

# The Buzz

Newsletter of the  
*Iowa Honey Producers*  
Association



October 2023

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## ONE MONTH until the IHPA Annual Conference & Trade Show

**November 10-11th**

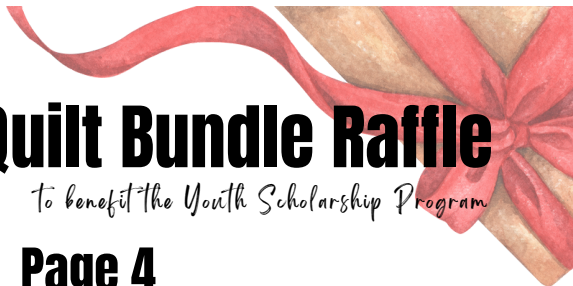
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## Christmas Quilt Bundle Raffle

*To benefit the Youth Scholarship Program*

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# IHPA Officer & Director News

## Ramblings from The Russian Bee Guy

**President, Jason Foley**

Hello and welcome to the October addition of the buzz. The last days of August I was frantically trying to pull the last of our honey from our 300 colonies and get it all extracted. I had gotten the bright idea the year before to book a Canadian fishing vacation to start labor day weekend and that meant all hands on deck the moment state fair ended. It was super stressful, and actually kinda dangerous. I'd caught a heck of a cold at the state fair and was running a fever while trying to pull those heavy supers in 100+ temps. Not even talking heat index, it was over 100 on a couple of the days I was out there pulling. I literally used my truck as a crutch to enable me to pull those days. Work until I got dizzy and my vision got a bit weird and then hop in the running truck for the airconditioning and down another bottle of water. Those yards took me well over twice the time to pull because of all the breaks, but you do what you gotta do in the bee biz. The one nice thing is that thru honey extraction time, I lost more than 10lbs lol. I might have just discovered a very effective weightloss program lol.

The honey crop this year was really good. I'd thought we weren't going to have much because I did a lot of splitting to take us from 200, to 300 colonies, and I run all those queens too that I break hives apart for. Nope, the hives packed it on. I haven't done the math, but we should be close to last year (which was a record year for our little business). I haven't completed the math because I still have honey in our big holding tank that I need to pour into 55 gallon drums. That tank doesn't have any markings on it, so it's just best-guess on it.

Now that we are back from vacation I'm running around putting treatments on and feeding colonies. The way the bees are "robbey", we must be in a pretty good nectar derth. It won't be too much longer and we'll be into November, so I gotta make sure they are heavy and healthy for their annual California run!





FOR SALE: Approx 200 colonies of bees. Double deeps on 4-way pallets. Contact Phil at 641-521-6361 or e-mail ehoney37@netins.net

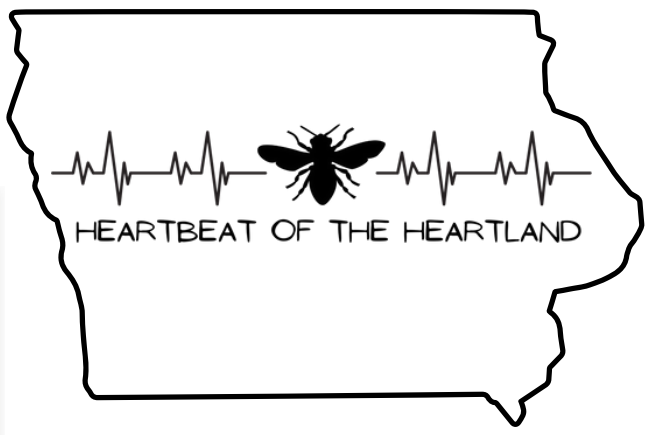



Foley's Russian Bees is an Indianola, Iowa based producer of Primorsky Russian bees & beekeeping equipment. We specialize in Russian mated queens and Russian nucleus hives. We also are a provider of Carniolan packages. When you are in need of bees, we can help!

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

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

## Get your NEW IHPA Merchandise!!!



 Adult Heavy Blend Crewneck Sweatshirt	 Heavy Blend Hooded Sweatshirt	 Colorblock Hooded Sweatshirt
 Women's Long Sleeve V-Neck Tee	 Coffee Mug	 30 oz Tumbler

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 Car Window Sticker	 Embroidered Six-Panel Twill Cap	 Custom Beanie Stocking Hat	 Custom Pom Stocking Hat	 Lightweight Crewneck Sweatshirt	 Shawl Hoodie
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Just in time for the holidays!!  
 Gift giving is just around the corner!!!

# 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 Fellow Beekeepers,

In a few short weeks, the Iowa Honey Producers Association Annual Meeting and Conferences will happen. It will be a great time to learn new things about beekeeping, meeting other beekeepers, and potentially spending some money on the vendors. I am excited to be there and see everyone again.

The Iowa State Fair has officially ended for 2023. It was not as hot as other years which made it nice for everyone. One of the surprisingly popular things (other than the creamed honey) was the honeycomb. It was interesting to see the kids come up to buy it and the parents being skeptical. Maybe TikTok or some other social media fad helped this out? I spent most of my days at the queen's booth where we rolled many candles and sold lots of honey sticks. I had the opportunity to give nine presentations about beginning beekeeping to how honey is made. One of the recipes that I made in the cooking presentation was the Honey and Lemon Hummus. I personally like exotic food and making this is really easy and a great nutritious snack. The American Honey Princess Allison Hager came for two days and WHO 13 TV crew came to interview her. That seemed to be the spark that started a lot of media coverage. The following day, it felt like the rest of the media also tried to show up too. Britta, the Iowa Honey Princess, and Bethany Kelly, the 2023 Central Iowa Honey Queen, were interviewed on WHO radio. I also did one bright and early on Thursday morning for Max and Amy morning show and that evening, Britta and I did the evening show with Simon Conway. We also had a reporter for the New York Times come around and take some pictures along with the IPBS doing a video interview for their Facebook page. There were more but I unfortunately could not find their articles or pictures.

One of the more unique experiences that I had at the Iowa State Fair was judging the Cooking with Honey competition. It was interesting to learn about the different aspects of cooking and the judges were wonderful ladies who all seemed to have great tastes for food. I did come hungry that day because I wanted to eat well. It was a hard decision for most of the entries and the biggest winner in my opinion was the 7-year-old who made a honey bread with yeast.

After 5 p.m., I would wander over to the main part of the booth and help bag honey or restock shelves. It was fun trying to keep up with everything. Many of the shelves were getting pretty bare as the week continued. Britta, Bethany, and I got to meet up with Mike Naig, the Iowa Secretary for Agriculture. His assistant was really interested in knowing the difference between store brand honey and beekeeper's honey. Another person that I met was State Senator, Nate Boulton, and his little girl. I was surprised to find out that they are beekeepers too and even had some entries in the Apiary division. The Iowa Pork Queen and the Iowa Pork Ambassador also stopped by to say hello. It was fun comparing our responsibilities and learning about the pork industry. Now, I will say that I did see quite a few politicians (popular candidates for President) but I tried not to get involved in their security and media bubbles. About two weeks later, I attended the Muscatine Farmers' Market. I got to help James Miller with his honey stand. Most of the people who came to the Farmer's Market did not know that there was such a thing as the Iowa Honey Queen. I got to talk to a lot of customers who were curious but wanted to know more about honey.

In the November BUZZ, I will highlight the last few presentations that I am going to do. Hopefully you have made your plans to be in Ames in November.

Rachel Vakulich  
2023 Iowa Honey Queen



**Getting ready to be on WHO radio!**

# Iowa Honey Royalty



Rachel Vakulich - 2023 Iowa Honey Queen



Left to Right: Rachel Vakulich, Cooking with Honey Entrant, Britta McCollum



(Above) Left to Right: Britta McCollum, Bethany Kelly, Rachel Vakulich, the Iowa Pork Queen and Iowa Pork Princess



(Above) Left to Right: Rachel Vakulich, Britta McCollum, Bethany Kelly, Mike Naig

(Below) Left to Right: Rachel Vakulich and Allison Hager, 2023 American Honey Princess







# 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**



Hello Fellow Beekeepers,

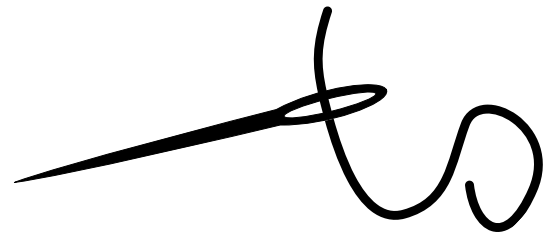
I am coming to you this month with a request. I am looking for the next person to **step up and take over as the Editor for the Iowa Honey Producers Association after the 1st of the new year.** It has certainly been a pleasure working with the Iowa Honey Producers Association the past few years. However, with resigning from my full time job, taking on a new position as Director of The King's Kids Preschool, and other upcoming events happening with the Iowa Family Gardening Homestead, as well as expanding my photography business, 30 Miles from Nowhere, and another job coming my way with the Humboldt Soil and Water Conservation District, it has come time for me to step away (for a bit) from the IHPA.

The program, called Canva, has drastically changed the ease in making the monthly newsletters. You will be tasked with putting together the monthly newsletter, and you even get paid, \$100/month!

I have some detailed instructions laid out, and I'd be happy to help you with the first couple of editions of The Buzz. However, here is a great opportunity to take on a leadership role with the IHPA and tap into those creative juices you have! Winter is a great time to learn the ropes, as you will likely be inside more than the summer.

**Email me at [ihpaeditor@gmail.com](mailto:ihpaeditor@gmail.com) for details**

## Quilter's Corner



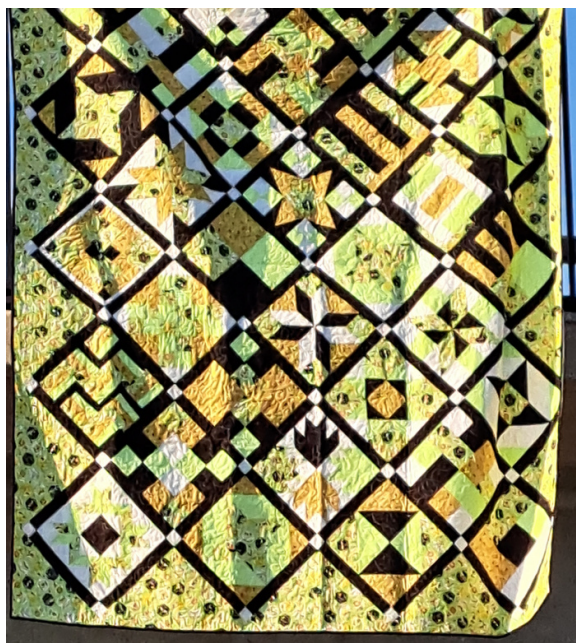
**Submitted by: Jodi Kraft**

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]







Iowa Honey  
Producers Association

November 10-11, 2023

Annual Conference &  
Trade Show

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



Jamie Ellis



Marla Spivak



Ian Stepler



Tom Seeley



Lewis Bartlette

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# 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!

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# Friday, Nov 10 Topics & Speakers

- Registration
- Welcome with Secretary of Agriculture
- Are pollen substitutes good for honey bees + UF Bee Lab Tour (45 mins – 1 hour)
- AFB Vaccine for Honey Bees & Transgenerational Immune Priming
- Value Added Products
- Varroa Mites and Treatments
- Managing parasites in the hive: old techniques and new frontiers.\*
- Swarm behavior/bee behavior/swarm traps
- LUNCH for ALL attendees, Vendors, Networking, Contests
- Queen Luncheon
- The Craft of Bee Hunting
- Beekeeping History
- Things to look for in your hive
- Project Apis Grant Process and Seeds for Bees
- Indoor wintering, plain and simple, how I set up my shed and manage indoor winter bees
- Basic Roundtable Discussion - Geared for Beekeepers that want to Network with other Beekeepers
- Dolittle Method of Increases
- President & Queen Reception with heavy appetizers
- Iowa Honey Queen Candidate Introductions & Iowa Honey Queen Crowning Ceremony
- Wrap up of Day 1 and Preview of Day 2 + Door Prizes
- Gateway Hotel, Ames - Gallery Lobby
- Mike Naig
- Jamie Ellis, Gahan Endowed Professor, Honey Bee Extension and Research
- Amy Floyd, Dalan Animal Health
- Sara Todd, Holton Homestead & IHPA Vice President
- Scott Kent, Southern Iowa Hive Handlers Bee Club
- Lewis James Bartlett, Professor at the University of Georgia\*
- Jamie Beyer, Beyers Bees, Central Iowa Beekeeping Association President
- More than 13 vendors!
- Connie Bronnenberg, Iowa Honey Queen Program Leader; Rachel Vakulich, 2023 Iowa Honey Queen & Britta McCollum, 2023 Iowa Honey Princess
- Tom Seeley\*, Cornell University
- Carole Vannoy
- Andy Joseph, State of Iowa Apiarist
- Sara Brown, Project Apis Development Manager
- Ian Stepler, Canadian Commercial Beekeeper
- Stephanie Meyers, IHPA Youth Scholarship Coordinator & Kelsey Wigans, IHPA Editor
- Larry Connor, BeeCabulary Essentials author
- Jason Foley, IHPA President & IHPA Honey Queens
- Connie Bronnenberg, IHPA Queen Program Chair
- IHPA Event Team Co-chairs: H.R. Cook & Kelsey Wigans with members: Tom Hart, Abigail Kelly, Kristi Ostercamp & Sara Todd

Entries for contests are due  
EACH DAY by 10:00 a.m.

*\*Zoom only presentation*

# Saturday, Nov 11 Topics & Speakers

- Registration
- Youth Scholarship Interviews for incoming and outgoing students
- Business Meeting
- State of the bees in Iowa report
- Bee Politics, Honey Bee Day & Proclamations
- Breeding for Varroa Resistance
- Setting up a Certified Kitchen
- Cleaning Wax
- LUNCH for all attendees!
- Youth Scholarship Luncheon
- Bait Hives: How to get High-Quality Bees for Free
- Problems and Promises of Darwinian Beekeeping
- Bee Informed Partnership
- Preparing Projects for the State Fair
- Overwintering in Iowa & Winter Cleanup
- Value Added Products
- Things to look for in your hive
- AFB Vaccine for Honey Bees & Transgenerational Immune Priming
- Addressing the sustainability of beekeeping
- Lessons I learned the hard way
- Pollinator Plants
- Specialized Honey: Monofloral vs Multifloral
- Holistic Health for Honeybees and Beekeeping
- Swarm behavior/bee behavior/swarm traps
- Basic Roundtable Discussion - Geared for Novice Beekeepers
- Sending bees to CA Panel
- Gateway Hotel, Ames - Gallery Lobby
- Stephanie Meyers, IHPA Youth Scholarship Coordinator
- All are welcome to attend!
- Andy Joseph, State of Iowa Apiarist
- H.R. Cook, Legislative Representative & Event Co-Chair
- Marla Spivak, University of Minnesota
- Kurt Rebur, Iowa Department of Inspections & Appeals
- Abigail Kelly
- 13+ vendors!
- Stephanie Meyers and Scholarship Students + Mentors
- Tom Seeley\*
- Lewis James Bartlett, Professor at the University of Georgia
- Tim Olsen, Northwest Iowa Beekeepers Club
- Bethany Kelly, 2023 Central Iowa Honey Queen
- Mike Sander
- Sara Todd, Holton Homestead & IHPA Vice President
- Andy Joseph, State of Iowa Apiarist
- Amy Floyd, Dalan Animal Health
- Jamie Ellis, Professor & Researcher at the University of Florida
- Ian Stepler, Canadian Commercial Beekeeper
- Larry Connor, BeeCabulary Essentials author
- Randall Cass, Ag & Natural Resources Extension Specialist
- Lewis James Bartlett, Professor at the University of Georgia
- Jamie Beyer, Beyers Bees, Central Iowa Beekeeping Association President
- Stephanie Meyers & Kelsey Wigans
- Tyler Holton, Andy Joseph & Adam Ebert
- Jamie Ellis, Professor & Researcher at the University of Florida
- Curt Bronnenberg
- IHPA Event Team: Co-chairs: H.R. Cook & Kelsey Wigans. Team Members: Tom Hart, Abigail Kelly, Kristi Ostercamp & Sara Todd

## Banquet Night

- An entertaining talk
- IHPA Awards
- Live Queen Auction

Entries for contests are due  
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# 2023 Annual Meeting

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## 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)
- Capsicumel (Pepper Mead) 

**Entries will be judged  
based on the  
scorecard on Page 17**

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)**

# 2023 Annual Meeting

Entries for contests are due  
EACH DAY 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)



## 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**

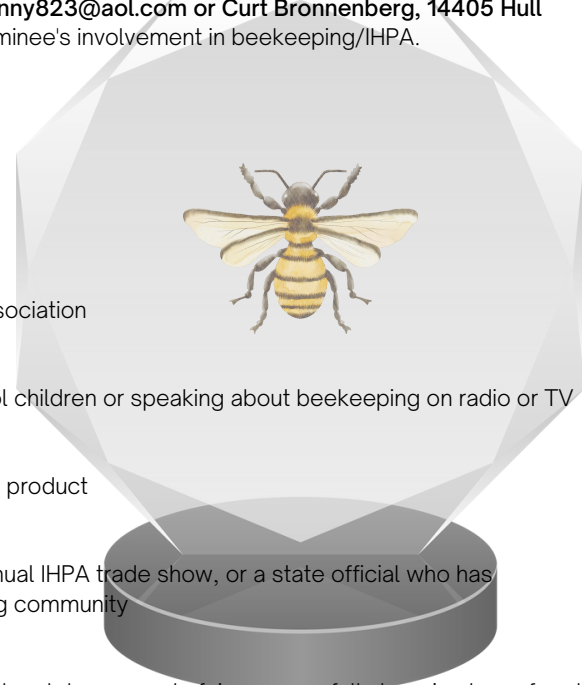
for promoting honey and keeping, promotions for state association or promoting their own product

**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**

<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

<b>Boxed Lunch</b> assortment of boxed sandwiches, wraps and salads. All are accompanied with whole fruit, chips and cookie	\$16 each	x _____ =	_____
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**Saturday Banquet Dinner Options** options come with salad, house bread, & dessert

_____ (#) will attend the program, but not eat			
<b>Chicken Wellington</b> ckn breast w/ mushroom duxelles in puff pastry, wild rice & glazed carrots	\$38 each	x _____ =	_____
<b>Seared Sliced Sirloin</b> port wine demi-glace, red mashed potatoes & French green beans	\$35 each	x _____ =	_____
<b>Grilled Vegetable Risotto</b> 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	_____
2nd Family Member with the Same Address	\$5.00	_____

**Make Checks payable to Iowa Honey Producers Association ("IHPA")**

Return this completed form along with payment to: Lisa Montgomery, IHPA Treasurer 2543 170th St Livermore, IA 50558	Donation: Fairbooth Renovation	\$ _____
	Donation: General Funds	\$ _____
	Donation: Queen Program	\$ _____
	Donation: Youth Scholarship Program	\$ _____

**Your cancelled check will serve as your confirmation**

**TOTAL DUE**

[www.iowahoneyproducers.org](http://www.iowahoneyproducers.org) to register AND pay online!

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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 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

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[ ] Full page ad \$150

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[ ] 1/4 page ad \$60

[ ] 1/8 page ad \$40





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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 November Edition of The Buzz

**Tuesday, October 10th at 11:59 p.m.**

*If you need assistance designing your advertisement,  
information is due to Kelsey Wigans one week prior, on  
Tuesday, October 3rd at 11:59 p.m.*

*Please submit materials to: [ihpaeditor@gmail.com](mailto:ihpaeditor@gmail.com)*

