



# *The Buzz*

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## IHPA Conference & Annual Meeting

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**Annual Fall Conference**



# IHPA OFFICER & DIRECTOR NEWS

## Ramblings from the Russian Bee Guy

*President, Jason Foley*

Hello and welcome to another addition of my ramblings! Today is August 14th and I am in the thick of the Iowa Honey Producer Association's fair booth action. Literally at this very moment of typing I am in the kitchen of the booth taking a break. Thank goodness today is going to be a bit of a reprieve from the insufferable heat we have been having. Oh-my-goodness was it miserable in the John Deere Ag building the last three days with the heat in the 90's. These 11 hour days in sweaty, humid nastiness is almost as bad as wearing a bee jacket and working ten pallets of bees in a yard AAALLLLMMMMMOOOOSSSTTTT lol). At least here I am surrounded by friendly faces and colleges. The sights and sounds of the fair, the tasty food vendor smells that are blown in from the windows around you, hearing the lemonade people calling out "Ice cold honey lemonade," and the trickery being played between managers and volunteers in the booth to keep things a laugh fest are all cherished experiences one comes to look forward to on a yearly basis. I've been knee deep in this fair booth for somewhere around the last ten years. A shout-out to Pat Ennis for hooking me into this way back when. He probably was thinking, "this guy's a chump, he seems to love lifting all these boxes of creamed honey and restocking the shelves non-stop. And as long as I drop a compliment once in a while he keeps offering to fill in more and more shifts!" Or at least that's how my mind plays it out all these years later. I was a chump... Everything was new and fresh and I was soooooo eager to seek out the approval of my peers. Now I'm in Pat's position as president and supporting Heidi Love (the head fair booth manager) just like he did. I gotta find me another Mr. Foley and repeat the cycle here! We had a pretty darn good turnout for state fair entries this year. The shelves are just full of queenline jars and I was really surprised to see six entries for chunk honey and some of the lesser done categories. About the only place that was lighter this year for entries was in our youth division. I'll be keeping that in our meeting agendas down the road and see what things we can possibly implement as your board to encourage more youth to try out. Don't forget folks, the state fair awards prize money along with the ribbons. Plus, how fantastic is it to see your child's entries displayed for the 10's of thousands of people who walk through this building. The pride both you and your kid feels is overwhelming.

So I HIGHLY suggest it be food-for-thought next year. And don't wait till the week before the fair to start. Heck, start on your entries the end of June or early July and you will be surprised at how many you accomplish. It can be pretty overwhelming if you wait till a couple days before fair to try and make something for a category.

For those of you who attended the fair and took the time to read the tags, yes.... I was a bit competitive... OH, WHO ARE WE KIDDING, I WAS VERY COMPETITIVE! Sorry, just something that was instilled in my youth that when you do something where the goal is to win, you should do your best to WIN. Well, last year people kept telling me I won the sweepstake award for most points collectively for ribbons won. I was shocked and pleasantly surprised because I didn't try to do it. About three or four days into the fair I discovered that Phil Ebert actually won it by a couple of points. Oh boy-that lit a fire in me. In a good hearted challenge I laid down the gauntlet and let him know I was coming for him this year. Fast forward to now and I was able to come up with 17 entries (with help from my lovely wife) and ribboned in 16 of them (9 of which got "blue"). The only one I didn't place in was "Best Honey in Iowa" to which there is just one and only ONE winner a year. That all boils down to what the bees have done. Oh well, guess my girls weren't as competitive as I was lol.

If you don't participate in our booth with products and volunteering, or the competitions; I wholeheartedly beg you to consider trying it. I just can't fathom a fellow beekeeper who wouldn't derive some sort of love and joy from being a part of this event. My phone is always on if you want to call or text with questions relating to anything beekeeping. That includes tips on the fair contests, how to volunteer, what opportunities there are for the hobbyist to get their products included, or anything else we have here at the fair!

# IHPA OFFICER & DIRECTOR NEWS

Hi everyone,

I am very excited about this year's IHPA Conference and Annual Meeting. When does a person get to go to a 110th birthday party, and aren't you are happy that all those candles aren't on YOUR birthday cake!!

As you read through The Buzz, you will see many new opportunities for our members to participate in the different areas of the conference. One of these opportunities is the cooking contest. This year honey doesn't have to be the only sweetener, it can be used with other sweeteners. Let's fill the display tables with your favorite recipes. Remember all of these samples will be shared at social hour prior to the banquet.

Now is the time to apply for the 2022 Grant Proposal. We all have new ideas and wonder if they would ever work. Well, now is the time to find out. A 2022 IHPA Grant Proposal form is included in this issue.

Our speakers range from a 14-year-old young man (wait until you read his bio) to national known speakers. There will be a wide variety of subjects and knowledge shared.

The venue is larger this year and will offer a separate dining room for our meals/banquet. Prior to the banquet, there will be a social time with our cooking snacks and mead entries. On Friday evening a cash bar will be available.

Please fill out your registration form on line or mail it in to Lisa today. When you call for your Gateway Conference and Hotel reservations, don't forget to ask for a room in the IHPA block of rooms.

If you have any questions, please call me 712-242-7807.

-Cheri



New this year at the Annual Conference:

## **Meet and Paint Breakout Session**

*Tentatively Friday after the board meeting*

18" door hanger for \$45 each

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<https://tinyurl.com/ihpameetandpaint>

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contact Krystal Weber  
mulberrypatchcustom@gmail.com

# **Beekeeper of the Month**

## **Kurt Heinrich**

**Submitted by Eric Kenoyer, District 5 Director**

### *Patience and Understanding in Urbandale*

It is amazing what can happen at the Iowa State Fair. In 2015, my family took a break in the agriculture building. A posted sign read, 'Beekeeping talk in five minutes.' My daughter, a junior in high school, asked if we could listen to the talk. Always fascinated by bees, I said sure. Jason Foley talked about the current state of bees in Iowa and the growing number of beekeepers who have taken up urban beekeeping. He also mentioned a youth scholarship program, sponsored by the Iowa Honey Producers, inviting young people an opportunity to start keeping bees. Clare asked if she could apply and I agreed, not figuring she would be awarded the scholarship. A month later, seventeen youth began a journey in beekeeping and Clare was one of them.

We did our due diligence, checking the Urbandale's city codes to see if the city allowed for urban beekeeping. Our reading of the city codes did not prohibit the keeping of bees, so in the spring of 2016, we installed our bees and watched as our hive grew in our backyard. We did not expect the bees to produce much that first year, but our hive flourished. Harvest time arrived and we suited up to pull our super. Our neighbor noticed our bee suits and asked if we were keeping bees. This neighbor was not pleased. To make a long story short, we were asked by the City of Urbandale to remove our bees. The reasoning they offered at the time was that bees were considered 'livestock' and thus are not allowed in Urbandale. This situation made its way into the Des Moines Register and overnight the article drew city-wide attention to the issue of urban beekeeping and

the variety of rules in each suburb.

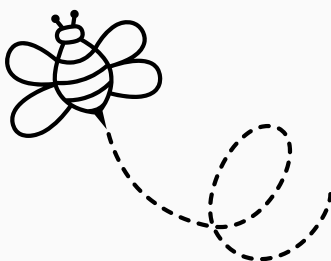
We moved our bees to an unincorporated part of the city, but we longed to return the hive to our backyard. Our one hive turned into three hives over the next few years. Each year, myself and others would ask the mayor and other city council members to reconsider their definition of 'livestock.' As the election for new city council members approached, it was



# **Beekeeper of the Month: Kurt Heinrich**

suggested that we wait until after the elections to make a fresh proposal. I contacted each candidate in a variety of ways to ask about their stance on urban beekeeping. Each candidate understood the value of a healthy urban environment and that bees would be an important part of that health. A short time after the election, other beekeepers brought the issue before the city planners. Once the details of the proposal were hammered out, it was brought before the City Council. Many Urbandale beekeepers were in attendance, wearing yellow shirts in support of the change. One of the City Council members even wore her bee T-shirt, which I thought was a very good sign. The proposal was read. I stepped forward to lend my support and congratulated the City Council on their willingness to learn about the issue and consider this change in the city code. The proposal passed the first reading and then two subsequent readings without opposition and the code was changed. This journey took a little longer than I would have liked.

It is encouraging to know people are willing to learn about subjects they may be unfamiliar with, to overcome fear and ignorance, to see the great good which can be found in the simple act of keeping bees. I'm happy the Iowa Honey Producers continue to sell their honey lemonade and support our youth as they consider beekeeping. That one moment at the State Fair eventually realized a change in the Urbandale City code, spawned a bee club at Dowling Catholic High School and brought a beehive back to my backyard in Urbandale this year.



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# Royal Proclamation

Allison Hager- 2022 Iowa Honey Queen

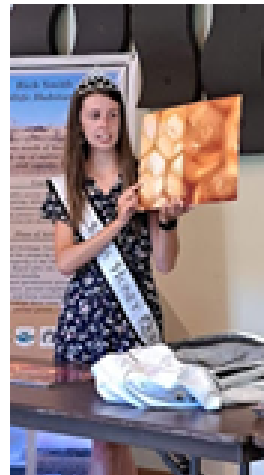


Hi everyone,

I am continuing to enjoy my time at all the events and presentations I am attending. I am greatly looking forward to the Iowa State Fair and the other upcoming events I have planned. Keep reading to see what I have been up to lately!

Towards the middle of July I traveled to Ames to attend an event entitled, Butterflies, Bees, & Brew, at the Alluvial Brewing Company. The Prairie Rivers of Iowa hosted this event to celebrate and further promote Iowa pollinators. I had a lot of fun speaking with attendees about my role in promoting pollinators, as well as answering questions and educating others on honey bees.

At the end of June I was asked by Rachel Vakulich, the East Central Iowa Honey Queen, to assist her at the Johnson County Fair in Iowa City. While I had a great time catching up with Rachel, I also had fun talking with fairgoers about the importance of pollinators and answering questions about the honey bees in the observation hive. Everyone loved getting their own honey stick, but only after they answered a honey bee related question!



The first week of August was a busy one for me! I had four different events in addition to preparing for the Iowa State Fair. My first stop of the week was at the Ida Grove Conservation Center to give a presentation over some general information about honey bees. In addition, I looked at their observation hive and answered whatever questions there were about it. It was awesome to see how many bees were in the hive since it had recently swarmed! Many were excited to watch what was going on; like watching a drone hatch and even seeing the new queen!

The next day I traveled to Huxley to attend an event put on by Bayer Crop Science. This event was to showcase what the company was all about, and I had the privilege to educate those on honey bees and everything related. Many visitors loved looking at the observation hive that was present and rolling their own wax candle. Overall, this was a very educational event and was a lot of fun!

At the end of week, I went to the Mississippi Valley Fair for two days to assist the Quad Cities Beekeeping Club's booth. There they had fun and interactive ways to learn more about honey bees. There were honey bee coloring pages for children, recipes featuring honey, demonstrations on extracting honey, and honey from around the state and world! Many people were surprised that honey could taste so different depending on where it is made. This was such a neat way to get people involved, interested, and educated on such an important topic.

# Royal Proclamation

Allison Hager- 2022 Iowa Honey Queen



As always, feel free to check out the Iowa Honey Queen Program page on Facebook to see my journey so far and to stay involved in my weekly segment of "Un-bee-lievable Tip Tuesday."

If you are wanting me to attend an event or to give a presentation to reach out. Please contact Connie Bronnenburg, the IHPA Queen Chair, at (515)-480-6076 or cbronny823@aol.com or reach out to me through the Iowa Honey Queen Program page on Facebook.



In between all my events, I have been able to help Kevin Brunning check some hives. We were able to catch the queen in action! One of my favorite beekeeping pictures so far!



Glad I was able to have a lot of great conversations about honey bees at the Butterflies, Bees, & Brew event.

## HELP WANTED

The National Association of State Departments of Agriculture, (NASDA) working with USDA is hiring FIELD STAFF.

Work is part time collecting data for the USDA/NASS. A farm background is preferred. Qualifications- a good work ethic, a self starter, and good communication skills.

Starting wage is \$15/hr. Mileage allowance is 62.5 cents. Find more info at Nasda.org.

For more information call Cindy at 515-450-8573

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IHPA

# Conference & Annual Meeting

Join us on Friday and Saturday,

**November 11 & 12**

at the

Gateway Hotel and Conference Center  
2100 Green Hills Dr, Ames, IA 50014  
for the 110th Birthday of the IHPA!  
"Still Going Strong!"

*Keynote Speakers:*

**Michael Palmer\***

**Randy Oliver\***

**Juliana Rangel Posada**

**Eugene Makovec**

*\*Joining us via remote access*

This two day conference will offer over 11 more speakers on a variety of interesting topics!

Plan to attend the banquet on Friday night with Juliana Rangel Posada speaking!

For hotel information please contact the Gateway Hotel at (515) 292-8600

***Mention that you are an IHPA Member!!***

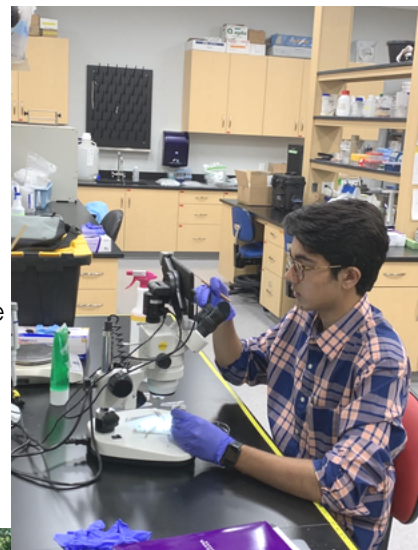


**Keep reading for  
MORE details!**

# Meet your Speakers for the 2022 Annual Meeting

## Atreya Manaswi\*

is a 10th grade student at Orlando Science High School in Orlando, FL. He has been involved in university level laboratory academic research since the age of twelve and has won regional, national, and international awards for his extensive honey bee conservation research. In his four years of honey bee conservation research, the USDA, and University of Florida (UF) have funded his novel research projects. In 2021, he was recognized as one of the nation's leading top 30 youth scientific minds in the prestigious Broadcom MASTERS STEM Competition amongst 10 million students across the country each year. Amongst this pool of top 30, he was recognized as the 1st place national winner in the category of Scientific Research. In 2022, he was selected as the winner of the At-Large BioGENEius Challenge (as one student from across the entire US) and qualified for the 2022 International BioGENEius Challenge where he was named the highest honors awardee. He is also a very active public speaker and actively uses STEM as a catalyst to make positive reform in the community. In July 2022, he was also invited to speak at the United Nations CBD's GYBN on his honey bee research as an invited speaker. Through his speaking at various forums across the globe, he has impacted an audience of 21,000 individuals. Atreya is also an enthusiastic actor and performing artist having been involved in countless theatrical productions since the 3rd grade, often starring as the lead antagonist role. Recently, Atreya played the lead role in a play at his school which focused on mental health/suicide awareness. He is also a practiced acoustic guitarist, having played for 5+ years, and enjoys playing for his community. He holds a 2nd degree black belt in Taekwondo which he has pursued for the last eight years. All in all, Atreya is a high-energy, dedicated, motivated, and passionate individual with a willingness to grow and share his experiences with others. He takes pride in being a youth STEM leader with a fervent belief in the power of science and the youth's ability to transform our globe.



\*Atreya will be joining us via remote access

## Tentative Topics for 2022 Annual Conference & Meeting

### Friday Topics

- Concepts in Varroa Management
- Antique Honey Equipment
- Mead Making
- Pollen Collecting
- Managing Colonies for Spring Buildup & Swarm Prevention
- Annual Iowa Report
- Iowa Health Inspector-New Iowa Rules
- Making Soaps and Lotions

### Saturday Topics

- Reading the Comb
- Brood Factories
- Farmers' Market Start Up
- Women's Panel
- Iowa Health Inspector-Certified Kitchens
- ABC's of Beekeeping: The In's and Outs of Beekeeping
- More topics coming!!!



# 2022 CONFERENCE & ANNUAL MEETING

Contests will be Friday, November 11th, 2022.  
Entries need to be in place by 10:00 am.

## Cooking Contest

Youth: 15 years and under      Adult: 16 years and older

- Honey must be one of the sweeteners used
- Can only enter ONE item in each category
- You must supply the recipe (with your name on the back) with your entry
- Contest coordinator will keep the recipes to be included in the "Buzz" newsletter
- Bring enough samples for judging as well as tasting during the Friday Evening Social Sampling before the banquet
- The categories to enter will be:
  - Breads
  - Cookies and Bars
  - Muffins, Cupcakes and Brownies
  - Snacks and Appetizers
  - Sauces, Jams, Jellies and Butters (Items entered in this category must be accompanied by a bite size food item to sample with)
- The Gateway has been gracious enough to allow us to have our cooking contest and bring outside food into the venue. We must follow some simple rules for our social sampling time:
  - a. Food must be broken down into bite size pieces. (After the judging!)
  - b. Drink samples must be in extra small cups. This would be why the above categories were selected.
- Entries will be judged on:
  - 1) Presentation and overall appearance of entry;
  - 2) Best use of honey; and
  - 3) Flavor and texture of entry

**Judges reserve the right to determine how to best judge the entries.**

**There will be First, Second and Third place ribbons given**

## Mead Making Contest

- Supply at least TWO bottles of mead per category entering
- Bottles must be 12 oz. or larger with all labels removed
- Your name and category entering must be written on a 3x5 notecard
- Judges reserve the right to combine categories when the number of entries is insufficient & Judges' decisions are final

**Categories to be submitted will include:**

- Traditional Meads
- Molemél (Fruit Meads)
- Methglyn (Spiced Meads)

**Entries will be judged on:**

1. Alcohol Strength;
2. Sweetness;
3. Carbonation;
4. Temperature;
5. Taste
6. Presentation

**There will be First, Second and Third place ribbons in each category**



## "People's Choice" Photo Contest

Youth: 15 years and younger      Adult: 16 years+

- Any size photo will be accepted
- Photo must be matted, but not framed
- Your name must be on the backside of photo
- Photo MUST be of a Honey Bee!
- Photo can not have identifiable persons, animals or labels
- The categories to enter will be:
  - a. Bee on flower
  - b. General Beekeeping
  - c. Extracting Honey
  - d. Specific photos pertaining to honey

**ONE entry per category**

**Photos will be judged by the Annual Conference attendees.**

There will be First, Second and Third place ribbons for the top three in each category of each division

## "People's Choice" Painted Hive Body

Youth: 11 years and younger

Youth: 12 years to 16 years      Adult: 17 years+

- Hand painted design to cover a minimum of one side of the hive body
- Theme of your choice
- Name and category entered must be written on a 3x5 notecard
- The use of Stenciling is not allowed

**Entries will be judged by Annual Conference attendees**

**There will be First, Second and Third place ribbons in each division**

**Bring extra bottles of Mead to share at Social Time Sampling (Friday Evening before the banquet)**

# 2022 CONFERENCE & ANNUAL MEETING

Contests will be Friday, November 11th, 2022.  
Entries need to be in place by 10:00 am.

Contests  
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## Black Label Honey Contest

- 1 pound plastic bottle with a flip top lid of this year's (2022) honey
- Jars and bottles without a flip top lid will not be accepted for entry
- Bottle must be completely covered with aluminum foil so that you can not see the honey but lid is still accessible
- Due to the space available in the contest room, this contest will be limited to the first 25 entries
- When entered, your bottle will be assigned a number for identification purposes
- Honey will be judged on taste alone by Annual Conference attendees

There will be First, Second and Third place ribbons for the top three honeys



- Bottle(s) need to be 12oz. or 1 pound size filled with this year's honey
- Bottle(s) can be unlabeled or you may have your personal label on them
- You can bring more than one bottle
- You will be given one ticket for each bottle you bring to the swap (limit of 5)
- At anytime, you then can exchange your tickets for another participant's honey

## IHPA Awards

Do you know someone the IHPA should recognize for an award during the Conference and Annual Meeting in November?  
If so, please contact **Curt Bronnenberg at (515) 480-6075**. Send nominations to **cbronny823@aol.com** or **Curt Bronnenberg, 14405 Hull Avenue, Perry, IA 50220**. Please send a brief written description of the nominee's involvement in beekeeping/IHPA.

### Categories for awards:

#### **Lifetime Membership Award**

#### **Pioneer Award**

for having been involved in beekeeping for 50+ years and still active in beekeeping

#### **Distinguished Service Award**

for assisting other beekeepers, being will to share information and/or serving the state association

#### **Education Award**

for teaching beekeeping classes, speaking at service clubs, giving presentations to school children or speaking about beekeeping on radio or TV

#### **Promotion Award**

for promoting honey and keeping, promotions for state association or promoting their own product

#### **Friendship Award**

for being a friend of the association. This could be someone who has presented 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 show commendable involvement in such things as helping at the state or county fair, successfully keeping bees for at least one season, including wintering, writing, or making a float for a parade, public speak, etc.





# Vendor and Sponsorship Registration Form

for the Annual Meeting and Conference November 11-12, 2022

**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
- Recognition on website (with link) and in event program
- Two complimentary Conference registrations
- Two complimentary Queen's Lunch tickets and VIP eating at the Queen's 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
- 15 minute speaking slot during conference opening and at the banquet

**SOLD** ☐ **Conference Bag Sponsor w/logo** **\$500**

☐ **Lanyard Sponsor w/ logo** **\$500**

- 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**

**2543 170th St**

**Livermore, IA 50558**

\*\*\*Send proof and/or

logo as jpg to

ihpaeditor@gmail.com\*\*\*

For Questions please contact: Cheri VanSickle

Ph: (712) 242-7807. Email: vansickle@hotmail.com

## 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**

# 2022 IHPA Grant Proposal Form

The Iowa Honey Producers Association supports honeybee and beekeeping research through grants to research projects during the IHPA Annual Meeting. The IHPA Grant Proposal Form will need to be postmarked by the submission deadline (October 14, 2022) .

The IHPA Board will review the stated use of the Grant 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 Grants do not exceed the association's budget for research Grants.

With acceptance by the IHPA Board, the Grant Proposal will be brought to the floor during the Business Meeting of the Annual Meeting for a vote by the members. Grant 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: Postmarked by October 14, 2022**

## IHPA Member submitting the Grant Proposal

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## Grant Proposal

Proposed dollar amount of the IHPA Grant: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information for head researcher / project organization.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Please send all grant proposals, and direct all questions to: **Cheri VanSickle, Event Coordinator. Ph: (712) 242-7807. Email: [vansicklemm@hotmail.com](mailto:vansicklemm@hotmail.com)**

A final written report (500 words minimum) and presentation will be given at the 2023 Conference and Annual Meeting. Four photos must be submitted to Cheri Van Sickle at [vansicklemm@hotmail.com](mailto:vansicklemm@hotmail.com) by the 2023 Conference and Annual Meeting.



# 2022 Iowa Honey Producers Association Conference & Annual Meeting

November 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Friday and Saturday ~ Registration: 8:00 AM ~ Conference/Annual Meeting: 8:30 AM

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Event questions can be directed to: Cheri Van Sickle, Event Coordinator, 712-242-7807 or vansicklemm@hotmail.com

# From the Beeyard

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

*Written by Phil Ebert*

Thanks to all of you that sent birthday greetings. There were quite a few of you. I was surprised at the number. I have found that I don't like being 80 but then I didn't like being 70 either. The mind is still willing but the body is protesting.

July 22—Got a report from a friend who is on the North/South Dakota border. He has a 200 # crop already and the bees are still flying. There is very little sweet clover up there this year. Most of the honey is from alfalfa. His big problem has been finding help. It was very dry up there last year. That kept the sweet clover seed from germinating. They have had 10" of rain this summer so a lot of clover seed has germinated. It blooms the 2nd year so next year should be good. Overall, the Dakota crop is spotty. Western South Dakota is way dry.

Comb honey has been an adventure this year. We put out about fifty cut comb supers to start with. The bees totally ignored them or chewed holes in the wax. We took some of them off and replaced them with extracting supers. The flow kicked in after the 4th. Alex went around looking for places to put the rest of the comb honey supers (about 75). Some of them went on as third boxes between two extracting supers. Others were set on top of single extracting supers that were starting to fill. This is certainly not the way to do comb honey as you read about it in the books. Beekeeping is all about adjusted to what is happening. This is our attempt to salvage something. At this point (Aug 5) we have brought in 35 really nice cut comb supers. The outcome on the remaining 95 remains to be seen.

I was at a Missouri meeting last year. There was a guy from Florida who spoke about oxalic vapor (not Jamie Ellis). I can't recall the gentleman's name. He had

worked with oxalic vapor and determined the recommended dosage was ineffective. He said twice as much was better but thought three times was the best. We don't do vapor so I am not going to get into quantities. I don't remember what they were anyway. It did get me to thinking. When we first started using oxalic dribble, we sprayed it on with a garden sprayer. That is rather imprecise because the pressure in the sprayer is changing all the time. We then went to syringes and gave 50 ml doses. At first we did it in one box. Then we started giving 50 ml to each box. We used a 3% mixture. I know research has been done on this but I wondered, "How strong can we go in the real world." Other beekeepers were using mixes much stronger than ours. We decided to stick with 3% but went back to the garden sprayer. We are giving the bees "a good shot." I know it is more than 50ml. We are using this in conjunction with extended release oxalic pads. The jury is still out on how well this is working. We will follow the dribble up with Formic Pro pads delivered a week apart. That's if we can get around that fast.

On July 30, mite counts on the Lynnvillie bees are running around 2/300 bees. That's good, right? Yes, but..... I have believed for years that up to 80% of the mites can be in the brood late in the year. We have seen huge spikes in the mite count in the fall. When that emergence comes, the mite load quadruples. As we do the first pull, Alex is breaking the hives down and giving an oxalic dribble. We are leaving one or two supers on the hives. Honey is still coming in (Aug 5). In recent years, we have started stripping the yards

In late July to get the mite treatments in. Last year, this caused us to miss the first fall flow in 20 years. We seem to have better control of the mite situation this year but I know that can turn around in a heartbeat.

We have a yard north of the river in Lynnvile. I don't visit many of the yards anymore but I play with that one from time to time. It has been lame all year. The colonies are all splits but they weren't very good ones. They were started with 3 frames of brood but the bees did not come up to cover them very well. If it had been me, I would have combined some of them before I put the queens in them. I have complained about them all summer. They have remained single story colonies. We have had an abnormal amount of queen failure in that yard. I have used the remaining bees from the failures to boost the other colonies. There are around 20 colonies left. The bees are finally started storing in the supers in the 3rd week of July. At least, we will salvage something from them.

One of our problems is that we have single story colonies mixed in with the doubles. If Alex hauled singles and doubles on the same load he could have three yards on the truck instead of two. The problem is that the singles and doubles have to be handled differently. The singles have to be doubled up and fed immediately when we pull the supers. That means we have to travel with another truck that has the syrup tank and 2nd story boxes on it. It's doable but a bit inconvenient.

Hot and dry makes things happen for the bees. The question I have always had is, "When is it too dry for soybeans." Generally speaking they need a little rain early in the bloom. The it needs to be dry and 85+ . We got a half inch early but it

has been totally dry for several weeks. I am guessing subsoil moisture is still there since nectar is still coming in. The plants are not drying up yet but I am looking for things to end pretty quickly.

We have 25 barrels extracted in Lynnvile on Aug 6. Mt Vernon has not started yet. The crop is spotty. We have good yards and bad yards. I think our total crop will be decent but not exceptional. We'll see.



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Just label design with your first and last name and  
phone number

***Prize details to come!***

Voting will occur at the Annual Meeting!!



# From the Editor

Hello fellow beekeepers!


I'm working hard at keeping the weeds out of the garden, and putting supers on our hives. Yes, still! The students will be coming back to school soon, and then we'll start processing our honey. Until then. Might as well let the girls fill up those supers. We're also keeping an eye on a swarm trap, trying to lure some bees out of a hollowed out branch in a tree in Gilmore City. There are scouts out looking in the box, not sure if we'll catch them or not.

At the end of July we were the guest speakers at our local museum for a "Pollinator Party." The Humboldt Soil and Water Conservation District has done a great job putting together this event for the past two years. They provide a free meal, and allow us and a few other speakers to talk briefly about the importance of pollinators. The older crowd, and families with young children turn out and it's a great time. We brought an observation hive, some fresh comb honey and our honey samples that we collected from four different locations in a forty mile radius to show how their environment impacts the honey the girls can make.

We're excited to be presenting at the IHPA Annual Meeting and Conference this year! See you in the next edition for more details!!

*-Kelsey Wigans*  
ihpaeditor@gmail.com

Left to right (grades): Live presentation with Kelsey Wigans, Jasmine (5th), Lily H (8th), Lucy G (6th), Rosie G (5th) and Ivy G (1st)



Susan Kelly, 49, passed away on August 3, 2022, in Des Moines. She was born in Waupun, WI, on December 10, 1972, the daughter of Charles and Elizabeth Komosa.

Susan's life was characterized by loving sacrifice. She sacrificed not just for her husband and children, but for all those around her. Susan strived to use her influence for God's glory and for the benefit of others. Her house was always open, and her generosity was always given. She enjoyed being with her family and friends, beekeeping, painting rocks, playing cards, sewing, and many other things. She was active in her church since trusting Christ as her Savior in high school. In recent years, she was also active in numerous beekeeping organizations in many and various roles. By the way, she was twenty-two.

Susan is survived by her loving husband of 26 years, Sean; children, Thomas, Nathan, Abigail, Bethany, Miriam, Olivia, Caleb, Elianna, Levi and Jeremiah; step-mother, Mary Komosa; siblings, John (Chris) Komosa, Ted Komosa and Cathy (Jeff) Downs; other loving relatives and many special friends. Susan was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Beth Komosa; and her brother, Peter Komosa.

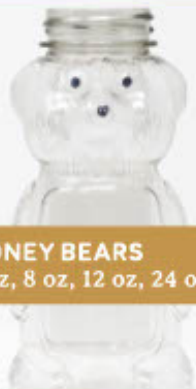
Services will be held at Lutheran Church of the Cross, 1701 8th Street SW in Altoona. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m., on Friday, August 12, 2022, with a 10:30 a.m. funeral service on Saturday, August 13. Burial will be at Berwick Cemetery.

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# *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!

## *October Buzz topics of interest:*

- What resources do you use to learn more about bees?
- Books, internet, magazines. Provide specific names please.
- What is a Midwest Master Beekeeper? Tell me more about the program, and benefits.
- I want to make creamed and flavored honey, and honey sticks to sell at my farmers' market. How does the process work, and what information should I consider before making these products?
- Can you have beekeeping in schools? What things do you need to think about?
  - -How does the community, students, and staff benefit, or not?

**Deadline to submit information for the September Edition of The Buzz**

**Saturday, September 10th at 11:59 p.m.**

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