!

Kaleidoscope Honey Pops (Pg. 179):

2 1/4 cup water	12 paper cups or popsicle molds
3/4 cup honey	12 popsicle sticks
3 cups assorted fruit, cut into small pieces	

Whisk together water and honey in a pitcher until well blended. Place 1/4 cup fruit in each mold. Divide honey mixture between cups. Freeze until firm and ready to serve. Makes 12 servings.

Emma's Notes: This was such a fun way to use up mixed fruit trays from Fareway and Hy-Vee. If you are like me, there is always a little bit of fruit left over that isn't eaten from those fruit trays. This is a super fast and easy way to use it all up before going bad. The honey complemented the fruit really well and balanced with some of the more tart fruits I used. I chose to not include bananas since I have problems with them browning in the freezer. My assorted fruits were cantaloupe, strawberries, grapes, and pineapple. The more colors of fruit you can add, the more like a Kaleidoscope the popsicles will look! I made these popsicles for a party and everyone enjoyed how cute and fun they were. We loved these and are now my go-to use for left over fruit!





Iowa Honey
Producers Association

November 10-11, 2023

Annual Conference &
Trade Show

Gateway Hotel & Conference Center
2100 Green Hills Dr,
Ames IA 50014



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NEW this year!

TWO FULL DAYS filled with content from speakers, demonstrations, vendors, entertainment, networking and MORE!!!

Highlights

Coffee Service

Friday-Queens' and Presidents' Social & Contest Awards Ceremony

Friday night dinner

Saturday morning IHPA meeting

Saturday evening LIVE auction and IHPA Awards Ceremony

Collectible Pin to commemorate the 2023 Annual Conference

Nametag differentiation. Novice and pro beekeepers

Submit questions to the board



A block of rooms have been reserved for people attending the IHPA Conference for Thursday, November 9 - Saturday, November 11th.

Trust us. You're going to want to stay BOTH Friday AND Saturday night!

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Vendor and Sponsorship Registration Form

for the Annual Meeting and Conference November 10-11, 2023



NEW! Any IHPA member can be a vendor for \$50 per space, if they have never been a vendor at a previous IHPA conference

First and Last Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Company/Business Name: _____ Website:/Description of items: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____ Signature: _____

Are you interested in donating 1-2+ items to be given out as door prizes? Y / N [] # Tables [] # Chairs

If yes, what item(s) will you be donating: _____ Electricity Y / N (must bring own cords)

Are you interested in donating 1-2+ items to be used in our Silent Auction for our Honey Queen Program? Y / N

If yes, what item(s) will you be donating: _____

Queen's Lunch Sponsor \$1,000

Youth Scholarship Sponsor \$1,000

- Company's name and logo displayed on table stating Queen Lunch Sponsor/Youth Scholarship Sponsor
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- Two complimentary Conference registrations
- Two complimentary Youth/Queen Lunch tickets and VIP eating with the Youth/Queen table
- One Full Page Company ad in the event program

Annual Conference Sponsor \$4,000

- Company's name and logo displayed on registration table and throughout the venue
- Recognition on website (with link) and in event program
- Four complimentary Conference registrations
- Four complimentary Banquet tickets and VIP seating at the IHPA President's Table
- One Full Page Company ad in the event program
- Optional 15 minute speaking slots

Conference Notebook Sponsor w/logo \$600

Conference Bag Sponsor w/logo \$600

Lanyard Sponsor w/ logo \$600

Pen Sponsor w/ logo \$600

Unique Gift Sponsor w/ logo \$600

- Company logo printed on conference bag/badge lanyard and distributed to all attendees
- Recognition as an event sponsor and listed as sponsor on website (with link) and in event program
- Two complimentary Conference registrations
- 1/2 Page company ad in the event program

NEW Vendor Booth \$50

Standard Exhibit Booth \$65

- One 8ft table
- Two chairs
- One complimentary Conference registration
- Company name listed on website and in the event program
- Electricity upon request

Gold Exhibit Booth \$80

- Two 8ft tables
- Two chairs
- One complimentary Conference registration
- Company name and logo listed on website and in the event program
- 10% off all meals that you purchase (in advance) from the meals served by IHPA: Queen Scholarship and/or Banquet meal (limit one person)
- Electricity upon request

Premium Exhibit Booth \$100

- Three 8ft tables
- Two chairs
- One complimentary Conference registration
- Company name and logo listed on website (with links) and in the event program
- 20% off all meals that you purchase (in advance) from the meals served by IHPA: Queen, Scholarship and/or Banquet meal (limit two people)
- Electricity upon request

Return this completed form along with payment to:

Lisa Montgomery ***Send proof and/or

2543 170th St logo as jpg to

Livermore, IA 50558 ihpaeditor@gmail.com***

For Questions please contact: ihpaeditor@gmail.com 14

Ads in the Conference Program Guide

Full page ad \$150

1/2 page ad \$100

1/4 page ad \$60

1/8 page ad \$40

From the Beeyard



Written by Phil Ebert

A collection of information from those with direct, personal knowledge about beekeeping

There was a great early flow but we missed most of it. Having two locations is not always the most efficient way to operate. We didn't have any bees on the Lynnville end until the Washington state bees came home in late May. By the time we got them split, moved to locations and supered, it was June 10. All of the other doubles wound up in Mt Vernon. We had to get our share of those hauled to Lynnville. After the California bees came home, we acquired some bees from the Postville area. It took 11 loads on our flatbeds to get those to Mt Vernon. It was a lot of windshield time to get everything moved. So far, our junk trucks have held up pretty well. We did have to buy a vacuum pump for the '95. It is still a good running truck despite having 310,000 miles on it.

Since our splits were made so late, it changed how we handled them. Normally, A split with three frames of brood comes with a box full of bees. This year, it was so hot, we didn't get as many bees moving up thru the excluder. If the split has a box full of bees we can double them up as soon as we know if the queens took. They were too small for that this year. Further complicating matters was the fact we had considerable drifting. This is not usually a problem. I don't know why it was this year. The splits overall were pretty lame. We added brood to some and combined others but the result was not what I had hoped for. Bottom line, we are running 90% of the splits as singles. As I write this on July 9, about 60% of them are moving into the supers.

Since we are running singles, the extended release oxalic pads are right under the excluder. We have found that the acid eats the coating off the excluder wires and lets them rust. They are still usable but it doesn't look very good.

Honey reports from the Dakotas sound promising. It started out very dry up there but they have had rain lately. Some of the sweet clover is 6' high. That stuff will grow anywhere. I have some that is 5' tall around my loading dock where there is nothing but gravel. The tap root can reach down 5' or 6'. They say South Dakota around the Black Hills is spotty. All of these reports are local so the big picture could be different from what I am hearing. Most of the people I have talked to in Iowa are doing great.

Here's hoping that your area is doing well!



FOR SALE: Near new 6 5/8 supers with 8 drawn combs/bx. Minimum sale is 10 supers @ 35 each. By a pallet of 48, they are \$30 each. One pallet of homemade bottom boards—approx 80 bottoms. Make an offer for the pallet. Near new deep boxes with frames and foundation--\$50 each. Pix available. Migratory lids are also available. Contact Phil at 641-521-6361 or e-mail ehoney37@netins.net Pickup is in Mt Vernon or Lynnville.

Tales from a Migratory Beekeeper



Written by Tyler Holton

A collection of information from those with direct, personal knowledge about beekeeping

Been a while since my last entry. Things are moving along pretty well for the honey season. The rainy weather has been great for the crops but rather poor in the honey production department, but things could always be worse.

Speaking of migratory beekeeping I'm expanding my area of operation even further south into Iowa to try and diversify. It really like a whole different way of beekeeping just a 100 miles or so in a different direction.

Queen rearing took a backseat until I got caught up with honey supers but that's well underway now, I will be making some late summer nucs to help fill any empty spaces in the pallets as the year progresses and some hives may dwindle.

We will be moving the extraction setup and bottling line into a new building by Aug 1st. Be on the look out on the Holton Homestead Facebook page for dates of an open house.

I took a more active role in IHPA this year. One being the District 4 director. I look forward to contributing to the association and continuing it's progress.

You'll also find us at the State Fair this year at the IHPA booth as well as the demo kitchen. Hope to see you there too



Climate Change is in our Hands

Respectfully Submitted by Sheila Weldon

Climate Change is in Our Hands - Little Things Matter
The 2023 Pollinator Poster is 28" x 34"; however, the following image does not reflect the advertising sponsors below the artwork. Just keep that in mind if you decide to frame a poster or frame it without the advertising. The complete poster and the story behind it may be viewed at <https://www.pollinator.org/poster-2023>. Previous pollinator posters may also be viewed on the website and may be ordered if still available; however, costs are associated when ordering through the website. Your local NRCS office should be able to obtain current pollinator posters at no cost to you. They may or may not be familiar with the program, but it's a great resource for all of us.

Here's a very recent YouTube link that might help when registering Bee Hives and specialty or sensitive crops in Iowa. Jeff Jensen did the video and is with Trees Forever as well as the Iowa Nut Growers Association. We know a lot of beekeepers also dabble in other hobbies, especially planting for pollinators. Get those bee hives and crops registered with Field Watch annually. In fact, get it on your calendar to do so early every year.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=npBR7W_zyjQ

[Title: FieldWatch Tutorial: Map Your Beehives and Specialty Crops to Protect Your Investment]

My husband and I taught beekeeping classes a number of years; however, in our early days of teaching, we quickly discovered that much of Iowa is a desert for pollinators. We then incorporated into our classes a unit on planting for honey bees as well as other pollinators and often gave away pollinator posters to students and other interested individuals. Annual pollinator posters are hanging in our garage and usually one more is added each year. [Here's a link to a pdf file of this poster.](#)





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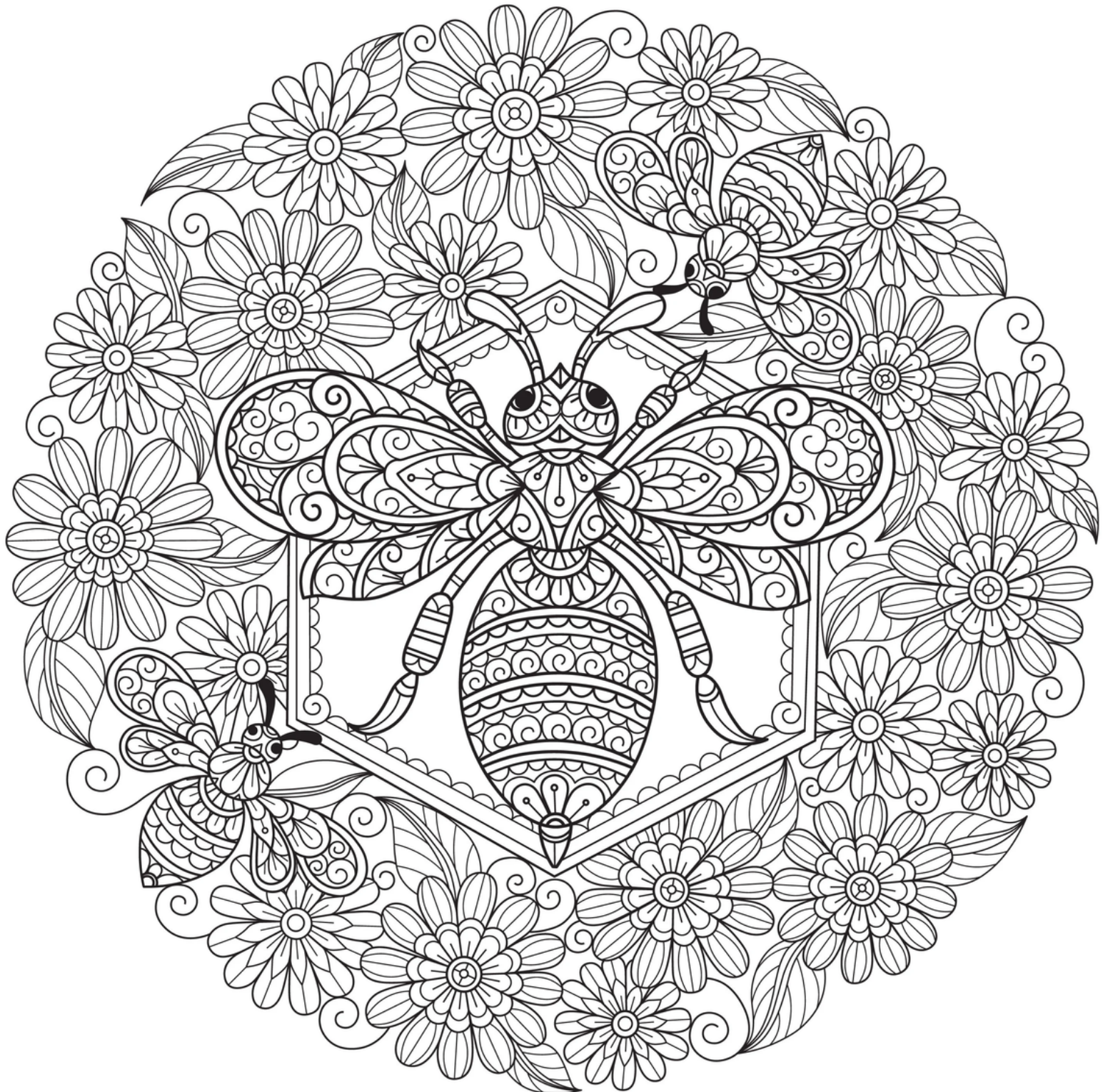
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Should we have a coloring contest at the IHPA Annual Conference?

Write to ihpaeditor@gmail.com to let us know what you want to see more and less of, or if you have ideas!



The Buzz Newsletter

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Deadline for submissions to The Buzz is always the 10th of the month at 11:59 p.m. the month prior to when you would like to see information published.

If writing an article for The Buzz, submissions must be 800 words or less. Pictures are encouraged!

Deadline to submit information for the September Edition of The Buzz

Thursday, August 10th at 11:59 p.m.

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