

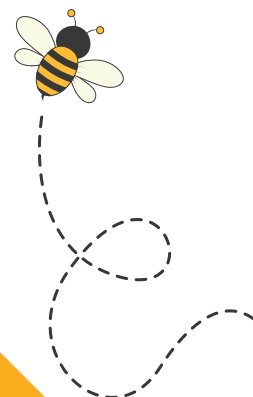
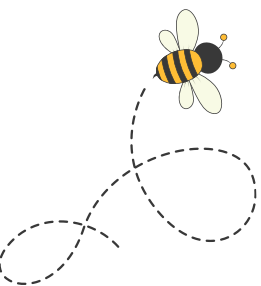
**CENTRAL IOWA
BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION**



SUMMER FIELD DAY

SATURDAY, JULY 12, 2025

**IOWA ARBORETUM & GARDENS
1875 PEACH AVE, MADRID, IA 50156**



FREE event sponsored by CIBA
Event occurring rain or shine
Registration limited to first 120
No registration at the door on the day of the event
Registration deadline (received by) July 5th, 2025

Registration includes:
Educational presentations
Live demonstrations
Lunch and refreshments provided by the CIBA Food Committee

For more information and to register
Visit centraliowabeekeepersassoc.org
Questions, contact Don Moody
(515) 770-5754 or ds.moody1@hotmail.com



**Scott Kent: Director of the Clarke County Conservation Board
Co-founder of The Southern Iowa Hive Handlers**

Scott was raised in Clarke County and attended Northwest Missouri State University, where he earned a degree in Wildlife Ecology and Conservation. After college Scott worked as a Park Technician for Clarke County Conservation for three years. Then for 16 years Scott raised and managed whitetail deer on a deer breeding farm. Scott has served on the Board of Directors for both the North American Deer Farmer's Association and the Iowa Whitetail Deer Association. Scott was known across the nation for his presentations on whitetail deer health and genetics. In 2016, Scott and a colleague started The Southern Iowa Hive Handlers, a local bee group for beekeepers to gather and share ideas. Scott has always been fascinated by swarms and even named his honey business Swarm Chasers Honey LLC. Scott currently maintains around 50 hives with most of them coming from swarms in the area. Scott also enjoys hunting, fishing, and woodworking. Scott and his wife, Lorie, have two sons.



Scott will be giving an informative presentation on the “A to Z’s” of the Various Honeybee Species.

Andy Cody: Owner operator of Back Forty Honey, Grinnell

Andy has been beekeeping for about 15 years. He currently maintains around 200 colonies and has been sending colonies to California for the almond pollination the last five years. Last year, Andy was the winner of the IHPA (Iowa Honey Producers Association) Sweepstakes Award for his 2024 Iowa State Fair apiary entries. This summer his youngest daughter, Izzy, has been helping get honey supers on his colonies. Last summer his oldest daughter, Rachel, helped in the extracting room.

Andy will be doing a live hive inspection demonstration. He will talk about his suggested tools to pack, how to best use them at the hive and things you should be doing and checking to keep your hives healthy.



**Jamie Beyer: Apiarist
President of the Central Iowa Beekeepers Association**

Jamie has been keeping bee for over 20 years. He is a trained Wildlife Biologist with a master's degree in Fish & Wildlife Biology from Iowa State University. His background is everything nature and now with an emphasis on honeybees and pollination in general. Jamie serves as the President of the Central Iowa Beekeepers Association and immediate past Director and Legislative Representative for the Iowa Honey Producers Association. He considers himself a side-line beekeeper with about 50 hives in the Ames/Boone area. You can find out more about Jamie and his beekeeping at his website, beyersbees.com. Jamie has successfully caught over 160 swarms in the last 7 years. **He will share various videos demonstrating the multiple stages and techniques of catching swarms as well as offering commentary on his best tips and tricks to catching so many swarms.**



**Keri Kenoyer: Kenoyer Farms- 3 Sons Honey
CIBA Royalty Chair, Food Committee Chair, Marketing Chair**

Keri's journey into the beekeeping world began about eleven years ago after her and her husband Eric's first honey harvest. She began to wonder "what are we supposed to do with all this wax?" This in turn sent her down a rabbit hole leading her to spend the winter learning and experimenting all the ways to process wax and how to make the best use of the wax they get from each harvest. Creating her own hobby of value added products from the hive. Keri has also won County Fair awards for her salve and body butter combinations.



After being Eric's plus one for a few years, Keri has absorbed a lot of basic knowledge and information about beekeeping to share with individuals just starting their beekeeping journey.

When she is not volunteering her time to CIBA, Keri works as the Farm Market Manager and Event Coordinator at Howells Greenhouse and Pumpkin Patch in Cumming.

Keri will be giving her presentation of an extended look at “Products of the Hive” that she presents to the Friendly Beekeepers of Iowa beginning beekeeping classes that Eric co-teaches each spring.



Chelsa & Connie Bronnenberg: Spring Valley Honey Farms

Hi, I am Chelsa Bronnenberg, I am a mom of 2! My journey with Spring Valley Honey Farms started out with labeling and bottling years ago, to help with make lotions and other various products. Fun Fact- I was the 2007 Iowa Honey Queen! I then became a nurse and recently joined the Spring Valley team again! I am working part-time to help our family grow the business. My focus is marketing our honey and other products to increase the locations where you can purchase our honey

Spring Valley Honey Farms is a family-owned business, owned and operated by Curt and Connie Bronnenberg in Perry. Curt is a second-generation beekeeper and has been involved in beekeeping his entire life. Spring Valley Honey Farms has been managing honeybees for over 40 years. They currently manage 5,000 honeybee colonies and produce and market over 250,000 pounds of honey annually. All of their honey is produced locally in Boone, Dallas, Greene, Guthrie, Henry, Lee, Polk, Sac, Story and Webster counties. The honey is sold in various sizes from 2oz. bottles to 55-gallon drums. During the summer, we provide pollination services to Iowa orchards. During the cold Iowa winters, we provide pollination services to almond orchards in California.

Connie and Chelsa will be demonstrating how to make creamed honey from start to finish.

