

2026 Annual Meeting CONTESTS

Cooking Contest

- Due: Saturday 9 am
- DRINKS and CANDY are the categories this year
- Honey must be an ingredient
- Submit 1 batch (minimum of 12 servings)
- Include recipe, and any pertinent story
- No alcohol
- Judged on appearance, texture, taste, use of honey
- Pick Up: between 5:00-6:00 pm on Saturday
- No public samples; will be displayed in contest area after judging

Photo Contest

- Due: Submit JPEG via email above by Oct 18
- Honey Bees and/or Honey must be visible
- Judged on clarity, promotional value, photography standards
- NO identifiable persons, animals, or labels
- Entrant must be owner of the original photo; no AI or computer-generated
- Email must include: exhibitors name; date and location of photo; type of camera used; detail any edits

Coloring Page Contest

- Due: Submit in PDF form via email above by Oct 18
- Doodle us a coloring page; black lines only
- No AI or computer-generated entries
- Entries must be on 8.5x11, but can be full page color sheet or series of 4 bookmarks
- Honey Bees, Honey, and/or IHPA must be focus
- Entries will be used for publication by the IHPA

!!!! CONTEST Rules & Directions !!!!

- Questions: marshalltmf@gmail.com
- Check-In & Drop-Off at contest entry table
- All categories include a Youth (15 and under) and Adult (over 16) division
- One entry per person per contest
- Recipes, photos, and coloring page will be retained by the IHPA for future use
- 1st and 2nd awarded in each
- All entries judged by a panel; unless noted with PC (people's choice); judges' decisions are final
- Winners announced at Saturday evening Banquet

Black Label Honey Contest—PC

- Due: Friday 9 am
- Submit one 12-16 oz plastic bottle with easy pour lid of 2026 honey; attach your label; wrap in aluminum foil to cover label
- Limited to first 25 entries
- Voting window will correlate with Friday evening social
- Pick Up: Saturday morning 8:00 am -12:00 or will be discarded

Mead Contest

- Due: Friday 9 am
- Submit 2 bottles, label removed
- Categories: Traditional, Molemel (Fruit), Metheglyn (Spiced), Capsicumel (Pepper); categories may be combined if insufficient entry numbers
- Judged on: alcohol strength, sweetness, carbonation, temperature, taste, presentation
- Pick Up: between 5:00-6:00 pm on Saturday
- NOTE: unopened winning bottles may be sold at auction; remaining bottles may be used at Friday evening social

NEW THIS YEAR: **Show & Tell**

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- Questions: marshalltmf@gmail.com
- Check-In & Drop-Off at contest entry table
- Purpose: promotional education
- Not judged, Only sharing
- Must include on 3x5 recipe card: Full Name, Local Club Name, IHPA District, additional information as noted
- Display space limited, FCFS
- One entry per person per class
- All entries must promote use of honey, care of honey bees, or the IHPA
- Photos of exhibit and details may be used by IHPA
- IHPA not responsible for damage to exhibit
- Pick Up: between 5:00-6:00 pm on day of display

Class #1 Historical Item

- Due: Friday 9 am
- On 3x5 card, also list estimated age, name, and purpose of item
- Example: aluminum foundation; wire queen cage

Class #2 Presentation Prop

- Due: Friday 9 am
- On 3x5 card, also share 1 sentence about your talking point pertaining to this item AND where to purchase (if applicable)
- Does not have to be made by exhibitor; duplications will not be displayed; remember goal is to share ideas about how we can all be teaching about honey and honey bees; show us your finds and favorites
- Example: hive box of photos; children's activity for city festival booth

Class #3 Educational Exhibit

- Due: Saturday 9 am
- Youth Only (20 years and under)
- On 3x5 card, also list goal for exhibit
- Example: poster about honey made for school science fair
- Not meant to replace Youth Scholarship exhibits, but can be a follow-up or continuation of project

Class #4 Arts, Crafts, & Hobbies

- Due: Saturday 9 am
- Adults Only (20 years and above)
- On 3x5 card, also share 1 sentence about your item, its purpose, or construction
- Example: painted hive body; quilt

Class #5 Beekeeper's Invention

- Due: by 9 am; One table available each day
- On a 3x5 card, also share what the problem was you were trying to solve and any pertinent design process
- If exhibit is too large to transport, please feel free to submit a photo, small display board, or digital photo frame
- Example: frame making jig; candle rolling board