

KEARSARGE BEEKEEPERS

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December 2018/January 2019

NEXT MEETING

SAT, JANUARY 12, 2019

9:00 A.M.

**PILLSBURY LIBRARY
MAIN ST., WARNER, NH**

**SPEAKER: LANDI SIMONE (SEE
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TOPIC: READING FRAMES

President's Message:

I remember my first thought of keeping bees, it was mid-January four winters ago. I came upon an advertisement in a free paper offering bees for sale. As many of you can relate, January in Northern New England is a great time for making plans, so I began mine.

I placed a call to reserve my bees. I was told my bees would be ready Mother's Day. With only four months to spare, I quickly made a trip to the local store to buy beekeeping equipment. I purchased one of everything: Tyvek suit, veil, leather gloves, complete 10 frame hive and the coolest piece of equipment: a smoker! (which honestly took me two years to figure out how to keep lit.)

The excitement to keep bees, fueled by anticipation, fear, and anxiety brought many questions to mind. Would I get stung to death? What would I do with all the honey the bees were going to make me? Are there Honey-Badgers in New Hampshire? Spoiler alert, I did

not die that year, nor did I harvest any honey and there are no Honey Badgers in the USA.

As Mother's Day approached, I prepared my equipment and myself for my maiden voyage into beekeeping. I sanded and stained my newly purchased equipment, twice. I made multiple calls to the beekeeper who was selling me my bees. I asked, what seemed to be, to me, quality questions. I asked him if he could tell me what it felt like to get stung. How would I know which bee was the queen? And, of course, "How much honey will I get?" He entertained these and many other questions with admirable patience.

Sunday, May 10th 2015, Mother's Day had arrived and I was up before the sun. I hopped in the truck and was headed to get my bees. I traveled approximately 60 miles to the end of a dirt road in rural Vermont. I arrived at a rustic farmhouse with a small bee yard at exactly 8 AM. (I again point out my new-found mentor's patience). After inspecting a few with me, I realized I was to make a decision as to which hive I would be taking home. I agreed to the very next hive after being shown both the queen and her eggs.

After I chose my bees, he screened the entrances, loaded my bees up, and assured me I could call with any questions. This last promise is one I am sure he regretted for at least a couple of months. Arriving at home I got right to work setting my hive in its new home, opened the screen entrance, and sat in the grass to watch "my" bees. I can still recall with almost crystal clarity thinking to myself "I am a beekeeper" This made me smile almost as much then as it does now.

S Howard

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KBA Honey Tasting Contest
At Harvest Dinner, November 2018
The Winners were:



First place shared by Shane Howard, John Chadwick and Mark Hodapp
Second Place - Tracy Shepard
Third Place - KBA Apiary and Jim Pollock(?)
Fourth Place - Troy Hall.

LANDI SIMONE READ MORE ABOUT OUR JANUARY SPEAKER ONLINE AT:

GOOSEROCKFARM.COM. ALSO, CHECK OUT HER YOU-TUBE VIDEOS ON SEVERAL BEE TOPICS.

News from former KBA Pres. John Chadwick:

Bam (aka Randy Fleury, KBA mentor) is selling packages this year. He is due back from Georgia on April 15th. If you order early, the price is 125.00. After the New Year it goes up to \$130. Add \$4 for marked queens. Bam's email is Randybeeman4@gmail.com. Phone is 927-4144.

Troy Hall will be in Epping on January 5, <https://allevents.in/epping/pba-and-sba%E2%80%99s-4th-annual-joint-event-with-speaker-troy-hall/20001702819853>

The Vermont Beekeepers Winter Meeting is always fun. The Farm Expo is going on that week so there is plenty to see and do. <https://www.vermontbeekeepers.org/calendar/eventdetail/295/-/vermont-beekeepers-association-winter-meeting>

KBA Bee School starts on the 19th of January, right around the corner.

Jack Rath will give a presentation on varroa in February up in Middlebury,

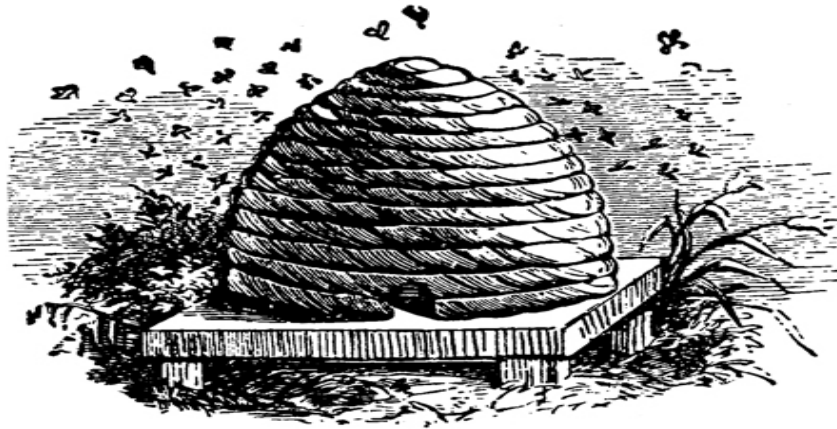
<https://www.vermontbeekeepers.org/calendar/eventdetail/296/-/vba-president-jack-rath-on-the-varroa-mite>

NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC RADIO "THE EXCHANGE" DECEMBER 19, 2018

Featured was former KBA President Martin Marklin. To learn more about this, go to www.nhpr.org/post/marklin-candle-spiritual-inspiration-bees. Scroll down on the website to read about other "Exchange" programs about bees that have been on the radio this year.

Kearsarge Beekeeper's Association

2019 Bee School



Come learn about the fascinating world of bees and the basics of beekeeping.

Sugar River Valley Regional Technical Center at
Newport High School.

January 19 & 26, February 2 & 9, 8:30-noon

\$50.00 includes text book

To register go to kanh.wordpress.com

For more information call 863-4352 or email; robin.gray@tds.net

Space is limited so register early!

Life is better with bees!

Kearsarge Beekeepers Association

Registration Form

The 2019 Bee School

Dates: January 19 & 26, February 2 & 9

Time: 8:30-noon, classes start at 9 so make sure you come early enough to complete any registration or payments especially on first day.

Location: Sugar River Valley Regional Technical Center at Newport High School

\$50.00 for individuals or family, includes all 4 classes, Includes the book "Beekeeping Basics" by Penn State & 1-year membership in KBA

Name/Names: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Send email confirmation to; _____

Number of family members that will be attending with the registrant: _____

T-shirt size_____, We offer T-shirts for students at \$5 for member, \$10 for additional T's

Shirts have "KBA Beekeeping Class of 2019" and artwork on front or back. Black on white. You will want one of these!

Where did you hear about the Bee School? _____

Fees: Classes, book & membership \$50.00

Make checks payable to: "Kearsarge Beekeepers Association"

Send to: Robin Gray

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Warner, NH 03278

927-4127 robin.gray@tds.net

KEARSARGE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

2019 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name(s) _____

Street or PO Box _____ Town _____

State _____ ZIP _____ Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Check: New or Renewal

Check one:

I would like to receive my newsletter by downloading it from the club website _____
(Saves \$ for the club) www.kbanh.org

OR

Please send a printed newsletter to my mailing address above _____

2019 DUES ARE \$20.00

Please make checks payable to: **KBA**

MAIL TO: Robin Gray

PO Box 275

Warner, NH 03278

Get ready for some winter fun!!!!

It's Time for New Hampshire's Greatest Winter Fair Experience!



Friday, Feb. 1st
9AM - 8PM
Saturday, Feb. 2nd
9AM - 4PM

DoubleTree by Hilton,
700 Elm Street,
Manchester
(formally the Radisson)

Something Fun for Everyone in the Family!

- Trade Show
- Free Workshops
- NH Products
- Agricultural and Forestry Experts
- KidZone/FARMO
- Animals
- Local Food

Admission \$7.00

Children 16 and under FREE

Bring 2 non-perishable canned goods to the Expo and receive \$1 off admission tickets. Benefits NH Food Bank.

Save on admission Friday from 5PM - 8PM
Just \$5 per person over the age of 17!