

# The Buzz

Newsletter of the  
*Iowa Honey Producers*  
Association



September 2023

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## Register NOW for the IHPA Annual Conference & Trade Show

**November 10-11th**

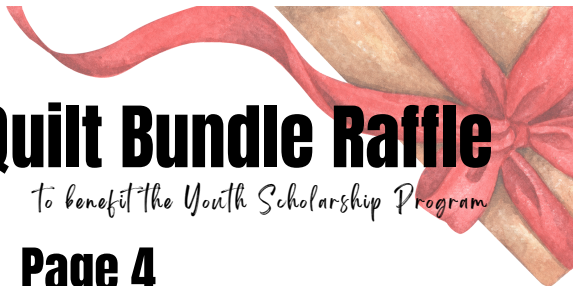
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*To benefit the Youth Scholarship Program*

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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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# IHPA Officer & Director News

## Ramblings from The Russian Bee Guy

President, Jason Foley

Hello and welcome to the September addition of the buzz. If it is released soon enough, you can actually picture that I'm out pulling honey supers and then spending my evenings slinging honey. That's right, the state fair wraps up and I immediately switch gears to getting the whole honey crop pulled and slung in about 2 weeks time. So just imagine how nice it is in your airconditioned room as you read this and then picture your chubby old president out there in what is predicted to be 90s to 100s for temps.

I so wanted to go into talking about Annual Conference, but I see there are NUMEROUS mentions of it already written up in this buzz. So without just repeating all those facts, I want you, as a member, to know this is going to be the largest conference in years (largest in the Midwest). We have twice the big speakers, we are enlisting a ton of vendors, an extra evening of entertainment, and from decreased admission to free food, gifts, and prizes we are going above and beyond. Through careful management of the budget and insightful fundraising we are blowing the doors off this year. As of right now you can even register and reserve your hotel stay right on the IHPA website.



State fair just wrapped up and once again I am sick as a dog. Seems like half the years I catch something while working there. I better get over it quick or else that will make honey harvest all the more harder. I want to take a moment here and just express HOW MUCH the IHPA appreciates all the tons of volunteers that pulled shifts at the John Deer Ag Building. On top of that the tons of members who supplied the various honey and honey related goods that make our booth so very diverse, and pulls in the crowds. Something most members don't realize is that our state fair accounts for probably a good 80% of our annual operating budget. We of course are trying to diversify and grow fundraising, but for now the state fair is the backbone of what supports us. So thank you again everyone!



# 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**.



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](mailto: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](http://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]



Foley's Russian Bees is an Indianola, Iowa based producer of Primorsky Russian bees & beekeeping equipment. We specialize in Russian mated queens and Russian nucleus hives. We also are a provider of Carniolan packages. When you are in need of bees, we can help!

To place an order, check us out on the web  
[www.RussianBee.com](http://www.RussianBee.com)



# Christmas Quilt Bundle Raffle

*To benefit the Youth Scholarship Program*

You will want in at your chance to win this beautiful gift set!!!

The Christmas Quilt Bundle includes:

**\*\*\*A handmade quilt\*\*\***

donated by Tim and Sherry Kimrey & a

**Choice of one of the following novels about bees:**

- The Bees by Laline Paull (adult fiction option) or
- The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd (teen/young adult option) or
- Honeybee: The Busy Life of Apis Mellifera by Candace Fleming (young child)

AND a

**Bee Themed double walled insulated mug,**

AND a

**packet of gourmet hot chocolate**



This is a perfect option for a Christmas gift for that special someone in your life who likes to snuggle up in winter and read a good book on a cold day.

**1 ticket for \$10 or 3 tickets for \$25**

Tickets can be purchased from NOW until

**November 30.**

The drawing will be held on **December 1** and the winner immediately notified. Winner will be published in the January issue of The Buzz.





# Iowa Honey Royalty



**Rachel Vakulich - 2023 Iowa Honey Queen**

Hello Everyone,

September has arrived and we are looking about back to school, winterizing the hives, and even finishing up the last bit of extraction. I hope that your kids (if they are young enough) are excited about school or college. In my house, my little brother has gone off to 1st grade and is really happy about that. The senior in high school has been quite tired of school and would like to just be done and go to work. Ah! Those days of carefree times.

Since the July Buzz was published, I have logged on more miles across the state of Iowa. As you all know, Iowa Honey Producer's Summer Field Day was held in Clarion, Iowa. It was a sleepy town which did not realize that beekeepers from across the state of Iowa came to learn about honeybees. I had the privilege of being the mistress of ceremonies. I introduced the speakers, kept time so that they did not go over their time slots, and even helped serve lunch. I got to ask many people questions, connect with local beekeepers, and even talk to the speakers about their ways of beekeeping. It was a fascinating day and I enjoyed it (even if I had to drive three hours to get there).

Towards the end of the month of June, I had a library presentation in Center Point, Iowa. There were a lot of kids and their parents or grandparents who were interested in learning about the honeybees. I got to talk about the hive and what happened inside the hive. The frame of honey was one of the biggest highlight. Some of them had some great questions and they all enjoyed the honey sticks. Even the parents and grandparents were exited to receive a honey stick.

The following day, I went to the border of Missouri and Iowa to a small park called Slip Bluff County Park. There the Decatur County Conservation held a camp day about nature. I got to talk to the kids about the honeybees. In fact, they actually knew so much that I barely gave a presentation, but instead answered a lot of their questions. They were very excited about the honey sticks.

One month later, I was at the Johnson County Fair. The East Central Iowa Beekeepers Association had their booth with an observation hive. I got to talk with the fairgoers about the importance of honeybees. The observation hive had an unmarked queen and I held a contest to win a honey stick if they found the queen.

Suddenly, I had a lot of kids around the hive looking for the queen. I think that she knew that she was being hunted because a lot of times she would go in between the frames to not be seen. But the kids loved to look for the queen and the motivation of getting a honeystick kept them coming back if they did not find her the first time. Even the adults were trying to find her too. It was a great experience but unfortunately, I was unable to take any pictures because it was so busy.

That Saturday, I had a presentation at the Johnston Public Library. The audience wanted to know what would it take to begin hives of their own. I was able to go through the different things that a person would need to get started as a beekeeper. Afterward, I had a time of questions and answers. There was a lot of interest in keeping honeybees. Some were surprised that some towns were okay with keeping honeybees.

The following Thursday, I made the trip to Perry, Iowa to Spring Valley Honey Farms to help with Iowa State Fair preparations. Bethany Kelly, the 2023 Central Iowa Honey Queen, brought a few of her siblings and together, we packaged a lot of the honey candy that is sold at the Iowa State Fair. We had a lot of fun packing the candy and catching up with each other.

On August 9, the Iowa State Fair Parade was scheduled. The day was not too hot and the sun was shining. The Iowa Honey Producer's float featured beehives, beekeepers with smokers, Buzz the Bee with baby bee, and honey royalty. The Central Iowa Honey Princess Leah Casey and I walked behind the float with the beekeepers. We waved to all the attendees, got photographed by the media, and absorbed all the smoke from the float. By the end of the parade, I smelled like the smoker and felt like I went through all of my hives. But it was so fun to see every one that lined the street. A few days later, we learned that the IHPA float won first place in the Best Use of Fair Theme.



# Iowa Honey Royalty



Rachel Vakulich - 2023 Iowa Honey Queen

The following day was the first day of the Iowa State Fair. It was a bit slow at first but the crowds came to see the honeybees. The kids loved seeing the honey royalty and looking for the queen bee. The Dutch Letter creamed honey and the Pumpkin Spice creamed honey seemed to fly off the shelves. In fact, by Saturday, it was all gone, and the week had hardly begun. In the October Buzz, I will give a better highlight of the Iowa State Fair and any thing else that I did.



If there are any presentations or events that you would like the Iowa Honey Queen or the Iowa Honey Princess to come to, contact Connie Bronnenberg. We would be happy to come. If you are thinking of running for the Iowa Honey Queen position, send in your application by **September 30, 2023**, to Connie Bronnenberg. Please sign up for the Annual Conference. It is coming right up.



I hope that you all have a restful Labor Day.

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](mailto: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.)

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OTHER HOBBIES & INTERESTS: \_\_\_\_\_

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**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?

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

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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?

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**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**



Wow!

Even though I haven't had bees this year since ending my job at the school I was working with, I have been plenty busy with other things going on!!!

We're gearing up for the IHPA Annual Meeting! MANY MANY MANY details are in this edition. Pay attention to the details, and make sure you plan on staying for two FULL days of the conference.

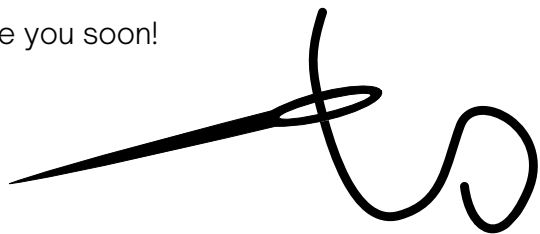
We are ending this year's conference with our live auction and Iowa Honey Queen Crowning Ceremony.

Trust me. You'll definitely want to plan to attend this conference.

We are also in the works of planning live, hands-on presentations for making value added products, processing wax, sending bees to CA and many presenters will be sharing the newest information in research to date.

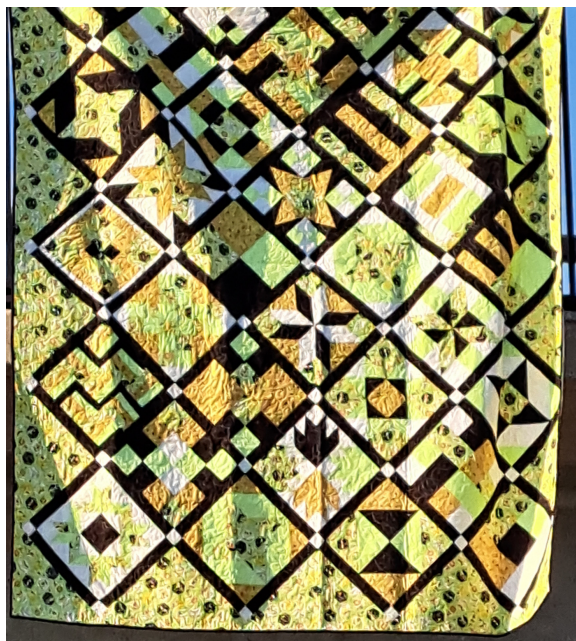
See you soon!

## 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

What a crazy summer it has been with all our wacky weather! I enjoyed the weather reprieve the second week of August, just in time for the Iowa State Fair! As always, the fair was an adventure with prepping products for the booth, attending the fair, all while preparing for school to start just two days after the fair! With all the business of this time off year, you would think I would try simple foods that take little prep time and are ready in minutes. Usually I try for some theme related to the time of year, the weather, or the holiday. This month, I felt like just cooking something that sounded fun. I tried out a tasty strawberry short cake!

## **Strawberry Shortcake (Pg. 111):**

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| 2 cups flour       | 2 tablespoons butter, melted  |
| 1/2 teaspoon soda  | 3/4 cup buttermilk            |
| 1/2 teaspoon salt  | 1/2 pint whipping cream       |
| 1/3 cup shortening | 1/4 cup honey                 |
| 3/4 cup buttermilk | 1 package frozen strawberries |



Sift flour, soda, and salt together twice. Cut in shortening. Add enough milk to form a soft dough. Roll. Spread 1/2 of dough in 8-inch layer pan. Brush with melted butter. Place other half of dough on top of first and pat down evenly. Brush with melted butter. Bake in hot oven (400 degrees) for 20 minutes. Whip cream and honey together. Split shortcake and put berries and whipped cream between and on top of the layers. Serves 6.

**Emma's Notes:** Such a great flavor! We had been picking beans all day before sitting down to this short bread and what a treat it was! The fresh flavors and airiness of the cream paired so well with weight of the cake. The cake was a little dense and ended up squishing all the cream out into our plates. My sister decided to eat the layers separately and that worked so much better to enjoy all the parts of the treat. When I make this next, I plan to make the layers separately so that more people can enjoy it and it isn't quite so messy. Next time I make this I will also cake it just a little shorter time so that it does not get tough. Overall, we really enjoyed this cake and it has become a new favorite for me!

8 full hives for sale. Comes with two deeps, four supers each. Honey not included. \$3,500 for all. Will be mite treated twice. Will be state inspected. All or none, will not split. Humboldt, Iowa area.

**Contact Scott Martin for details (515) 460-4302**

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](mailto:ehoney37@netins.net) Pickup is in Mt Vernon or Lynnville.

FOR SALE: 28 frame Cowan extracting system. Includes uncapper, hot water system, wax spinner, auger, above floor sump and pump. See pictures on Cowan website.

**Contact Phil at 641-521-6361 or e-mail [ehoney37@netins.net](mailto:ehoney37@netins.net)**





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



Jamie Ellis



Marla Spivak



Ian Stepler



Tom Seeley



Lewis Bartlette

[www.iowahoneyproducers.org](http://www.iowahoneyproducers.org)

# NEW this year!

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

## Highlights

- We have enlisted a monster line-up of FIVE big speakers from the U.S. and Canada - making this the BIGGEST conference in the Midwest!

**Jamie Ellis, Marla Spivak, Ian Stepler,  
Lewis Bartlett and Tom Seeley**

- The IHPA is lowering the cost of registration - \$70 for IHPA Members
- We have added a 2nd evening of entertainment, so that one day guests will get the same value/experiences as two day guests
  - Friday Evening: Queens' and Presidential Reception for networking and enjoying FREE hors d'oeuvres and appetizers provided by the IHPA, along with a cash bar
  - Saturday Evening: Dinner Banquet, Entertainment, Awards Ceremony, and Live Auction
- Enjoy FREE Coffee Service and pastry selections all morning long on BOTH days.
- Lunch Options offered to ALL attendees at a reasonable price
- AND the FIRST 350 attendees will receive a Collectible Pin to commemorate the 2023 Annual Conference  
(bring it back to each conference to proudly show off your years of attendance)
- Saturday morning IHPA meeting
- 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!

**[bit.ly/ihpahotel](https://bit.ly/ihpahotel)**



# 2023 Annual Meeting



Contest entries are due Saturday, November 11th, 2023 by 10:00 a.m.

For questions please contact

Vice President and Event Committee Member

Sara Todd at [ihpa.vp@gmail.com](mailto:ihpa.vp@gmail.com)



## 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)
- Metheglyn (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 (Saturday Evening before the banquet)**

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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](mailto: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**

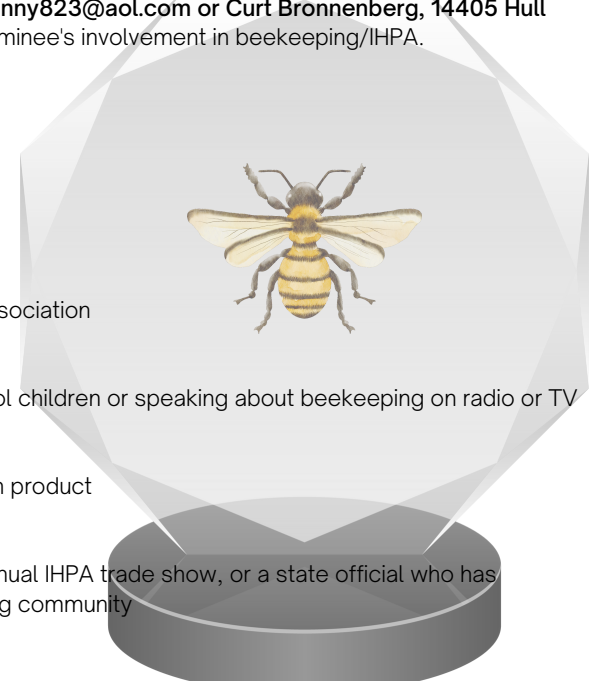
for promoting honey and keeping, promotions for state association or promoting their own product

**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.





**2023 Iowa Honey Producers Association Conference & Annual Meeting**

**November 10-11, 2023**

**Gateway Hotel and Conference Center 2100 Green Hills Drive Ames, IA 50014**

**Please register early! Food options are NOT guaranteed after Monday, Nov 6**

*Please print legibly!*

How many years have you been a beekeeper? \_\_\_\_\_

*Additional Attendees: (please include age of children)*

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

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

City / State / Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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**DEADLINE FOR PRE-REGISTRATION IS November 1st \*\* NO EXCEPTIONS \*\***

*Please note, if you are currently not a member of the IHPA, you can still take advantage of the member pricing by signing up on this form*

|  |             |           |             |
|--|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| Members Registration BEFORE November 1st                       | \$70.00 ea  | x _____ = | _____       |
| * AFTER November 1st   | \$80.00 ea  | x _____ = | _____       |
| Non-Members Registration BEFORE November 1st                   | \$100.00 ea | x _____ = | _____       |
| * AFTER November 1st   | \$110.00 ea | x _____ = | _____       |
| YOUTH 17 and younger FREE with IHPA Member                     | FREE        | x _____ = | <b>FREE</b> |
| 18-24 year olds - please fill in age                           | \$20.00 ea  | x _____ = | _____       |
| Member one day pass (mark one) _____ Friday _____ Saturday     | \$45.00 ea  | x _____ = | _____       |
| Non member one day pass (mark one) _____ Friday _____ Saturday | \$60.00 ea  | x _____ = | _____       |

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**Friday Lunch Options**

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| <b>BBQ Pulled Pork</b> topped with coleslaw on a Kaiser bun + chips + cookie       | \$18 each | x _____ = | _____ |
| <b>Cesar Chicken Salad</b> grilled ckn breast, romaine, croutons, parmesan + bread | \$17 each | x _____ = | _____ |

**Friday - Queen & President Reception, socialize with our guest speakers, & IA Honey Queen Crowning**

**Hors d'oeuvres and Appetizers provided by the IHPA** \$0 # \_\_\_\_\_ **FREE**

*Cash bar on your own*

**Saturday Lunch Options**    \_\_\_\_\_ (#) will attend the Youth Scholarship Luncheon    \_\_\_\_\_ (#) will attend a different session

**Boxed Lunch**    *assortment of boxed sandwiches, wraps and salads. All are accompanied with whole fruit, chips and cookie*    \$16 each    x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday Banquet Dinner Options**    options come with salad, house bread, & dessert

\_\_\_\_\_ (#) will attend the program, but not eat

**Chicken Wellington** *ckn breast w/ mushroom duxelles in puff pastry, wild rice&glazed carrots*    \$38 each    x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

**Seared Sliced Sirloin** *port wine demi-glace, red mashed potatoes&French green beans*    \$35 each    x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

**Grilled Vegetable Risotto** *Chef's selection of vegetables combined with traditional risotto*    \$30 each    x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

**Please state if you have dietary restrictions**

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| <b>2024 Membership Dues</b> - Includes Mailed Subscription to the Buzz Newsletter | \$30.00 | _____ |
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Event questions can be directed to: H.R. Cook at: Stagemaster35@gmail.com or Kelsey Wigans at: ihpaeditor@gmail.com

# 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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**SOLD OUT**  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 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

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- 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
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Gold Exhibit Booth \$80

- Two 8ft tables
- Two chairs
- One complimentary Conference registration
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- 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
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- 20% off all meals that you purchase (in advance) from the meals served by IHPA: Queen, Scholarship and/or Banquet meal (limit two people)
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 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

It is August 1st. Trefoil and white sweet clover are blooming. That's unusual for sweet clover. It is usually finished by mid-July. It only grows in the road ditches so most of our yards do not have access to it. However, sweet clover bloom usually co-insides with a flow—mostly from soybeans. Chicory is more prevalent along the roadside than it used to be. It grows right on the edge of the shoulder. The DOT must seed it. I don't see it much anywhere else even though it is a native plant. I used to see Partridge Pea along the road side. I have not seen that much over the past few years.

Compassplant is starting to bloom in the road ditches. I don't know if bees work that. I have never seen one on it. That doesn't necessarily mean anything. I didn't think they worked cone flowers either. Hoksey's Native Seeds is down the road from me a couple of miles. We have bees there. He says he sees them collecting pollen from the cone flowers in the morning.

The high temps returned the last week of July. That caused the honey flow to kick in again. The bees are out of the hive early and fly late. Prior to that, not much that happened here after July 4. I don't have a good feel for what our honey crop is going to be. I have three yards that I consider my "hobby yards." Those are the only yards I have seen. There is a total of about 60 colonies. They are all splits. Some of them didn't have near enough bees in them. Two of the yards are being run as singles. I am hoping to make 40#/colony. The doubles are better. Alex says some of those yards have quite a bit of honey. Noah has two yards of lease bees. He took those down by Rathbun. One of those yards has way over 100#/colony. He showed me a video. The other yard is not as good. They are only a mile apart but there is a big difference.

I attended the Illinois State Beekeepers meeting in Quincy in mid-July. I had a senior moment. I managed to

lose the key to the flatbed as I walked the 100 feet through the parking lot to the motel. I called the local Ford dealer to see if they could make a key. They said my truck was too old for them to have data (2001). I called the locksmith after that. He took care of me. I was \$175 dollars poorer when it was over but I was mobile again. It was a good meeting. I am guessing attendance at around 200. There were a lot of Missouri people there. Vendors came from as far away as Indiana and Texas. There was a big honey flow going on when I was there. I took a pallet of supers to sell. They were gone within the first hour.

The heat reminds me of the mid-50's. There were some really hot summers. This was before A/C was common. There was one little grocery store in town that had A/C. Us kids would run in and out of there until they told us not to come back. It was great for playing baseball. The neighbor boy and I would go over to the ball diamond around 8:00 AM. We would work out for a couple of hours. By then, the dew was off the hay. We would go bale hay for the rest of the day. We got paid a dollar an hour if they fed us. It was \$2 if they brought us to town for lunch. We always tried to go to the places that fed us. My stomach was a bottomless pit in those days. By game time, we were pretty tired. Still, we were able to play without embarrassing ourselves too badly.

Mite counts are running a little higher than last year. We are still getting some zero's but have seen some as high as six. Six can turn into twenty pretty fast. If that happens, the bees will perish. We have had the extended release pads in all summer. We are starting to go around now with a Formic Pro pad for some of the yards. We will need to be on time with the second one if we want to have good survival. This is difficult to do as we have to pull, extract, feed and treat for mites all at the same time.

Most of the crop reports I have heard are positive. Let's get that honey extracted and kill mites!!



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