**Bees on the Bayou**

*Register Today for the 2014 North American Beekeeping Conference & Tradeshow*

**Schedule-at-a-Glance**

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The 2014 North American Beekeeping Conference & Tradeshow will be held at the River Center in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, January 7-11. We hope to see you there! We have packed the agenda full of great educational sessions, research updates, networking opportunities and a few activities just for fun.

This year’s ABF conference will be unlike any conference you’ve attended before. We’ve reviewed your survey responses and we’ve heard you loud and clear. The 2014 conference agenda has been planned with you in mind. We’ve made changes to better accommodate your schedules and we think you will find tremendous value in your participation.

Starting on Tuesday, January 7th, you will have the opportunity to participate in a field trip to the USDA-ARS Baton Rouge Bee Lab. Here you will learn how research is done at the Honey Bee Breeding, Genetics and Physiology Lab. Currently at the lab, the nine scientists and their technicians primarily perform experiments with Russian bees and other varroa-resistant bees (VSH). However, they also do research on small hive beetles, chalkbrood, nosema and tracheal mites. This experience will include a Cajun-themed lunch and some time to visit with the scientists and ask your questions.

Wednesday morning will be the start of General Sessions with updates from the President and In-coming President of ABF, the introduction of our 2014 American Honey Queen candidates, and a keynote presentation by Dr. Marion Ellis from the University of Nebraska. The afternoon will feature the traditional Shared Interest Group (SIG) meetings as well as the opening of the tradeshow. That evening you will be invited to a welcome reception where you can network with our various vendors and be entertained by our Honey Queen contestants.

We will continue General Sessions on Thursday with various presentations from industry experts. Additionally, the Auxiliary Breakfast will be held on Thursday morning. This is a great opportunity to meet the Honey Queen contestants and learn more about their background and future plans. This day will also feature (continued on page 29)
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From the President – A President’s Lament

by George Hansen, ABF President

I want to tell you a story. It is the last story I will tell you as president.

I was standing in a rather long security line at the Denver airport when I got a phone call. Having completed two intense days at the National Honey Board’s fall meeting, I had been arranging my thoughts about my priorities for the rest of the week while I inched forward to the TSA security line. The call was from a Monsanto representative, with whom I had been in contact over a press release that had caused concern in the honey bee industry. She informed me that Monsanto had decided to release a corrected version of the press release, and asked if I would provide a statement to be included. This request had not been on the mental list of priorities that I had been composing moments earlier.

I really needed to attend to my business. My sons and employees have covered for me very well these last four years when I have needed to be away, or to tend to ABF duties. I also needed to have some time for myself and my family, too. My wife has put up with my schedule only because I convinced her it would end on a given date. Our two grandsons, my painting studio, and our gardens could easily take all my time if I had time to give. It has been this way for years now. The Farm Bill, various EPA and USDA and Labor issues, conventions, summits, roundtables, symposiums, meetings and conference calls pretty much provide the structure of my calendar, and I have to fill everything else in around those hard dates and deadlines. Emails and phone calls spice things up, often unexpectedly. I remember one time, after opening a hive, I started getting a series of cell phone calls. I don’t remember what the calls were about but I do remember two hours later, the crew had disappeared over the hill, and my first hive of the day still stood before me with the lid off, unworked.

I need to thank the Board of Directors, Tim Tucker, ABF vice president, and the Meeting Expectations staff for all their work conducting the business of the organization. The Membership committee has the ABF growing. The Research committee has awarded its first grants. The Education committee has given you a solid offering of webinars, and the Conference committee has repeatedly organized successful meetings. The Honey Queen committee keeps the queen and princess moving, putting our industry in the spotlight. The Apimondia committee is researching the possibility of making a bid for an upcoming meeting in North America. And the Legislative committee has had a steady diet of congressional and government relations involvement. We have had a couple of changes of personnel at the Atlanta office, but we are adjusting. Regina, Michael and Tara continue to get the day-to-day ABF work done.

I remember, once, right after I was elected the first year, someone had me cornered and asked me, “Now that you are president, what are you going to do about... (you fill in the blank)...?” Good question. Over and over I have had no easy answer. This is a Federation, a big tent, and within reason, we need to find our way to the other side of the tent when we don’t like what is happening on this side. That having been said, it is always possible to do things better, and meet the needs of the members. That has been my goal.

In the vein of changing to improve, the board will be asking the membership to consider several changes to the bylaws at the business meeting during the convention at Baton Rouge. First, there will be a proposal to have the full membership vote on any changes to the dues. Currently, such changes are voted on at the annual business meeting, with an average attendance of 50 participants. The ABF has 1300 members. Second, there is a proposal to eliminate the requirement that the vice president be the legislative committee chairman. Now that the ABF no longer has a government relations person on staff, the proposal would have the president appoint the most adept person for this position, as is the case with all other committees. Finally, the board is discussing various changes to procedure for electing board members and officers. The proposal is still being discussed, but it seems clear at a minimum, the proposal is suggesting having the nominations process begin well before the conference.

Sorry for the detour. So, how does the story of the call from Monsanto end? I told the representative that the...
It doesn’t seem possible that it was almost two years ago that I penned my first article for the newsletter as your vice president. There’s much we have shared during that time and it has been one of the most valued times that I have experienced.

Our industry is blessed with so many wonderful people that have a love for this remarkable insect and the environment it lives in. We are all naturalists to some degree and that provides a setting for ever-changing circumstances and situations that keep our lives interesting and speeding on. Beekeepers are resilient and observant or they don’t seem to survive. Not saying that those who fail are not observant or resilient. Our industry faces challenges that seem to be so many and sometimes so daunting, as to imply that there are no solutions, or at least not simple solutions.

These past two years have seen many new projects come to fruition and I would just like to say our president, George Hansen, has sacrificed a lot of time and energy to stay on top of those things that affect us all. I am not sure most understand the efforts required to achieve the success we have enjoyed in the past few years. If you have never done so, I would suggest you sit down and write him a thank you note for his work during the past decade of service to the ABF. Few have given more of themselves to protect and shape our industry for the coming decades.

As I sit here in D.C. awaiting my flight home, I am reflecting my week at the annual North American Pollinator Protection Campaign (NAPPC). It was three days of meeting people, several of whom I’ve had an opportunity to communicate with for several years but had no faces to associate with their names. One of the problems with our digital world is it is completely impossible to ascertain who a person really and truly is and whether they are real or just an imposter. It doesn’t take long in person to discover people’s nature and intent when you have a chance to look them in the eyes.

I may not always be right but my track record is pretty good. I’d have to say there are a lot of great people who are at work supporting our industry and the interests of all pollinators. I will have to admit that I had no idea how much NAPPC is doing on our behalf. It seemed as though most of the research being done will benefit honey bees. There were over a dozen individual task force units working throughout the year on projects like outreach, habitat for pollinators, pesticide issues and disease, mostly directed at honey bee issues. It was interesting to have an opportunity to meet representatives there from the chemical industry and other interest groups and interact with them for a couple of days. Their work to protect butterflies, quail and pheasant populations will bring benefits to our bees as well.

Looking ahead to the next few years, there are some huge obstacles facing our industry which make it difficult to assess whether we will continue feeding our expanding human population numbers. There are discussions underway to have a varroa summit, which will hopefully expedite and intensify efforts to solve the issues of varoasis and develop new strategies for dealing with mites, which is definitely needed. This initiative, led by Bayer, could provide new treatments for us. As George referred to in his last newsletter article, the issues of sustainability are focusing on health, habitat and finding human resources to continue this industry. Whether we have enough bees to do specific pollination of seed and food crops will depend upon not only solving health issues but seeking help from the agricultural industry to find forage for bees in this shrinking landscape. We will likely have to forge alliances with commodity groups representing agriculture and other declining species to develop survival strategies and escape from these intensively utilized agricultural lands into safe zones where our bees can find variety in species for nectar. It may involve better planning on what is and what isn’t planted in areas and returning some set-aside acres to cycle production, to not only protect pollinators but to protect these soils and species that revive productivity of farm ground. We cannot continue to tax our land to the levels we have in most areas of the Midwest Ag belt, where my bees and I reside. These issues are not just beekeeping issues. They are all interconnected and one issue either supports or deleteriously affects all others.
For a brief time, it appeared the debt limit negotiations might spawn a Farm Bill agreement. Instead, the government was shut down, and many issues just got kicked forward. With both the House and Senate having passed their own version of a Farm Bill, a conference committee was named and they have started the House-Senate conference process, which is designed to reach a compromise between the two houses of congress. Most farm-commodity issues are not in dispute, and the research and conservation issues the honey bee industry wanted are in a position to be included in the final House-Senate conference report.

The major area of disagreement is over the nutrition portion of the bill; primarily in the level of funding for the SNAP (or food stamp) program. The Senate passed budget cuts to the SNAP program by approximately $4 billion over 10 years; whereas the House passed a bill that cuts that program by $40 billion over the same period. As I update this on Veteran’s Day, the sad irony is that many of the food stamp cuts proposed by the House will impact a significant number of veterans. Anything is possible, but this will likely become a part of the next debt limit debate, which will be held a few months from now.

While most beekeepers who use the current H2A guest worker program have been able to get employees this last year, the much needed overhaul that would revamp the program for all agriculture industry groups is tied up in immigration reform legislation. The consensus is that the proposal for guest workers would be a significant improvement over the status quo. At this time, the Senate has passed comprehensive immigration reform legislation that makes significant improvements to the existing guest worker program, which the ABF supports. The House has not yet passed immigration legislation. No one is seriously expecting an Immigration Bill to be passed by both houses and sent to the President in the near future, given the current atmosphere in Washington, DC.

Talks continue on the Hours of Service requirement, which requires that all truck drivers take a 30 minute no-duty break after 8 hours of driving. The livestock industry is petitioning for a waiver, since parking cattle or pigs in the sun for half an hour is not acceptable. As of today, no one at the USDA is willing to declare that honey bees are livestock. This issue will grind forward, even as bees start to be shipped for the almond bloom. There is pressure to resolve this issue that is coming from the Farm Bureau and the almond industry, as well as livestock producers and honey bee organizations. Hopefully the appropriate congressional committees will exert some pressure to get this resolved.

There is significant agreement that some kind of habitat enhancement will eventually be a part of the USDA farm programs; there is language in both versions of the farm bill that encourage it. The shutdown of the government put a hiccup in the discussions, so as this is compiled there are no details to report. The intent is to create incentives for farmers to plant pollinator and wildlife habitat that match the incentives offered for commodities, especially on marginal farmland.

ABF members should contact their Senators and Congressmen to urge passage of the Farm Bill, particularly provisions contained in the House and Senate bills that are beneficial to bee producers. If you have a Congressman or Senator that is a member of the conference committee, it is especially important that you contact them. Further, talking about the Hours of Service issue currently before the Department of Transportation and the need for a viable guest worker program will help them understand the impact of these large issues on our small, but important, industry.
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<td>Introduction of 2013 American Honey Queen and 2013 American Honey Princess and the 2014 Honey Queen Contestants – Anna Kettlewell, Chairperson, American Honey Queen Committee, Badger State Apiaries, Greenfield, Wisconsin</td>
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<td>Joint Commercial &amp; Package Bee and Queen Breeder SIG Meeting</td>
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<td>ABF New Member Orientation</td>
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<td>Welcome Reception in the Tradeshow w/Live and/Silent Auction</td>
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<td>True Source Honey Update – Jill Clark, Dutch Gold Honey</td>
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<td>Honeybees + Soybean = Soy Honey + Increased Soybean Yields</td>
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<td>Sustainability – George Hansen, Colton, OR</td>
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<td>Report from the Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees &amp; Introduction of Foundation Scholars - Joan Gunter, Chairman, Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees</td>
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<td>11:05 AM – 11:25 AM</td>
<td>A Pilot Apis Viral and Nosema Mapping Initiative: Using Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Spatial Analysis to Monitor Honey Bee Health - Heather Gamper, ABF Research Funding Recipient</td>
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<td>Pollinator Habitat Partnership Opportunities with Pheasants and Quail Forever – Pete Berthelsen, Pheasants Forever</td>
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<td>Bees and Other Pollinators Used at the North Central Regional Plant Introduction Station - Steve Hanlin, USDA; Agricultural Research Service, NCRPIS/ISU, Ames, IA</td>
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<td>RC – Ballroom #1 National Honey Board Marketing and Research Update – Bruce Boynton, CEO, NHB, Firestone, Colorado &amp; Catherine Barry, NHB Marketing Director</td>
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<td>RC – Room #7-8 Kids and Bees Program</td>
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<td>RC – Ballroom #1 Incoming ABF President Address – Tim Tucker, Niotaze, KS</td>
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**Milestones**

*Congratulations to the following ABF members that have reached milestone years during the month of August, September and October 2013:*

**10 Years**
- Lavada Talbert, TX
- Ray Olivarez, Jr., CA
- Patricia Haskell, VA
- Laurence Wayne Winter, NY

**20 Years**
- Glenda Wooten, CA
- Cherie Miller, CA
- Frantz F. Walker, MD
- Dan Bauer, MN

**25 Years**
- James Kisilewicz, PA
- Ellen Sundberg, MN
- Tom Peterson, FL

**45 Years**
- Harlan Vehrs, WI
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<td>Queens and Nucs – Jon Zawislak, University of Arkansas, Little Rock, AR</td>
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<td>9:00 AM – 9:50 AM</td>
<td>Bee Biology – Marion Ellis, Dr. Marion Ellis, Department of Entomology, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE</td>
<td>The Challenges and Rewards Almond Pollination – Dr. Gordon Wardell, Paramount Farming Company, Bakersfield, CA</td>
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<td>Refreshment Break in the Tradeshow (RC – Exhibit Hall #2)</td>
<td>Updates from the Tucson USDA-ARS Lab Associations Between Alpha 2.2 Bacteria and Honey Bees: Where Do They Come From and How Can They Help? – Dr. Vanessa Corby-Harris Dr. William Meikle</td>
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<td>Nutrition</td>
<td>Treatments – Dr. Jeff Harris, Department of Entomology, LSU Research with Practical Applications – Dr. Peter Teal</td>
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<td>Factors Affecting Colony Mortality – Dr. Dennis vanEngelsdorp, Department of Entomology, University of Maryland</td>
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<td>Honeybee Plants – Jim Bobb, Lansdale, PA</td>
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<td>How to Make Splits and Expand from a Small Scale to a Sideline Operation – Blake Shook, Desert Creek Honey, McKinney, TX</td>
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<td>Everything You Need to Know About Bee Removals – Jim and Janet Rowe</td>
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<td>Natural and Sustainable Beekeeping – Karen Sabath, Katanoh, NY &amp; Lance Wilson, Austin, TX</td>
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<td>Topic TBD – Shannon and Glenda Wooten</td>
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<td>Beeswax &amp; Honey: Natural Products to Benefit Your Skin – Becky &amp; Steve Tipton, Country Creek Honey, Meriden, KS</td>
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<td>Make our City Pretty – Beth Conrey, Berthoud, CO</td>
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<td>Bee Informed Tech Teams: Working for Beekeepers - Katie Lee, Liana Teigen, Ben Sallmann, Dennis vanEngelsdorp, and Karen Rennich, Bee Informed Partnership</td>
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<td>Different ways of Re-Queening (Serious Sideliner) - George Hansen, Colton, OR</td>
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<td>Accounting 101: Understanding Financial Statements – Micheal North, VP of Finance at Meeting Expectations, Atlanta, GA</td>
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<td>Alternative Hives for Alternative Minds: Top Bar, Warre, and Beeyond – Sam Comfort, Anarchy Apiaries, Germantown, NY</td>
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<td>ABF Board of Directors Meeting</td>
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2014 North American Beekeeping Conference & Tradeshow Registration Rates*

If you are a member of any of the following groups, you qualify for the “Member” rate:

- American Beekeeping Federation (ABF)
- Apiary Inspectors of America (AIA)
- Louisiana State Beekeepers
- National Honey Packers and Dealers (NHPDA)

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Note: Non-Member rates include a one-year membership to the American Beekeeping Federation. Family is defined as two adults within the same family. Children under 18 years of age are admitted free.

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- 1st Light Trading, LLC
- A & O Forklift
- Acorn Beekeeping Equipment
- APISAFE by WhitePak
- Barkman Honey
- Bee Informed Partnership
- Bee Ranchers SupplyBeekeeping
- Insurance Services
- BeeSmart Designs
- BL Plastic Containers
- Blue Sky Bee Supply
- Brushy Mountain Bee Farm
- Cook & Beals
- Country Rubes Beekeeping Equipment
- Dadant
- Evergreen Honey Co., Inc.
- Ezyloader
- Gamber Container
- GloryBee
- Hive Sensors, LLC
- Hive Tracks
- Jawadis USA
- Jester Bee Co.
- Lebermuth
- Mann Lake Ltd.
- Maxant Honey
- Millerbees Manufacturing
- National Honey Bee Advisory Board
- NOD Apiary Products Ltd
- ProjectApis m
- Propolis-Etc.
- Reid’s Apiary & “Bee-tique”
- Texas Insurance
- Used Pallet Company
- Walter T. Kelley
- WicWas Press
2014 Conference Hotels

Host Hotel
The Belle of Baton Rouge is the host hotel for the 2014 North American Beekeeping Conference & Tradeshow.

Belle of Baton Rouge
102 France Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70802
Telephone: (800) 266-2692
www.belleofbatonrouge.com

Located just one block from the River Center, the hotel is an easy walk to downtown Baton Rouge and features the following:

• 288 deluxe rooms and suites
• Five different dining options which include the ultimate buffet, the freshest seafood and steaks, a convenient quick stop for delicious sandwiches and a social spot where you can enjoy locally brewed beers and cocktails.
• The Riverboat Casino, where you’ll find three floors of unique gaming experiences
• Complimentary guest room internet access
• 100% Non-Smoking Rooms and Facilities
• Complimentary Airport Shuttle
• Complimentary Fitness Center

The ABF has negotiated a discounted group rate for all conference attendees of $115 per night single/double occupancy plus tax (currently at 13%). Reservations can be made directly with the hotel by calling (800) 266-2692 and requesting the group rate for the 2014 North American Beekeeping Conference or online by visiting the following link: https://gc.synxis.com/rez.aspx?Hotel=28564&Chain=5358&group=BEEKEEPING

The deadline to make your reservation and receive the group rate is Monday, December 23, 2013, or until the group block is full, whichever comes first. All reservations must be guaranteed with a credit card for the first night’s guestroom rate and tax charge.


Second Option Hotel
The Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center Hotel is another option for attendees.

Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center Hotel
201 Lafayette Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70801
Telephone: (225) 344-5866 | Reservations: (877) 862-9800
Website: www.hiltoncapitolcenter.com

Located adjacent to the River Center (approximately a 10-minute walk), this historic landmark hotel features the following:

• AAA Four Diamond Hotel – ranked as one of the top 25 Hiltons in the U.S.
• 290 elegantly appointed guest rooms
• Full-service day spa
• Fitness Center
• 24-hour room service
• The Kingfish Grill, the hotel’s signature restaurant
• Complimentary Airport Shuttle
• Complimentary wireless internet in all sleeping rooms
• $10.00 discounted overnight valet parking

The ABF has negotiated a discounted group rate for all conference attendees of $119 per night single/double occupancy plus tax (currently at 13%). Reservations can be made directly with the hotel by calling (877) 862-9800 and requesting the group rate for the 2014 North American Beekeeping Conference or online by visiting the following link: http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/B/BTRCPHF-ABF-20140106/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

The deadline to make your reservation and receive the group rate is Monday, December 16, 2013, or until the group block is full, whichever comes first. All reservations must be guaranteed with a credit card for the first night’s guestroom rate and tax charge.
The American Beekeeping Federation (ABF) invites you to enter the 2014 American Honey Show, which will be held during the 2014 ABF annual conference in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. This is a prime opportunity to showcase your bees' abilities to produce the purest honey, the best wax and the most goodies.

Also, the Honey Show Committee has announced that the theme for the Honey Gift Box class this year will be “Cajun Country.”

The Honey Show will showcase the best examples of honey and beeswax. It includes 12 classes for honey, four for beeswax and the gift basket class. After the entries are judged, they will be auctioned to benefit the American Honey Queen Program. The entry form and appropriate fees must arrive at the ABF offices by Friday, December 13, 2013.

Additional information, including official show rules and regulations and entry form, can be found on the 2014 conference website at ABF website at www.nabeekeepingconference.com or by contacting the ABF office at 404.760.2875. Good luck!

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2013 has been an exciting year of American Honey Queen and Princess promotions, and, on behalf of the American Honey Queen Committee, I thank you for providing for this program that reaches millions of consumers each year. The Committee strives to reach many different markets and consumers each year, and 2013 has been another successful year. Queen Caroline, Princess Emily and I are eager to share with you all the details at the 2014 North American Beekeeping Conference in Baton Rouge.

I’m pleased to inform you that we have four applicants for the 2014 American Honey Queen and Princess positions. You can find their bios and photos on page 28. The American Honey Queen Committee is pleased to host these women at the convention. I thank them for their willingness to continue to represent their state at our conference.

The Committee invites all convention attendees and guests to attend the various Honey Queen activities in Baton Rouge. On Wednesday evening, the Queens will welcome conference attendees to Baton Rouge in our general welcome session. In addition to meeting with vendors in the trade show this year, attendees will have the opportunity to sample the Auxiliary honey cookie contest entries, view the Queens’ scrapbooks, and catch up with friends. During the reception, attendees can enjoy an entertaining Beekeepers Brain Buster competition and cheer on our candidates as we test their knowledge of the beekeeping industry, along with some audience volunteers! This event is open to all conference attendees! This is also the time to drop off any special auction items to benefit the Honey Queen Program. Auctions will take place throughout the week benefiting both the ABF general funds and the Queen Fund.

The candidates will give presentations to the ABF Auxiliary members and guests on Thursday morning. These presentations give members (and the judges) an opportunity to see the candidates’ presentation skills and creativity. This year, each candidate must give a three-minute presentation on the topic of “urban beekeeping.” Presentations can take on any form the candidate wishes, but cannot exceed three minutes. Recognizing that the beekeeping industry is multifaceted, we’ll be interested to see how candidates present about one of the fascinating aspects of the industry that reaches metropolitan areas. Also at this meeting, Queen Caroline and Princess Emily will provide insights and details on their promotional year and provide attendees with new and creative promotion ideas.

To show your support of the Queen Program, we encourage you to attend (and bid) at one of our auctions during the conference. You can also show your support by showing off your honey and beeswax in the American Honey Show. All auction proceeds from this annual event benefit the Queen Program. It is your opportunity to take home the nation’s best honey to share with your family and friends. You can also support the Queen program by purchasing a raffle ticket for a beautiful handmade quilt. Tickets may be purchased in advance or throughout the convention from Caroline, Emily, or one of the state candidates. Even if you can’t make it to the convention, you can purchase a raffle ticket through the Queens or you may contact me to place an order.

Live and silent auctions throughout the week will benefit both the ABF and the American Honey Queen program. If you are interested in making a donation to the auctions or to the program itself, please contact me or see me at the convention. If you have an item to donate to the Queen Program for auction, but cannot attend the convention, please contact ABF’s conference planner, Tara Zeravsky, at 404.760.8194 to obtain shipment information.

Caroline and Emily will continue to be busy with promotions through December. While their schedules are full for the rest of the year, I encourage you to contact me at 414.545.5514 or honeyqueen99@hotmail.com to provide me with dates and details for promotions for our 2014 representatives. Thank you to those who have already submitted their 2014 requests. We look forward to an excellent Baton Rouge convention and a successful 2014 promotion season!
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Foundation Awards Scholarships to Five Student Researchers

By Regina K. Robuck, Executive Director, Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees

Thanks to scholarships awarded by the Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, five budding scientists from all over the country will be presenting their research at the 2014 North American Beekeeping Conference & Tradeshow in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The $2,000 awards will enable the graduate students to meet fellow honey bee researchers and people in the industry they hope to serve.

Katy Evans is a second year Master’s student at the University of Delaware Wildlife and Entomology department working with Dr. Deborah Delaney. Her apiculture career began in 2008, when she began working on a project that was investigating an alternative method of African bee identification, and Automatic Bee Identification System (ABIS). This led to her becoming a certified African honey bee lab technician for the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. In between her undergraduate and graduate degrees, she worked as a research assistant investigating gene expression in both developing maize kernels and Sclerotinia sclerotiorum, and as an apiary assistant working on multiple projects focused on small hive beetle and varroa mite control. Her current project is titled ‘An Integrated Program Using Non-Chemical Controls to Manage Parasites in Honey Bee Colonies’. This project is approaching its third field season in the spring of 2014.

Maria Kirrane is in the final year of her PhD program at University College Cork in Ireland. She holds a bachelor’s degree in Ecology, her main interests being the effects of invasive species on ecosystems. This, combined with a fascination in honey bee behavior, led her to pursue research in the area of the varroa mite. Her PhD research investigates grooming and varroa sensitive hygienic behaviors in Russian and Italian honey bees. Maria hopes that by gaining a better understanding of these behaviors it will be possible to better detect and breed for them. She is co-supervised by Dr. Lilia de Guzman at the USDA ARS Honey Bee Breeding, Genetics and Physiology Laboratory in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and has spent two summers carrying out experiments at this lab.

Ian Lane is a master’s degree student. Together with Professors Marla Spivak and Eric Watkins, he has been exploring the different plants and methods that will lead to a bee friendly lawn seed mix. By expanding foraging opportunities for bees in new landscapes, such as urban and commercial lawns, Ian hopes to improve colony health and productivity for bee keepers in areas with high proportions of mowed land. After earning a master’s degree, Lane hopes to continue investigating solutions for honey bees through research and outreach.

Megan Taylor earned her MS degree at the University of Guelph (Ontario, Canada) under the advisement of Dr. Ernesto Guzman. Her Master’s thesis was focused on improving techniques for the cryopreservation of honey bee germplasm, and it was during that time that Megan fell for the honey bee. She is presently obtaining her PhD at Washington State University (Pullman, WA) with Dr. Walter S. Sheppard as her advisor. Her current research is focused on assessing the genetic diversity of Old World honey bee populations as a potential resource for U.S. bee breeding efforts. Megan is delighted to be one of the recipients of the Foundation’s scholarship and looks forward to participating in this year’s conference.

Ellen Topitzhofer is a master’s degree student at Oregon State University studying with Dr. Ramesh Sagili. Her work explores the effects of pollen diversity on honey bee health and nutrition.
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Some residents in my community have started to assist with the preservation of honey bees. One of the most important aspects of honey bee survival is the reduction in the usage of harmful pesticides. While technology has improved many things, pollination is still done the old-fashioned way. According to a Cornell University study, it is “estimated that every third bite of food in America is pollinated by honey bees.” (1) Therefore, honey bee survival is vital for plant, animal and human survival.

Education is an important factor in assisting with honey bee survival. According to Louisiana State University Master Gardener, A.J. Bailey, “Master Gardeners practice the IPM (Integrated Pest Management), approach. This means using the least toxic method needed to destroy the pest. If the damage is just unsightly, not a threat to the plant, no treatment is recommended.” (1) Mrs. A.J. said that all Master Gardener presentations stress the nontoxic approach to pest control. Some pesticides are toxic to honey bees and should not be used, while others are safe only if they are sprayed when the bees are not active, at dusk or dawn. Pesticide dusts are extremely hazardous to bees because particles stick to the honey bee’s legs and are brought back to the hive. There is debate as to whether any pesticide is totally safe for usage near honey bees. There are some pesticides that are thought to be honey bee safe, they include; sulfur, serenade, insecticidal soap and petroleum-based oils. Beekeepers and master gardeners stress that when in doubt it is best not to spray any plant that is in full bloom.

Editor’s Note: Read more of Harold’s third-place essay on The Foundation of the Preservation of Honey Bees Web site at http://honeybeepreservation.org/2013/05/2013-4-h-winning-essays/.

Friends of the Bee Fund Contributions

The following individuals contributed to the Friends of the Bee Fund during the months of August, September and October 2013. These donations enable us to fund educational programs and services that will benefit ABF members and the American beekeeping industry.

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This fall has been incredibly busy with promotions from coast to coast! It has been a great privilege to spread the industry to so many people across the nation; here is a glimpse of what I have been up to since my last article.

On August 21, I flew to New Jersey for the Hunterdon County Fair. This agriculture fair encompasses many of the commodities from across the state, showing the vital value of agriculture to our daily lives. At the fair, I worked at the Northwest New Jersey Beekeepers Association booth, answering questions about the observation hive, selling honey, and meeting with media reporters. I also had the great pleasure of meeting with Kelly Gill of the USDA/NACS and Xerces Society to collaborate on ideas for furthering habitat for pollinators! A huge thank you goes to Stan and Fran Wasitowski for hosting me during my stay!

Over Labor Day weekend, I visited Maryland for the Maryland State Fair to work with the Central Maryland Beekeepers Association in the Agriculture Building. We gave out samples of honey from across Maryland and the United States, showcasing the unique colors and flavors. I also set up a special display for Honey and Wax Day with educational information about the many health benefits of honey, honey’s versatility, and the issue of honey adulteration and honey dumping, and dipped beeswax candles to display the uses of other hive products. With over 400,000 people in attendance, the fair was a huge venue through which to promote our vital industry! Thank you so much, Lloyd, Ruth Ann, and Laura Snyder for hosting me during my time in Maryland!

From Maryland, I departed for Palo Cedro, CA, where I spoke to 517 elementary students, had interviews on five different radio stations, and worked at the Palo Cedro Honey Bee Festival. Every year, the town of Palo Cedro celebrates its long history and involvement in the beekeeping industry by hosting a two-day festival. At the festival, I gave speeches about the importance of honey bees to California agriculture, worked with the festival’s beekeeping booth, narrated several bee beard demonstrations, and had my first bee beard! It was an incredible experience to not only demonstrate how gentle honey bees truly are, but to have that amazing relationship with the bees for those few minutes. It gave me an understanding and love for them different than anything I had had before. At the beginning of the year, I was pretty determined NOT to wear a bee beard. As the year progressed though, I realized I could not go through this entire experience without having that opportunity. While I was definitely a bit hesitant at first, I would certainly jump on the chance to do it again at any time! It was an unbelievable opportunity and I am SO glad I did it! Thank you, Shannon and Glenda Wooten, for hosting me for the week!

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On September 15, I travelled to North Dakota for a variety of events. First, I spoke to students in five different schools sharing the importance of honeybees to North Dakota and the importance of North Dakota in United States honey production. I also had interviews on two television stations and a radio station, generating nearly $5,000 of free media publicity for the beekeeping industry! I also met with the North Dakota Department of Commerce’s Wellness program to promote the many different uses of honey for health, both in and out of the kitchen, and met with members of a local garden club to share the disastrous impact of Colony Collapse Disorder and encourage change and support in the gardening industry on behalf of the honeybees. Finally, I had the great privilege of meeting with North Dakota Governor Jack Dalrymple, as he declared September “Honey Month.” I spoke with the Governor and his office about North Dakota’s standing as the nation’s top honey producer, as well as the impact of honey bees in many different agricultural commodities across the State. It was a great privilege to collaborate with these dignitaries for the advancement of our industry! I extend a special thanks to 2007 North Dakota Honey Queen Zoe Wergeland and Judy Carlson for hosting me during my visit!

After North Dakota, I headed to Yakima, Washington for the Central Washington State Fair. The fair saw over 269,253 in attendance. I participated in many different activities, including working at the Central Washington Beekeepers’ Association’s booth, answering questions at an observation hive, selling honey, narrating honey extraction demonstrations, giving cooking demonstrations using Washington commodity products, presenting on beekeeping basics and honey for skin care, participating in public and private media interviews, speaking on Colony Collapse Disorder and the role of honey bees in Washington agriculture, and joining a talk show about Washington commodity cooperation! My week at the fair was very productive and it was great to be able to promote through so many unique outlets. In addition to the Fair, I also visited local schools, speaking to some of our youngest consumers about the impact of honey bees in our daily lives! Thank you, Stephen and Pam Stokesberry, Roy and Alisa Dove, and the Central Washington Beekeepers Association for your fantastic hospitality!

From Washington State, I flew to Washington, DC where I presented in sign language to students and faculty at Gallaudet University, the national deaf college. I met with an ecology class and presented about many general aspects of honeybees and beekeeping and encouraged student support of honeybees. The presentation was very well received, and many of the students were seriously interested in establishing colonies on the college campus! I also presented at other deaf schools in the area, including the Model Secondary School for the Deaf and Kendall Demonstration School in Washington, DC, the Maryland School for the Deaf in Frederick, MD, and Gateway School in Baltimore, MD. Many of the students were in specific courses such as biology, physics, chemistry, and forensic science and it was so exciting to see their enthusiasm as they realized how honeybees impacted their individual fields. For many of them, this was their first real exposure to the world of beekeeping, and they were fascinated! It is truly a privilege to have the skill set to open up the world of beekeeping to other people groups and consumers for the benefit of the entire industry. Thank you so much, 1996 American Honey Queen Jona (Hoover) Green for hosting me during my time in Washington, DC, and Maryland!

On October 4, I hopped up to Massachusetts for Topsfield Fair, the oldest fair in the United States. This fair has a huge emphasis on agriculture, bringing together commodities from across the State. I worked with members of the Essex County Beekeepers Association, including Essex County Honey Ambassador, Stephen Sample. At the fair, we had an entire building filled with educational displays including multiple observation hives, beeswax candle rolling, a
plethora of hive products for sale, historical equipment, honey from across the state, and entries for many different beekeeping/honey contests. I worked in the building answering questions, rolling candles, and presenting to classes of elementary and middle school students. During the week, we had over 225 buses of school children visiting the fair, not to mention the thousands of other guests. I reached a huge number of consumers with the good word about honeybees! With the Fair’s focus on agriculture, I also worked alongside other state commodities to show the symbiotic relationship between bees and many other aspects of agriculture for the benefit of our industry! A huge thank you to Stan and Kathy Sample, Chris and Pete Delaney, and Essex County Beekeepers Association for sponsoring me during my time at Topsfield!

Next, I travelled to Georgia for the Sunbelt Agricultural Exposition, North America’s premier farm show, showcasing the vital impact of all aspects of agriculture and the role in our daily lives. At the Expo, I worked with Rossman’s Apiaries at their exhibit teaching at an observation hive, answering questions, and passing out educational literature. I also gave a presentation about gardening/farming on behalf of the honeybees. Finally, I participated in ribbon cutting ceremonies with Georgia Governor Nathan Deal, Georgia Commissioner of Agriculture Gary Black, and Florida Commissioner of Agriculture Adam Putnam. It is always a privilege to meet and collaborate with government officials for the advancement of the beekeeping industry and agriculture as a whole. I also met with a student from the University of Florida who is researching cause/treatment of nosema, the impact of commercially available bee feed on honey bee health, and the effect of pesticides on the bees. It was exciting to see this young man’s passion for the industry and willingness to devote his studies to these issues! The Expo’s emphasis on the importance of agriculture and farming was a huge testament to the work of the ABF and it was a privilege to be part of it. Thank you so much, Rossman’s Apiaries and Canaan and Dennie Best, for sponsoring me during my stay!

On October 17, I returned home to Texas for the Texas State Fair! It was a very busy weekend promoting the industry along with Honey Queens and Princesses from across the state! At the fair, I gave six demonstrations of cooking with honey, showcasing the incredible versatility of honey in the kitchen. It is always interesting to show the important relationship between honeybees and other commodities, and this trip was no exception! Fairgoers were surprised that some of Texas's top commodities, such as beef and cotton, are pollinated by honey bees and that without the bees’ important service, the ice cream they were waiting in line for would be hard to come by. Those thoughts certainly hit home! It was great to see the guests new appreciation for honeybees and the beekeeping industry, and they certainly enjoyed samples of the honey coffee yogurt I prepared! I also gave educational presentations about various aspects of honeybees and beekeeping and worked alongside beekeepers in the Texas Beekeepers Association exhibit, answering questions, working an observation hive, and passing out educational literature. With thousands of people in attendance, I promoted on a wide level and reached consumers of all ages – including members of the deaf community. A very special thank you goes to the Texas Beekeepers Association for graciously sponsoring my visit!

Coming up, I have promotions in Illinois, Texas, and a very exciting opportunity in Hawaii! I am so eager to promote in these final states! I also look forward to seeing many of you at our North American Beekeeping Conference in Baton Rouge, LA in January.

I thank you, all of you – friends, mentors, beekeepers – for the incredible opportunity you have given me in the honor of representing the entire beekeeping industry to millions of people across the United States this year. Through this opportunity, I have come to love and value our industry more than ever before and it has been a life-changing experience to serve as your face to school children, civic organizations, media personnel, and legislators. Thank you, thank you for entrusting me with this role and for the unbelievable support you have shown to me. One of my greatest honors has been being involved in such a vital industry as beekeeping and such a prestigious organization as the ABF. Though the end of my term is fast approaching, I can say with confidence that beekeeping and the Federation will continue to be a huge part of my life and that because of your investment in me, I am determined to continue investing my time and energy into beekeeping in America. Thank you for allowing me to pay back just a small bit of the time, energy, and care you have poured into me as a beekeeper. May I continue to serve you well for the furtherance of our bees and our industry!
From the Honey Princess

by Emily Campbell, 2013 American Honey Princess

The leaves are changing, summer’s gone, and my year is almost done! Sometimes I ask myself where my year has gone, and then I start to remember the overwhelming amount of promotions I’ve attended in the last few months.

My first stop was West Virginia to attend the West Virginia Honey Festival in Parkersburg, WV. The festival was held August 24-25. The days before the event were absolutely packed with media interviews. On August 22, I had an interview with WTAP, WLTP, and WNRJ radio stations, and, on August 23, I had one more radio interview with WVVV. All the interviews were stellar, and I provided a lot of information on the festival and honey to the public. At the festival, I had the honor of being the emcee for the West Virginia Honey Festival Princess competition and the pleasure of being a celebrity judge at the Parkersburg Car Club Show. On both days I gave two stage presentations about the beekeeping industry and wore several bee beards. I give a huge thank you to Ellie, Steve, and Roger Conlon of Thistle Dew Farm for giving me a tour of their facility and also expertly applying my bee beards! Also, a huge thank you to the Weekley Family and Tom Riddle for making sure I was to all my events on time and for being spectacular hosts!

My next trip took me back to the “motherland” to promote at the Minnesota State Fair in St. Paul August 26-September 1. Minnesota must have been pleased that I was home, because we had temperatures of 99-103° every day. My events started right away when I arrived on the grounds, as I gave honey tastings, answered questions at observation hives, and gave cooking demonstrations. I was thrilled give a cooking demonstration every day at the FFA building stage, thanks to Jim Ertl, who coordinated the presentations. On August 26, I had a wonderful interview with WCCO, and, on August 27, I had two more TV interviews with Fox 9 and KARE 11. My TV time didn’t end there, because on August 29 I had another interview with WCCO, and, on August 30, KSTP took some time to ask me some great questions. In total, these interviews generated approximately $32,400 in free media for the beekeeping industry! After an extremely exhausting week, I felt very accomplished by how many people I had reached! I have many people to thank for this trip including all my daily escorts: Cathy Rufer, Sara Rufer, Dan Whitney, and Vicki and Jeff Hull. More thanks to Linda Newman for the honey nut fudge and honey sunflower ice cream and David Schaff for being the most spectacular booth manager ever and my family for coming down to support me! Thank you also to Liz Schroeder for helping coordinate my visit, including my housing. The honey building staff at the Minnesota State Fair is phenomenal, I can’t thank them enough for being amazingly wonderful hosts.

Before I knew it, I was on a plane to Ohio to be a part of the Lithopolis Honey Festival on September 2-8 outside Columbus. I gave my first school presentations of the fall here and had many interviews. I gave my first round of presentations in four area schools speaking to 1,251 students. I was also featured on two radio interviews with WFCO radio and the WFCO Community Connection TV segment. On September 5, I had one of the most exciting interviews I’ve ever had at the Conrad Honey Farm, where we demonstrated a bee beard LIVE on TV! The reporters were great about getting up close to the bees and showing how gentle the bees were! We soon after headed down to the honey festival where I gave cooking demonstrations, participated in kids’ crafts, demonstrated bee beards, and talked about bees with attendees. This was one of the best honey festivals I have attended, and I need to give a huge thanks to Carmen and Barry Conrad, Anne Blackwell, and Ginger Brenning for coordinating such a wonderful festival! Also, thank you to Wagnalls for supporting the festival and donating so much of the equipment!

Immediately after Ohio, I headed to Kansas to spend the week at the Kansas State Fair from September 8-14. For most of the week, I worked the Kansas Honey Producers Booth answering questions at an observation hive and selling honey. One day at the Fair, I gave two cooking

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demonstrations where I made five honey-themed recipes. They were all a huge hit, and people were eager to grab the recipe brochures and try them. I also gave a presentation at the Botanical Gardens in Wichita, which had a great turnout! I thank the Schmeid family for hosting me while I was at the State Fair. They did a wonderful job of making sure I was well taken care of and that I made it to all my commitments in a timely manner.

On September 14, my dad picked me up and I headed to his home in Holton, KS to participate in a few days of school presentations in northern Kansas and Missouri. On September 16, I gave presentations in Holton elementary and high schools. On September 17, I headed back to Holton High School for an additional presentation to high school foods classes and then headed over to an elementary school in St. Joseph, MO, and finished up the day speaking to FFA students at Hiawatha High School in Hiawatha, KS. I had one more jam-packed day of presentations in St. Joseph on September 18. I also attended the Jackson County Beekeepers meeting and the Jackson County 4-H Council meeting in Kansas. 4-H was where I got my first start with bees and can be a great way to reach new potential beekeepers! It also teaches wonderful communication skills to kids and was an organization that helped shape who I am today. This was a very full and successful promotion! In total, I spoke to 1,363 students in three short days! I send a very special thank you to my dad for letting me drive his new car to all my school presentations!

After a 10½-hour flight delay in the Chicago O’Hare airport, I finally arrived in Iowa to attend the Plagman Barn Days and other events September 18-22. I worked with Iowa Honey Queen Hannah Van Wyke, and we taught school groups about the industry when they came to our bee station! We also helped sell honey and answer questions with Johnson’s Honey Farm at the Dubuque Farmers Market on September 21. I had an interview with the Dubuque Telegraph Herald about my promotions in town and the honey industry. It was a very successful trip to Iowa, and I am grateful to Bill and Louise Johnson and family for making my stay comfortable and productive! I also thank Hannah Van Wyke for helping teach all those students!

In no time flat, I was in Arizona with Emily (Anderson) Brown, your 1997 American Honey Queen! I was in Arizona September 23-29, and my very first event was working two days at the Butterfly Wonderland in Scottsdale. I had the opportunity to give visitors a taste of local honey and explain to them what was going on in the observation hive. My trip also included several media interviews. I had an interview on ABC Channel 15, where Emily and I uncapped honey, showed off products of the hive, and had a live bee sting on air! The newscasters were really interested in everything honeybees that day. I also had an interview in NBC Channel 3, where we did another on air bee sting! It seemed to be a hit among all the news stations. It was a great way to show that honeybee stings are much less painful than other types of stings as well as to demonstrate the proper way to remove a stinger. It was a unique way to attract attention to our booth at the home show, as well. On September 28 and 29, I gave two cooking demonstrations a day at the Maricopa County Home Show. The punch I made was a hit, and people enjoyed a nice drink to cool them down on the hot day. Thank you to Emily Brown and her family for being absolutely wonderful hosts and for setting up such wonderful media opportunities for me in Arizona.

As the leaves were changing, my next flight landed in Maine, where I attended the Fryeburg Fair from September 30-October 4. This fair is among the highlights of my year, as it really focused on agriculture and everything produced in Maine. I was given the task of promoting honey on the grounds and funneling people into the bee booth. This was extremely successful, and I managed to have an opportunity to speak at almost every grandstand event, cattle show, and horse show throughout the week. I learned about the important crops bees pollinate in Maine, such as blueberries and cranberries, and even got the baked beans exhibitors to add some honey to their recipe. I also encouraged people to buy some local honey at the

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From the Honey Princess
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various honey booths at the fair, and passed out many recipe brochures. The fair was extremely successful, and I met some wonderful people all week. I’d first like to thank the staff at the Fryeburg Fair for really giving me opportunities to get the industry’s messages out and for treating me like a REAL Princess! Also, a huge thanks to my hosts Jim and Carol Cotrill and my semi-hosts Mercy and Rick Cooper! They made my stay very comfortable! I couldn’t have asked for any better hosts.

My next trip took me a few miles down the east coast to Baltimore, MD, to attend the Oregon Ridge Nature Center annual Honey Harvest Festival October 5-6. Both days of the Festival, I gave open hive and honey extraction demonstrations. People were fascinated on how honey was extracted and even got to try some of the cappings after I was done. This is a great demonstration to do at any fair or festival because most people don’t know how honey goes from hive to bottle. It is a unique process that draws a huge crowd every time. The festival attracted hundreds of people and had unique activities like making apple cider and spinning wool. It was a fun event for the whole family! My hosts the Williamsons and Winnie Tan deserve huge thanks for making this quick weekend trip a really big success!

Before I knew it, I was on a plane across the country to Kennewick, WA October 7-14. My main goal in Washington was to give as many school presentations as possible! In total throughout the week, I spoke to 1,503 students in grades 2-12. The American Honey Queen Program strives to reach all ages, and high schools offer opportunities like cooking and health classes, which are great places to talk about bees and honey. On my last day of school presentations, I presented to four seventh grade science classes, and I had the unique opportunity to present to two cooking classes at the Tri-Tech Culinary School. On October 12, I attended the Pasco Farmers market to teach shoppers about ways they could use honey in their daily lives. Soon after that, I was off to a pumpkin patch at Bill’s Berry Farm in Grandview, WA to help sell local honey. A venue like this is a great place to successfully sell honey. It attracts diverse age groups, and pumpkin patches are guaranteed fun for someone of any age. I owe a big thanks to my fabulous hosts, the Ide family. Also big thanks to Everett, Larry, Becky, Todd, and the Michener Family from Bill’s Berry Farm! You all made my trip go smoothly and made the experience extremely successful.

As I write this, I’m finishing up a trip to Montana October 14-20. I attended the Northern International Livestock Exposition (N.I.L.E.) to give 12-24 presentations per day to small groups of elementary school students. During the three days of presentations, I spoke to over 2,000 students and parents! Soon after, I was off to Butte, MT to attend the Montana State Beekeepers Association convention. I gave a presentation to the group on what I teach students when I go to schools. I send big thanks to Patty and Lance Sundberg for being great hosts and making sure I was prepared for all my presentations. Also, thank you to the Montana State Beekeepers Association for having me participate in its convention.

My next trips take me to Wyoming, Wisconsin, Ontario, and Illinois. I am very excited for my next few trips, which will include plenty of school visits and beekeeping meetings, and then it will be time for the North American Beekeeping Conference in Baton Rouge! Where has the time gone?

I have many thank yous before I end my year. I thank all the beekeepers who have guided me through my journey and given me encouragement when things were overwhelming. Thank you to the American Honey Queen Committee and all its volunteers. Someone who deserves the most recognition is definitely the Queen Program’s spectacular coordinator Anna Kettlewell! She does more behind-the-scenes work than anyone would ever know and she makes sure that we are headed to safe and worthwhile events. I am grateful for all the ABF members who have worked hard, bought raffle tickets, and helped support the American Honey Queen program. I have had the wonderful opportunity to work with many of the State Honey Queens who will be great candidates at the 2014 convention! There are so many people I would like to thank but simply can’t fit all their names in one letter, so I thank every single beekeeper, volunteer, newscaster, and coordinator that I had the pleasure of working with. You truly made my year a great learning and growing experience, as well as making it a very effective promotional tool for the beekeeping industry.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at my next few promotions and hopefully at the convention in Baton Rouge! If you would like to schedule a visit from Queen Caroline or me before the end of the year, please contact Anna Kettlewell at honeyqueen99@hotmail.com or 414.545.5514.
2013 Florida Honey Queen
Susannah Austin
Susannah Austin is the 19-year-old daughter of Kris and Catherine Austin of Orlando, Florida. Susannah is a sophomore at the University of Central Florida, where she is studying biology with a special interest in veterinary science. Besides bees, Susannah is interested in photography, knitting, reading, and playing with her dog, Goldilocks.

2013 Pennsylvania Honey Queen
Elena Hoffman
Elena Hoffman, 18, is the daughter of Brian and Beverly Hoffman of Millmont, Pennsylvania. She is currently a freshman at West Chester University of Pennsylvania, majoring in biology with hopes of pursuing a medical degree. At school, Elena is a member of the astronomy club and the Darlington Biological Society. She has been a beekeeper for eight years and works with her father to maintain their hives and extract honey. In her free time, Elena enjoys drawing, kayaking, running, and reading.

2013 Iowa Honey Queen
Hannah VanWyk
Hannah VanWyk, 20, is the daughter of Neal and Cathy VanWyk of Otley, Iowa. She is in her second year at Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, studying Sustainable Agriculture. Hannah is a local 4-H volunteer including dog, rabbit, and poultry, Hunter Educational teacher, and honey bee and rabbit mentor. In her spare time, she enjoys showing rabbits and dogs, hunting, competitive shooting, gardening, and beekeeping.

2013 Texas Honey Queen
Shelby Kilpatrick
Shelby Kilpatrick is the 20-year-old daughter of Scott and Susan Kilpatrick. She is a freshman at Texas A&M University pursuing a degree in entomology. She began beekeeping in 2007 when she received a Youth Beekeeping Scholarship from the Collin County Hobby Beekeepers Association. After being an active Denton County 4-H member, participating in project areas such as entomology, wildlife habitat education, horticulture, citizenship, leadership, and community service, she is now an active Texas A&M Collegiate 4-H member and Texas 4-H Program Adult Volunteer. Shelby is also a certified Denton County Master Gardener and an Elm Fork Chapter Master Naturalist. She enjoys reading, cooking, beekeeping, working on volunteer projects and spending time with her family and friends.

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From the President
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ABF would provide a statement, and went about drafting a quote and getting the board to approve it. In the end, the ABF statement was not used in the press release. Oh well. It took us a day to do it right, but that wasn’t fast enough. I got yelled at for being “difficult.” But I will attend the honey bee health summit, yet another summit, and represent the ABF in a positive and constructive way. I have learned a lot and taught some too, I hope.

See you in Baton Rouge.

From the Vice President
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To think we can meet these challenges on our own is shortsighted.

It will take work on a national level and it is going to take cooperation at all levels, even those we are not currently achieving. We may need a summit to focus on the one single aspect that seems to be unaddressed currently: the beekeeper! What resources are necessary to see that our commercial beekeeping industry can remain viable and support livelihoods that have existed for generations? It was interesting to see in a press release this week from Monsanto that “enabling economic empowerment of beekeepers” is a priority for future focus of the multi-stakeholder collaboration of the Keystone Center, which was announced by Monsanto as part of the Clinton Global Initiative Commitment to Action on honey bee health. I am very interested to see just where this action item heads in the coming year and how we might work to minimize the loss of commercial beekeepers nearing their ending credit lines. To that end, I hope we will find some answers in this very difficult time.

Bees on the Bayou
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a live and silent auction in the tradeshow, as well as an optional evening activity which includes a visit to Boutin’s, a local Cajun restaurant. Join your fellow beekeepers for a night of fun, fabulous food and a little Cajun dancing (with instruction, of course).

New this year, we’ve added track sessions on Friday morning. These sessions are designed with specific levels of beekeeping in mind (Beginning, Serious Sideliner, Commercial and Research). Presenters will address specific beekeeping concerns within the varying levels. Friday will also feature the Foundation Luncheon as well as a second keynote presentation from Dr. Dennis vanEngelsdorp from the University of Maryland, the ABF Business Meeting (yes, we have moved this to Friday so that more people can attend) and the Honey Show Live Auction.

We’ve dedicated most of Saturday to hands-on, interactive workshops. We’ve expanded the hours for these workshops so that we can offer you (24) amazing opportunities to interact and learn from the industry’s experts and experienced beekeepers.

The conference will conclude with the annual ABF banquet and the coronation of the 2014 American Honey Queen and Princess. The banquet is always a great time and a chance for you to bid on some fabulous auction items.

And don’t forget, the tradeshow will be open daily, Wednesday through Saturday. Vendors are eager to meet with you and show you the latest products and services they have to offer.

REGISTER TODAY! Registration is open and you can still take advantage of the regular registration rate until December 13, 2013. For additional information, including a full conference agenda, please visit the conference website at www.nabeekeepingconference.com or contact the ABF office at 404.760.8275.
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This time of year is very busy for all of us. I hope you have been baking and taking photos in preparation to enter our Photography and Honey Baking Contests. You have unlimited entries and the rules for the Photography Contest were included in the July-August issue of the ABF Newsletter. The rules for the Honey Baking Contest were included in the September-October issue of the ABF Newsletter. These are two of the projects the Auxiliary sponsors.

Visit the Auxiliary table in the trade show at the conference and become an ABF Auxiliary member. The dues are only $10. Bee-related items are being sold at the Auxiliary table to raise money for the Auxiliary and any donated items will be appreciated. We would love for you to join us at the Auxiliary breakfast on Thursday morning, January 9, 2014. We have a wonderful breakfast, a good time renewing friendships and making new ones.

I look forward to seeing you in Baton Rouge at the River Center in January. Happy Holidays!

From the Auxiliary
by Lillian Kelley, ABF Auxiliary President

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