

## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

### **SOMETHING NEW: Family Memories Table Display- Getting to know you!**

**Bring in your favorite photos of you and your family doing what you do.** Maybe you have captured pictures or created a scrapbook of you in the bee yard, or at a past meeting, maybe you have a picture of a display at a fair, or you loading bees on a loader, or at a school presentation displaying and talking about bees and beekeeping. **What ever your memory is, we want to see it and hope you will be willing to share it with us.** We will have a table specially created for you to display your memories. **If you have a story to tell with the pictures or special item you bring to share, please write it up or type it and include it.** (Start bringing them in the display room by 6PM) You can pick them back up on Saturday by the end of the meeting.

### **Silent Auction**

Bring an item for the silent auction to benefit the MN Honey Queen Program. **We will be collecting items beginning on Thursday evening. Bring them to the MHPA display table in the display area around 6 or 6:30 PM. (We will continue to add to the auction as things come in to bid on.) The silent auction will begin Thursday evening and continue until 11:00 AM Saturday.** Everyone is welcome to make a bid on any or all items. **You can collect your item and pay for it at 11:00 AM following the closing of the auction.** Please make checks payable to the MN Honey Queen Program.

### **Informal Crop Meeting**

**This is a favorite at our bee meetings.** It is a time to come and share what has been happening in your neck of the woods. Join us after you have browsed through the display room a few minutes for an informal discussion of weather conditions this season and the crop outlook. We will try to speculate the future forecast of what we think the market or production will be this year. Beekeeping families will gather to talk about the way things are now, they will probably throw in a forecast of what they think is to come, and they could even give us a glimpse of what it used to be like. **We hope to see all of you and hear from you on Thursday evening at 7:00 PM led by your host Vice President Jeff Hull. Come join us.**

### **MHPA Apparel for Sale**

**Another popular thing at bee meetings includes the MHPA apparel sales.** New items will be on display to purchase with the MHPA logo on them. **If you have not purchased or did not purchase a commemorative honey pot from our 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration, we will have some of them on display to buy also.** Stop by our booth and browse through the latest items. The items will be on display as long as the display area is open. Support the MHPA with your purchases. Please make your checks payable to MHPA.

## **Special Speakers**

Beginning **Friday** morning at 8:55 AM, Dr. Mary Ann Fraizer of Penn State University will be our guest speaker. Later that morning you will hear from Zac Browning, President of the ABF and following our morning break, we will hear about the National Honey Bee Advisory Board. Just before lunch Scientist and researcher, Gary Reuter along with researcher Katie Lee of the University of MN research team will give a presentation entitled “Gizmo”. **Following lunch** which is provided with registration, there will be a presentation of our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Bobble Bee Award. The past 2008 MN Honey Queen and current 2009 American Honey Princess, Ali Hull will say her farewells and introduce the new 2009 MN Honey Queen. **On Saturday**, Eric Mader will talk about the Farm Bill Policy, Dr. Mary Ann Fraizer will again speak and Richard Ericksrud will follow with a Transportation Seminar.

## **“Protect The Pollinator”**

We will have additional copies of the **“Protect the Pollinator” booklets available** for members to pick up and use in educating about the importance of the honeybee. These booklets are a result of collaboration between the University of MN and the MHPA. They were funded by a grant from the USDA – Risk Management Agency, Community Outreach and Assistance Partnership Program through MN Grown – MDA.

## **Fourth Annual “Bobble Bee” Award**

On **Friday afternoon** before the business meeting, the MHPA will again present a “Bobble Bee” award for a lifetime of achievement. The recipient is someone who has made a great contribution of time and talents to the MHPA and has been a constant inspiration to our industry. You won’t want to miss this family’s story or our honoree as we salute the award winner.

## **The Minnesota Honey Queen**

**Also on Friday afternoon following the “Bobble Bee” Award**, the 2008 MN Honey Queen and current 2009 American Honey Princess Allison Hull will join us and share her thoughts about her duties as the MN Honey Queen and now as the American Honey Princess. Her scrapbook will be on display. She will also have available copies of her recipe brochure with some of her favorite recipes and some ABF award winning recipes in it. She will introduce us to the new 2009 MN Honey Queen and spokesperson for MHPA. They will both be helping with the “Kids and Bees” Expo on Saturday.

## **Lady’s Auxiliary Reunion**

There will be a special reunion of the MHPA Lady’s Auxiliary at 9:30 AM Friday morning for any lady in the house. If you were a member of the auxiliary or not you are all welcome. We will visit about the “Kids and Bee” Expo and cooking contest on Saturday. There will be some handouts of promotional materials and resources to be

used in school or community presentations. Honey Caramel Rolls, Tea, and Coffee will be served. We can catch up on each others families and just have a great time together. **Information will be at the registration table.**

### **102<sup>nd</sup> Annual Business Meeting, Reception, Open Bar and “Live” Auction**

**Friday**, following the Bobble Bee award and MN Honey Queen presentation we will be able to browse and make another bid on silent auction items or make a purchase from one of the vendors in our display room. Registered guests and members are invited to celebrate with **our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Bobble Bee recipient**, during our **break** in the display room. We will have cake, coffee or tea available. You can congratulate them and take pictures. **Our 102<sup>nd</sup> MHPA Business Meeting will begin at 3PM.** This will be a chance for our registered members and guests to attend. No one will want to miss this years meeting. Following the business meeting we will have a **semi-formal reception** with open bar, punch, and hors’ d’erves. We will have a **“live” auction** of 5 special items to bid on and have an opportunity to congratulate and meet the new 2009 MN Honey Queen and 2009 American Honey Queen. Proceeds from the auction will benefit the MN Honey Queen fund. The food and punch will be provided by the MHPA Promotion board and the MHPA Queen Program.

### **Kids and Bee Expo – “What’s all the buzz about?”**

**VOLUNTEERS** are needed for the **Kids and Bee Expo** scheduled for Saturday from 9 AM to 11 AM. This will be **FREE**, on site, and open to the public. Activities will include: Be A Beekeeper, Honey Tasting, Pollination Games, Microscopes, Making Beeswax Candles, Cooking With Honey, Bee Puppets, Bee Experiments, Bee Body Parts Game, Bee Toss, Coloring and a Cooking With Honey Contest also open to members or guests and the public. Please **contact Cathy Rufer (763-218-7870)** if you have a special event you would like to include in the expo. **We will need as many volunteers as possible for this event. We will have a display of beekeeping books and tools for people to view.**

### **Cooking With Honey Contest**

**Fire up your culinary abilities and join in the cooking with honey contest.** All entries should be brought to the “Kids and Bee” Expo beginning at 9 AM Saturday. Judging will take place at 10:00 AM and prizes will be awarded by 11:00 AM at the Expo. We will have three categories: Pies, Cookies, and Bars. **All entries must have more honey than sugar in them.** 1<sup>st</sup> Prize in each category will receive **\$15.00**, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize in each category will receive **\$10.00**, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize will receive **\$5.00**. There will be a grand prize of **\$20.00** to one lucky entry. **Judging will be on taste, appearance, use of honey, and each entry must have two recipes with each entry either typed or handwritten.** **You may enter more than one category.** All entries should consist of **4 each** of the cookies or bars on a strong paper plate with the recipes placed on top. **Do not put your name on the recipe**, we will number the entries. Pie entries must be a **full pie**, and pies will be returned following the judging with the recipes on top.