

2024 Hive Life Conference Honey Show Rules

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ENTRY FEE: None

ARRIVAL TIME: Thursday, January 4th, 2024, from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM; and Friday, January 5th, 2024, from 8:00 AM until 11:00 AM.

LOCATION: Sevierville Convention Center, Sevierville, TN.

JUDGING: Friday, January 5th, 2024, from 11:00 AM until completed.

RELEASE TIME: All entries will remain in the show area for public viewing after the judging. All entries will remain on display until 2:00 PM on January 6th, after which exhibitors may pick up their entries.

JUDGES: American Honey Show Training Counsel

GENERAL RULES OF THE HONEY SHOW

1. The honey show is open to any attendee of the 2024 Hive Life Conference who wishes to enter one or more exhibits, except as otherwise specifically provided for herein. The honey show is NOT open to individuals serving as judges, stewards, or show secretaries, nor to individuals who are immediate family members of those individuals serving as judges, stewards, or show secretaries. "Immediate Family Member" is defined as individuals who are spouses, siblings, parents, children, grandparents, grandchildren, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, first cousins, parents of common children, step-parents, step-children, or any individuals residing in the same residence.
2. Entries must be received between 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM on January 4th, 2024, and between 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM on January 5th, 2024. **No entries will be accepted after this deadline.**
3. Each Exhibitor must sign an affidavit stating that each exhibit he or she submits was produced by the Exhibitor in conformity with the rules set forth herein.
4. Each Exhibitor may make only one exhibit per class. More than one individual from a family or household may submit exhibits across different categories; however, family members and individuals from common households may not submit multiple exhibits in the same category.
5. With the exception of Extracted Honey, in instances where the exhibit may qualify for consideration in multiple classes, the Exhibitor shall have the right to choose which class to enter their exhibit; the Exhibitor's selection will not be overturned by the Judge(s); and, said exhibit will be judged based on the criteria set forth in the class selected by the Exhibitor. The Judge shall have discretion to make the final determination as to proper color designation in regard to all exhibits of Extracted Honey.
6. Double Entries are strictly prohibited. A "Double Entry" is when an exhibitor has more than one exhibit placed in a single exhibition class. As used in this rule, the term "Double" is not limited to two, but also encompasses any number greater than one. The Show Secretary shall not knowingly accept any subsequent exhibit which would create a Double Entry. Whenever a Double Entry is created by the decision of a judge in reclassifying an exhibit pursuant to the rules herein, the following procedure shall apply: Prior to the judging of any other exhibits in the affected class, the exhibits constituting the double entry shall be identified and examined by the head Judge; the head Judge shall make a determination as to which of the exhibits constituting the Double Entry is the best under the criteria listed for the affected class; the best exhibit of those comprising the Double Entry will be returned to the show bench, and the other(s) will be disqualified. Whenever a Double Entry results in the disqualification of one or more exhibits, and after the results are publicly announced or posted, it shall be the responsibility of the head judge to personally inform the affected exhibitor of the determination of the Double Entry and subsequent disqualification of the exhibit(s).
7. Unless specifically otherwise provided for under an individual category's rules, ALL honey, beeswax, propolis, pollen, or royal jelly exhibited, or made part of any exhibit, must be produced by the exhibitor from honeybees owned and kept by the Exhibitor. Any exhibit previously submitted for consideration in

any prior HIVE LIFE Conference honey show, with the exception of mead, is not eligible for this competition.

8. All beeswax items, unless otherwise specifically allowed herein, must be prepared from pure, unadulterated beeswax, free from any additives or enhancements. The use of synthetic, artificial, or adulterated beeswax or drawn honeycomb is strictly prohibited. *Exhibits found to be containing any of the above will be disqualified.*
9. In regard to the requirement of uniformity, items within or comprising any single exhibit should be alike and matching in every way: jars, containers, closures, contents, composition, orientation, placement, presentation, etc., should be identical across all individual items comprising any single exhibit.
10. Once exhibits have been accepted into the competition by the Show Secretary, they may not be altered in any way.
11. After submitting entries to the Show Secretary, exhibitors may not enter the area where the exhibits have been placed. The Secretary, Stewards or Judges are the only persons who may enter the honey judging area.
12. Judges will enter the honey show area after the close of exhibitor acceptance. This is to ensure as close to a blind judging as possible.
13. Copyright of any submitted recipe, artwork, literary work, or other media remains with the exhibitor, but the HIVE LIFE Conference has the unrestricted right to publish images of submitted recipes, artwork, literary work, or other media in its newsletter, on its website, and via its social media outlets, plus unrestricted rights to use the same in any related material for PR purposes.
14. All exhibits submitted in classes containing the designation “Extracted Honey” are to be presented in one-pound, glass (no plastic), “Queen-line” or “Classic” style jars; any exhibits submitted in any other style of jar or container will be disqualified.
15. Allowances will be made for minor damage to cappings in entries in the comb honey categories, where such minor damage is clearly the result of previous judging in another show.
16. For all mead, beer, and other honey beverage categories, any Exhibitor may, at their discretion, submit a second bottle for chilled tasting. If the Exhibitor chooses to submit a second bottle for chilled tasting, the Exhibitor must submit two identical specimens, both suitable for judging. After the exhibit is submitted, the show secretary will randomly select one of two bottles to be placed in a cooler or refrigerated container. The show secretary will place the other bottle on the judge's bench. Both bottles submitted will be evaluated for the same criteria as a single bottle exhibit.
17. For all exhibits which require, or give the Exhibitor the option of using, any display case, dish, base, frame, stand, or any other exhibition aide, the same should be presented in the same clean, neat, and uniform manner so as to compliment and add merit to the accompanying exhibit.
18. Exhibits must be unmarked or identifiable in anyway, except as provided herein.
19. The Show Secretary will provide each exhibitor identifying labels to be affixed to each exhibit as provided in the rules for each exhibition class. The Exhibitor shall be responsible for placing the ID labels on each exhibit as directed for each exhibition class, unless otherwise specified herein.
20. Each Exhibitor must affirm the inclusion of any image, likeness, or work of any individual other than the Exhibitor, portrayed in or made part of any exhibit, was done so with the prior, informed consent of said individual, and that each exhibit is submitted with the full consent of all parties.
21. Exhibits and other items not retrieved by the deadline posted for pick-up, shall be deemed abandoned, and shall be donated to the Honey Show Committee for future use or disposal. The sponsoring organization, nor the Honey Show Committee, is not responsible for any items left after the pick-up deadline.
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Prizes and Awards

It is the intention that ribbons will be given in all classes even if there is only one entry in the class. However, in order to receive an award that entry must be worthy of placement. Entry into a class does not guarantee an award. The decisions of the judges are final. Exhibitors found willfully cheating, or purposefully altering or disfiguring an entry for the purpose of influencing the validity of judging will be disqualified from the contest,

as well as from any future honey shows sponsored by the Hive Life Conference for a period of not less than three (3) years.

Ribbons, Prize Cards & Prize Points

Ribbons will be awarded to Best in Show winner, the Sweepstakes winner, and to First, Second, and Third place winners in each class. **In the Black Jar class, ribbons will be awarded for 1st through 5th place winners.*

Prize cards with point values for participants in the American Honey Show Training Council certification programs will be awarded to the Best in Show winner and all First through Sixth place winners in all classes as follows: Best in Show = 6 points; First Place = 6 points; Second Place = 5 points; Third Place = 4 points; Very Highly Commendable = 3 points; Highly Commendable = 2 points; and Commendable = 1 point.

Grand Champion (Sweepstakes)

The sweepstakes prize is awarded to the exhibitor who earns the highest number of prize points across all categories. The sweepstakes winner will be the Grand Champion of the Honey Show.

Appeals

After the announcement of awards, any exhibitor may meet with the class judge to discuss their entry and ask questions. The show room will be open to exhibitors for a reasonable interval (typically 10-20 minutes) prior to opening to the public to allow for any appeals. An Exhibitor may appeal the Bench Judge's ruling concerning their own exhibit in instances where the Exhibitor believes the Bench Judge misinterpreted or misapplied a rule in regard to the judging of their exhibit. The Exhibitor must first present their protest to the Bench Judge who judged their exhibit, and calmly and clearly state the basis for their protest. The Bench Judge should hear the Exhibitor out, and then typically should explain to the Exhibitor the basis for their initial decision and discuss the Exhibitor's concerns with them. The Bench Judge, together with the Exhibitor, will then bring the protest to the Presiding Judge. After hearing both sides and examining the rules and the exhibit at issue, if the Bench Judge concedes an error, or if the Presiding Judge decides in favor of the Exhibitor, the Presiding judge may amend the decision, award(s), and/or official record in such a manner as to effect the most just result available. If, after hearing both sides and examining the rules and the exhibit at issue, the Presiding Judge decides the Bench Judge's original decision was correct, the Presiding Judge may uphold the Bench Judge's original decision. The decision of the Presiding Judge is final.

THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AND JUDGED AT THE HONEY SHOW:

HONEY

H1a: Light

H1b: Amber

H1c: Dark

H2: Infused Honey

H3a: Creamed Honey

H3b: Creamed Honey (flavored)

H4: Chunk Comb Honey

H5: Cut Comb Honey

H6: Section Comb Honey

H7: Full Frame Comb Honey

H8: Black Jar

BEESWAX

W1: Beeswax Block

W2: Beeswax Bars

W3: Beeswax Figurines

W4: Beeswax Candles (Dipped Tapers)

W5: Beeswax Candles (Molded Tapers)

W6: Beeswax Candles (Molded Ornamental)

W7: Beeswax Candles (Rolled)

W8: Beeswax Sculpture or Carving

W9: Beeswax Flowers

BEVERAGES MADE WITH HONEY

B1: Beverages made w/Honey

FOOD ITEMS MADE WITH HONEY

F1: Honey Cake (traditional recipe)

F2: Honey Cake (open recipe)

F3: Breads made w/Honey

F4: Confections made w/Honey

F5: Condiments made w/Honey

ARTS & CRAFTS RELATED TO BEEKEEPING

A1: Artwork Related to Beekeeping

A2: Encaustic Painting

A3: Crafts Related to Beekeeping

A4: Needlecraft Related to Beekeeping

A5: Notions, Potions, and Lotions

A6a: Photographs (open)

A6b: Photographs (essay)

A7: Poetry Related to Beekeeping

A8: Electronic Media Related to Beekeeping

A9: Floral Display Related to Beekeeping

A10: Decorative Display Related to Beekeeping

A11: Beekeeping Gift Basket

A12: Beekeeping Gadgets

A13: Beekeeping Antiquities

RULES FOR INDIVIDUAL CLASSES: EXTRACTED & COMB HONEY

H1: Extracted Honey

Extracted honey is judged in three subclasses: (a) light, (b) medium or amber, and (c) dark. Exhibitors may submit one exhibit in each of these three subclasses. One exhibit of extracted honey is defined as three (3) identical one-pound jars, as specified in rule #14 under the General Rules of the Honey Show. Closures may be of metal or plastic. Tamper-proof seals are strictly prohibited; any exhibits submitted with any tamper-proof seal(s) will be disqualified. Judges evaluate entries on the following: confirmation with the criteria set forth herein; cleanliness of the jar and lid; correct fill level; uniformity of the jars that comprise the exhibit; cleanliness and clarity of the honey; moisture content (only if needed); and aroma and flavor (for off aromas or flavors). *See Appendix hereafter for notes on correct jars and fill level.

The Exhibitor shall place one ID label, as provided by the honey show Secretary, on each of the jars comprising the exhibit. The labels should be affixed at the front, bottom, center of each jar, approximately ½ inch from the bottom of the jar.

H2: Infused Extracted Honey

An exhibit consists of three (3) identical one-pound jars, as specified in rule #14 under the General Rules of the Honey Show, of extracted honey which has been infused with one or more added flavors and/or aromas. The judging criteria for this class is the same as that for H1 (Extracted Honey), with the exception that the use of infusing agents is permitted. It is permissible to leave the infusing agent(s) in the extracted honey. Judges evaluate entries on the following: confirmation with the criteria set forth herein; cleanliness of the jar and lid; correct fill level; cleanliness and clarity of the honey; moisture content (only if needed); aroma; flavor; potency; balance; and finish. *A white index card with a description of the flavoring(s) added to the honey must accompany each exhibit. *See Appendix hereafter for notes on correct jars and fill level.

The Exhibitor shall place one ID label, as provided by the honey show Secretary, on the exhibit. The label should be affixed at the front, bottom, center of the jar, approximately ½ inch from the bottom of the jar. An ID label should also be affixed to the white card accompanying the exhibit.

H3: Creamed Honey

Creamed Honey is judged in two subclasses: (a) natural, and (b) flavored. Exhibitors may submit one exhibit in each of these two classes. An entry of creamed honey is three (3) identical wide-mouth jars, no less than eight ounces (8oz.), nor more than sixteen ounces (16oz.) in net weight. Creamed honey must be displayed in identical, clear, straight-sided, glass jars with one-piece lids. Judges evaluate entries on the following: confirmation with the criteria set forth herein; cleanliness of the jar and lid; correct fill level; uniformity of the jars that comprise the exhibit; cleanliness and clarity of the honey; moisture content (only if needed); and aroma and flavor (for off aromas or flavors); fineness of crystals; uniformity and firmness of product; cleanliness and freedom from foam or from added flavors, striation or colors.

The judging criteria for H5b is the same as that for H5a, with the exception that the use of flavoring agents is permitted. *For flavored creamed honey, a white index card with a description of the flavoring(s) and ingredients added to the honey must accompany each exhibit.

The Exhibitor shall place one ID label, as provided by the honey show Secretary, on each of the jars comprising the exhibit. The labels should be affixed at the front, bottom, center of each jar, approximately ½ inch from the bottom of the jar.

H4: Chunk Comb Honey

One entry of chunk honey is three (3) identical one-pound jars. Chunk honey must be displayed in straight sided, uncolored, glass, wide mouth, jars. The glass should not be embossed. Such jars are available from many commercial beekeeping suppliers. Only one chunk of comb should be in each jar for competition. The chunk of comb must be in one piece, of uniform thickness, and with a straight mid rib. Virgin comb with this year's wax is preferred. All foundation should be unwired, thin surplus. The cuts should be clean and uniform. The chunk

comb should be cut and sized to appropriately fit the container. The honey should fill the rest of the jar to the correct fill line. The comb should be oriented in the container as found naturally in the hive. Comb with watery cappings should be avoided. The comb should extend the length of the jar. The chunk of comb should account for at least fifty percent (50%) of the internal volume of the jar. Judges evaluate entries on the following: confirmation with the criteria set forth herein; cleanliness of the jar and lid; correct fill level; uniformity of the jars that comprise the entry; cleanliness and clarity of the honey; absence of pollen, brood, uncapped cells, “wet” or “watery” cappings, or travel stains on the cappings; freedom from granulation; absence of floating wax debris in, or on the surface of, the honey; moisture content (only if needed); and aroma and flavor (for off aromas or flavors).

The Exhibitor shall place one ID label, as provided by the honey show Secretary, on each of the jars comprising the exhibit. The labels should be affixed at the front, bottom, center of each jar, approximately ½ inch from the bottom of the jar.

H5: Cut Comb Honey

An exhibit of cut comb honey is three (3) identical boxes. The boxes must be transparent on all sides made for displaying cut comb. Each box of cut comb should weigh a minimum of twelve (12) ounces. The chunk of comb must be in one piece, with a straight mid rib and of uniform thickness. Virgin comb with this year’s wax is preferred. All foundation should be unwired, thin surplus. The cuts should be clean and uniform. There should be no leaking of honey from comb into the box. Judges evaluate entries on the following: confirmation with the criteria set forth herein; uniformity of the items that comprise the entry; uniformity of appearance and color (including the honey in the comb); cleanliness of the jar and lid; completeness of capping; cleanliness and clarity of the honey; absence of pollen, brood, uncapped cells, “wet” or “watery” cappings, or travel stains on the cappings; freedom from granulation, pollen, and brood; moisture content (only if needed); and aroma and flavor (for off aromas or flavors).

The Exhibitor shall place ID one label, as provided by the honey show Secretary, on each of the containers comprising the exhibit. The labels should be affixed at the front, bottom, center of each container.

H6: Section Comb Honey

An exhibit of section comb honey is three (3) identical sections. Ross rounds and square section entries must be displayed in the original square or circular section. Sections must be in the containers made for the display of their respective style of section comb honey. The main display panel of the containers may not be obscured or obstructed in any way. One or more of the container(s) may be opened to facilitate the Judge’s evaluation of the exhibit. There should be no leaking of honey from comb into the box. Judges evaluate entries on the following: confirmation with the criteria set forth herein; uniformity of the items that comprise the entry; uniformity of appearance and color (including the honey in the comb); cleanliness of the jar and lid; completeness of capping; cleanliness and clarity of the honey; absence of pollen, brood, uncapped cells, “wet” or “watery” cappings, or travel stains on the cappings; freedom from granulation, pollen, and brood; moisture content (only if needed); and aroma and flavor (for off aromas or flavors).

The Exhibitor shall place one ID label, as provided by the honey show Secretary, on each of the containers comprising the exhibit. The labels should be affixed at the front, bottom, center of each container.

H7: Full Frame Comb Honey

An exhibit of full frame comb honey is one (1) standard Langstroth or top-bar style frame of capped honey. The use of plastic foundation or starter strips is allowed; however, exhibits with comb drawn on pure beeswax foundation or starter strips are preferred. Frames must be shown in protective casing without lacing or edging and both sides of the comb should be visible. There should be no leaking of honey from comb into the case. The frame must be easily accessible for judging. Judges evaluate entries on the following: confirmation with the criteria set forth herein; completeness of capping; uniformity of appearance and color (including the honey in the comb); cleanliness of the comb and frame; absence of uncapped cells, “wet” or “watery” cappings, or travel stains on the cappings; freedom from granulation, pollen, and brood; cleanliness of the exposed portions of the frame, including freedom from propolis and bur comb; moisture content (only if needed); and aroma and flavor (for off aromas or flavors). Total weight of the exhibit may be used as a tiebreaker.

The Exhibitor shall place one ID label, as provided by the honey show Secretary, on the top, middle of the frame and on the right hand corner of the window uppermost of the display case containing the exhibit.

H8: Black Jar

An entry consists of not less than two ounces, nor more than four ounces, of pure, unadulterated honey. Entries are to be submitted in black or colored jar which entirely obscures the contents of the jar. The required jar will be provided by the Show Secretary at the sign-in table. Judges evaluate entries for flavor only.

The Exhibitor shall place one ID label, as provided by the honey show Secretary, on the exhibit. The label should be affixed at the front, bottom, center of the jar, approximately ½ inch from the bottom of the jar.

BEESWAX & CANDLES

W1: Beeswax Block

An exhibit consists of one (1) block of pure beeswax. The block must weigh between one to two pounds, no more, and should have thickness no greater than 1.5 inches. The wax should be clean, and free of impurities. The block should be smooth-surfaced and free of blemishes, decorations or embellishments. Beeswax wax should be of a vibrant, natural beeswax color, and should have a pleasant, natural beeswax fragrance. The block should be submitted on a plain, white plate or board (which may be made of paper, foam, cardboard, or any similar material), in a zip-top bag. Alternatively, at the Exhibitor's option, the block may be presented in a protective display case. If a show case is used, it must not exceed 12"(length) x 12"(width) x 4"(depth), and the wax block must be readily accessible for judging. The show case will not be judged, aside for cleanliness. Judges evaluate entries on the following: confirmation with the criteria set forth herein; cleanliness; color; finish; absence of pouring or casting defects including cracks, raised edges, unevenness, rippled or wavy surfaces, etc.; and aroma (for off aromas).

The Exhibitor shall place one ID label, as provided by the honey show Secretary, on the underside of the wax block, and the second label on the top right-hand corner of the display case lid or plastic bag.

W2: Beeswax Bars

An exhibit is defined as six (6) identical one (1) ounce beeswax bars. Beeswax wax should be of a vibrant, natural beeswax color, and should have a pleasant, natural beeswax fragrance. The wax should be clean, and free of impurities. The bars should be smooth-surfaced, free of blemishes, and identical in every way. The bars should be submitted on a plain, white plate or board (which may be made of paper, foam, cardboard, or any similar material), in a zip-top bag. Alternatively, at the Exhibitor's option, the bars may be presented in a protective display case. If a show case is used, it must not exceed 12"(length) x 12"(width) x 4"(depth), and the wax bars must be readily accessible for judging. The show case will not be judged, aside for cleanliness. Judges evaluate entries on the following: confirmation with the criteria set forth herein; cleanliness; color; aroma (for off aromas); uniformity; casting flaws; and sharpness of detail.

The Exhibitor shall place one ID label, as provided by the honey show Secretary, on the bottom center of the paper plate the wax blocks were submitted on, and the second label on the top right-hand corner of the display case lid or plastic bag.

W3: Beeswax Figurines

A figurine is a small sculpted, carved, cast or molded statue that represents a person, animal, plant, creature, or deity (either real or fictional). A figurine may be free-standing, or be supported by a base, stand, or appropriate fixture. An entry is defined as three (3) identical beeswax figurines, depicting any person, animal, plant, creature, or deity of the exhibitor's choosing. Each figuring may be no more than sixteen (16) ounces in weight, and no less than two inches (2") in height, nor more than twelve inches (12") in height. Figurines may be molded or hand-formed. Beeswax wax should be of a vibrant, natural beeswax color, and should have a pleasant, natural beeswax fragrance. Additionally, the use of colored or dyed beeswax is acceptable. For exhibits utilizing colored or dyed beeswax, the wax should be of uniform color throughout, free of marbling, striations, or any unevenness in coloration. Items comprising the exhibit should be uniform in every aspect,

including height, thickness, weight, appearance, and performance (where appropriate). Judges evaluate entries on the following: confirmation with the criteria set forth herein; cleanliness; color; aroma (for off aromas); uniformity; casting flaws; and sharpness of detail.

The Exhibitor shall place one ID label, as provided by the honey show Secretary, on the bottom of each figurine comprising the exhibit.

W4: Dipped Taper Beeswax Candles

An exhibit for dipped tapers is defined as two pairs of two connected candles (a total of four candles). The wax should be clean, and free of impurities. Beeswax wax should be of a vibrant, natural beeswax color, and should have a pleasant, natural beeswax fragrance. Dipped tapers should have the last drip (waxicle) left on; the wicks must be left joined. The minimum length of all taper candles is eight inches. One of the candles in each exhibit will be lit by the judge and allowed to burn. The exhibit must be presented with one (1) free-standing, fire-proof base or candleholder. Items comprising the exhibit should be uniform in every aspect, including height, thickness, weight, appearance, and performance (where appropriate). Judges evaluate entries on the following: confirmation with the criteria set forth in herein; cleanliness; color; aroma (for off aromas); proper wicking; performance; and uniformity.

The Exhibitor shall place one ID label, as provided by the honey show Secretary, on the bottom of each of the candleholders the candles were submitted with, and another label on the bottom, or at the base, of each of the candles.

W5: Molded Taper Beeswax Candles

An exhibit is defined as three (3) candles. The wax should be clean, and free of impurities. Beeswax wax should be of a vibrant, natural beeswax color, and should have a pleasant, natural beeswax fragrance. Molded tapers must have flat finished bases with wicks well centered. The minimum length of all taper candles is eight inches. Wicks must be waxed and trimmed to one-half inch in length. One of the candles in each exhibit will be lit by the judge and allowed to burn. All candles must be presented in a free-standing, fire-proof base or candleholder. Items comprising the exhibit should be uniform in every aspect, including height, thickness, weight, appearance, and performance (where appropriate). Judges evaluate entries on the following: confirmation with the criteria set forth in herein; cleanliness; color; aroma (for off aromas); proper wicking; performance; uniformity; casting flaws; and sharpness of detail.

The Exhibitor shall place one ID label, as provided by the honey show Secretary, on the bottom of each of the candleholders the candles were submitted with, and another label on the bottom, or at the base, of each of the candles.

W6: Molded Ornamental Beeswax Candles

An exhibit is defined as three (3) candles. The wax should be clean, and free of impurities. Beeswax wax should be of a vibrant, natural beeswax color, and should have a pleasant, natural beeswax fragrance. Wicks must be trimmed to one-half inch in length. The form must have a flat finished base with wicks waxed and well centered. Candles will be judged on the herein criteria as well casting flaws and sharpness of detail. One of the candles in each exhibit will be lit by the judge and allowed to burn. All candles must be presented in a free-standing, fire-proof base or candleholder. Items comprising the exhibit should be uniform in every aspect, including height, thickness, weight, appearance, and performance (where appropriate). Judges evaluate entries on the following: confirmation with the criteria set forth in herein; cleanliness; color; aroma (for off aromas); proper wicking; performance; uniformity; casting flaws; and sharpness of detail.

The Exhibitor shall place one ID label, as provided by the honey show Secretary, on the bottom of each of the candleholders the candles were submitted with, and another label on the bottom, or at the base, of each of the candles.

W7: Rolled Beeswax Candles

An exhibit is defined as three (3) candles made by rolling sheets of beeswax foundation. *For this class only, the use of commercially manufactured sheets of beeswax is allowed. Beeswax wax should be of a vibrant, natural beeswax color, and should have a pleasant, natural beeswax fragrance. The wax should be clean, and

free of impurities. Additionally, the use of colored or dyed beeswax is acceptable. For exhibits utilizing colored or dyed beeswax, the wax should be of uniform color throughout, free of marbling, striations, or any unevenness in coloration. Wicks must be trimmed to one-half inch in length. The candle must have a flat base with wicks waxed and well centered. Candles will be judged on the criteria herein as well rolling flaws and sharpness of detail. One of the candles in each exhibit will be lit by the judge and allowed to burn. All candles must be presented in a free-standing, fire-proof base or candleholder. Items comprising the exhibit should be uniform in every aspect, including height, thickness, weight, appearance, and performance (where appropriate). Judges evaluate entries on the following: confirmation with the criteria set forth in herein; cleanliness; color; aroma (for off aromas); proper wicking; performance; uniformity; rolling flaws; and sharpness of detail.

The Exhibitor shall place one ID label, as provided by the honey show Secretary, on the bottom of each of the candleholders the candles were submitted with, and another label on the bottom, or at the base, of each of the candles.

W8: Beeswax Sculpture or Carving

An Exhibitor may submit one example of any sculpted or carved beeswax item of their own creation. The use of wiring and/or coloring is permitted. Beeswax wax should be of a vibrant, natural beeswax color, and should have a pleasant, natural beeswax fragrance. Molded elements are not permitted. The sculpture or carving must be the original composition of the Exhibitor. The sculpture or carving must be mounted or freestanding in design. Judges evaluate entries on the following: confirmation with the criteria set forth herein; cleanliness; color; aroma (for off aromas); subject matter; aesthetic appeal; technical proficiency; creativity; and originality. *A white card with a description of the item must accompany each exhibit.

The Exhibitor shall place one label on the front of the exhibit (centered near the bottom), and the second label on the rear of the white card accompanying the exhibit.

W9: Beeswax Flowers

An Exhibitor may submit one example of one or more beeswax flower(s) of their own creation. The flowers must include stems/stalks. The use of wiring and/or coloring is permitted. Molded elements are not permitted. The flower(s) must be the original composition of the Exhibitor. The flowers must be presented in a vase or other similar container, however the container will not be judged. Judges evaluate entries on the following: confirmation with the criteria set forth herein; cleanliness; color; fragrance; subject matter, aesthetic appeal, technical proficiency, creativity, and originality. *A white index card with a description of the exhibit, including a listing of all varieties of flowers included in the exhibit, must accompany each exhibit.

The Exhibitor shall place one label on the front of the vase containing the exhibit (centered near the bottom), and the second label on the white card accompanying the exhibit.

BEVERAGES MADE WITH HONEY

B1: Honey Beverages

The Exhibitor may submit one example of a honey beverage prepared by the Exhibitor. An exhibit consists of one (1) glass, unembossed, standard 12oz or 16oz beer bottle. Clear glass is preferable, however colored glass is acceptable. Standard, unmarked crimped closures or lightening closures will be accepted. Bottles should be filled to not less than 1" nor more than 1.5" from the bottom of the cap or closure. All honey beverages must be produced from honey produced by the Exhibitor. All entries will be tasted. Judges evaluate entries on the following: cleanliness, fill, color, clarity, lack of sediment, aroma, flavor, body, balance, complexity, and finish. *A white index card with a description of the type or style of beverage and the full recipe (including all ingredients) must accompany each exhibit.

The Exhibitor shall place one ID label, as provided by the honey show Secretary, on the front, bottom, center of the bottle, ½ inch from the bottom of the bottle. Additionally, the Exhibitor shall place one ID label, as provided by the honey show Secretary, on the front, bottom, right-hand corner of the white card accompanying the

exhibit. *In the event an Exhibitor elects to submit a second bottle to be chilled for tasting, the Show Secretary will affix an additional identifying label around the neck of the bottle to be chilled.

FOOD ITEMS & BAKED GOODS

FI: Honey Cake (traditional recipe)

The entrant may submit one honey cake. The cake is to be made according to the recipe provided, and may not be deviated from in any way. The recipe must be followed exactly as written and all entries will be tasted. Absolutely no flavoring agents are to be added to the recipe. Cakes are to be baked in an eight-inch (8”), round cake pan. Cakes are to be presented dome up, unsliced, on a cardboard base, in a standard, unembellished, cardboard baker’s or cake box; cake boxes with clear windows are also acceptable. Judges evaluate entries on the following: appearance, uniformity, moistness, texture, aroma and flavor. The Exhibitor shall place one ID label, as provided by the honey show Secretary, on the top, exterior panel of the box the cake is submitted in, ½ inch from the front edge of the box.

Plain Honey Cake Recipe

Ingredients:

2 cups self-rising flour 8 oz honey by weight 9½ Tablespoons butter
2 eggs Pinch of salt

Procedure: Cream together butter and honey. Beat eggs well and add alternately with sifted flour and salt to the honey/butter mixture. If needed add a little milk. Bake in a greased eight-inch (8”) round cake pan at 325 degrees for 35 to 40 minutes, or until a toothpick comes out clean.

NO ADDITIONS TO THE HONEY CAKE RECIPE PLEASE!

F2: Honey Cake (open recipe)

The Exhibitor may submit one example of a cake baked by the Exhibitor. An entry consists of one (1) standard size cake, or two (2) cupcakes. Exhibits may be, but are not required to be, iced or glazed. The recipe for the entry must include honey produced by the Exhibitor. Entries are to be presented on a cardboard base, in a standard, unembellished, cardboard baker’s or cake box; cake boxes with clear windows are also acceptable. All entries will be tasted. Judges evaluate entries on the following: appearance, uniformity, moistness, texture, aroma, flavor, influence of honey on the finished product, and originality. *A white index card with a description of the item and the recipe (including all ingredients & procedure) must accompany each entry. The Exhibitor shall place one ID label, as provided by the honey show Secretary, on the top, exterior panel of the box the cake is submitted in, ½ inch from the front edge of the box. Additionally, the Exhibitor shall place one ID label, as provided by the honey show Secretary, on the front, bottom, right-hand corner of the white card accompanying the exhibit.

F3: Breads Made with Honey:

The Exhibitor may submit one example of a bread baked by the Exhibitor. An exhibit consists of one (1) standard size loaf, or two (2) rolls, biscuits, muffins, or mini-loaves. The recipe for the exhibit must include honey produced by the Exhibitor. All entries will be tasted. Entries are to be presented on a cardboard base, in a standard, unembellished, cardboard baker’s or cake box; cake boxes with clear windows are also acceptable. All entries will be tasted. Judges evaluate entries on the following: appearance, uniformity, moistness, texture, aroma, flavor, influence of honey on the finished product, and originality. *A white index card with a description of the item and the recipe (including all ingredients & procedure) must accompany each exhibit. *In the event an exhibit in this class is too large to fit in a commonly available cake box, the exhibitor may submit his/her exhibit in some other appropriate, re-sealable container.

The Exhibitor shall place one ID label, as provided by the honey show Secretary, on the top, exterior panel of the box the exhibit is submitted in. Additionally, the Exhibitor shall place one ID label, as provided by the honey show Secretary, on the front, bottom, right-hand corner of the white card accompanying the exhibit.

F4: Honey Confections

A confection is any pastry, tart, petit four, chocolate, or other sweet food or delicacy, not otherwise encompassed in another class in this show. The Exhibitor may submit one example of a confection prepared by the Exhibitor. An exhibit consists of six (6) pieces or servings. The recipe for the exhibit must include honey produced by the Exhibitor. All entries will be tasted. Entries are to be presented on a cardboard base, in a standard, unembellished, cardboard baker's or cake box; cake boxes with clear windows are also acceptable. All entries will be tasted. Judges evaluate entries on the following: appearance, uniformity, moistness, texture, aroma, flavor, influence of honey on the finished product, and originality. *A white index card with a description of the item and the recipe (including all ingredients & procedure) must accompany each exhibit. The Exhibitor shall place one ID label, as provided by the honey show Secretary, on the top, exterior panel of the box the exhibit is submitted in. Additionally, the Exhibitor shall place one ID label, as provided by the honey show Secretary, on the front, bottom, right-hand corner of the white card accompanying the exhibit.

F5: Honey Condiments

A condiment is a spice, sauce, pickle, preserve or other preparation that is added to food to impart a specific flavor, to enhance the flavor, or to complement a dish. An Exhibitor may submit one example of a honey condiment prepared by the Exhibitor. An exhibit of in this class consists of one (1) re-sealable jar or bottle, containing not less than four ounces (4oz.), nor more than eight ounce (8oz). The recipe for the exhibit must include honey produced by the Exhibitor. All entries will be tasted. Judges evaluate entries on the following: appearance, uniformity, moistness, texture, aroma, flavor, influence of honey on the finished product, and originality. *A white index card with a description of the condiment and the recipe (including all ingredients & procedure) must accompany each exhibit. The Exhibitor shall place one ID label, as provided by the honey show Secretary, on the jar at the front, bottom, center. Additionally, the Exhibitor shall place one ID label, as provided by the honey show Secretary, on the front, bottom, right-hand corner of white card accompanying the exhibit.

ARTS & CRAFTS RELATED TO BEEKEEPING

A1: Artwork Related to Beekeeping

Artwork is the expression or application of human creative skill and imagination, often in a visual form such as (but no way limited to) painting or sculpture, producing works to be appreciated primarily for their beauty or emotional power. An Exhibitor may submit one example of any beekeeping-related artwork of their own composition. The artwork must be related to some aspect of apiculture, must be the original composition of the Exhibitor. The artwork must be mounted or freestanding in design. Judges evaluate entries on the following: confirmation with the criteria set forth in herein; subject matter, aesthetic appeal, technical proficiency, creativity, and originality. *A white index card with a description of the item must accompany each entry. The Show Secretary will provide each exhibitor identifying labels to be affixed to the exhibit. The Exhibitor shall place one label on the front of the exhibit (centered near the bottom), and the second label on the front, bottom, right-hand corner of the white card accompanying the exhibit. *If the exhibit is already signed or marked in some identifying way, the exhibitor may obscure the signature or identifying mark.

A2: Encaustic Painting

An Exhibitor may submit one example of an encaustic painting of their own composition. The painting must be utilize the materials, media, and technique(s) specific to encaustic painting, and must be the original composition of the Exhibitor. The wax must be beeswax; however, the use of commercial and/or synthetic pigments is permissible. The artwork must be mounted or freestanding in design. Judges evaluate entries on the following: confirmation with the criteria set forth in herein; subject matter, aesthetic appeal, technical proficiency, creativity, and originality. *A white index card with a description of the work must accompany each entry.

The Show Secretary will provide each exhibitor identifying labels to be affixed to the exhibit. The Exhibitor shall place one label on the front of the exhibit (centered near the bottom), and the second label on the front, bottom, right-hand corner of the white card accompanying the exhibit. *If the exhibit is already signed or marked in some identifying way, the exhibitor may obscure the signature or identifying mark.

A3: Crafts Related to Beekeeping

A craft is a pastime or a profession that requires particular skill and knowledge of a specialized field or subject. Craftsmanship typically denotes experience, knowledge, skill, and expertise in making things by hand. An Exhibitor may submit one example of any beekeeping-related craftwork of their own composition. The craftwork must be related to some aspect of apiculture, and must be the original composition of the Exhibitor. The craftwork must be mounted or freestanding in design. Judges evaluate entries on the following: confirmation with the criteria set forth in herein; subject matter, aesthetic appeal, technical proficiency, creativity, and originality. *A white index card with a description of the item must accompany each entry. The Show Secretary will provide each exhibitor identifying labels to be affixed to the exhibit. The Exhibitor shall place one label on the front of the exhibit (centered near the bottom), and the second label on the front, bottom, right-hand corner of the white card accompanying the exhibit. **If the exhibit is already signed or marked in some identifying way, the exhibitor may obscure the signature or identifying mark.*

A4: Needlecraft Related to Beekeeping

This class includes any decorative or artistic exhibit of needlecraft, some examples of which might include knitting, crochet, lace, embroidery, quilting, cross-stitch, needlepoint, or weaving, relating to honeybees or beekeeping. An Exhibitor may submit one example of any beekeeping-related needlecraft of their own creation. Judges evaluate entries on the following: subject matter, aesthetic appeal, technical proficiency, creativity, and originality. *A white index card with a description of the item must accompany each exhibit. The Show Secretary will provide each exhibitor identifying labels to be affixed to the exhibit. The Exhibitor shall place one label on the front of the exhibit (centered near the bottom), and the second label on the front, bottom, right-hand corner of the 3" x 5" white card accompanying the exhibit. *If the exhibit is already signed or marked in some identifying way, the exhibitor may obscure the signature or identifying mark. **If a label does not self-adhere to an exhibit, it is permissible to pin or clip the label to the exhibit.

A5: Notions, Potions, & Lotions

An Exhibitor may submit one example of any health, bath, or beauty product of their own creation, not otherwise encompassed in another class in this show. The recipe for the exhibit must include honey, beeswax, and/or propolis produced by the Exhibitor. Entries are to be presented in a resealable, unembellished container appropriate to the item. Entries should not be not less than one ounce (1oz.), nor more than eight ounces (8oz.) in weight. All entries will be sampled. Judges evaluate entries on the following: appearance, uniformity, texture, aroma, tactile feel, functionality, and originality. *A white index card with a description of the item and the recipe (including all ingredients & procedure) must accompany each exhibit. The Show Secretary will provide each exhibitor identifying labels to be affixed to the exhibit. The Exhibitor shall place one label on the front of the exhibit (centered near the bottom), and the second label on the front, bottom, right-hand corner of the white card accompanying the exhibit.

A6: Photographs Related to Beekeeping

Photographs Related to Beekeeping are judged in two subclasses: (a) Open; and (b) Essay. Exhibitors may submit one exhibit in each of these subclasses. Specific requirements for each respective subclass are:

A5a (Open)- no restrictions other than those set forth herein;

A5b (Essay)- should convey a story or message pertaining to apiculture, and must contain at least four (4), but no more than seven (7) photographs; and

An Exhibitor may submit one example of any beekeeping-related photography of their own composition. The photograph(s) must be related to some aspect of apiculture, and must be the original composition of the Exhibitor. The photograph(s) must be mounted, matted, or framed. The photograph(s) must stand up for display; either equipped with an easel back, or the entrant must provide an easel on which to display the exhibit.

Judges evaluate entries on the following: subject matter, aesthetic appeal, technical proficiency, creativity, and originality. *A white index card with a description of the item must accompany each exhibit.

The Show Secretary will provide each exhibitor identifying labels to be affixed to the exhibit. The Exhibitor shall place one label on the frame on the back of the exhibit (centered near the top), and the second label on the front, bottom, right-hand corner of the white card accompanying the exhibit.

A7: Poetry Related to Beekeeping

This class includes the literary art of rhythmical composition for exciting pleasure, thought, action, or even disquiet by beautiful, imaginative, or elevated thoughts. An Exhibitor may submit one example of any beekeeping-related poetry of their own creation, of not more than 200 words or 20 lines, whichever is greater, excluding title line. All poems may be either neatly handwritten or typed, single or double line spacing. Poems may be of any form, or style. All entries must be original works. Judges evaluate entries on the following: subject matter, aesthetic appeal, technical proficiency, creativity, and originality.

The Show Secretary will provide each exhibitor identifying labels to be affixed to the exhibit. The Exhibitor shall place one label on the first page, at the bottom, left-hand corner of the of the exhibit. *Copyright of each poem remains with the author, but the GBA has the unrestricted right to publish the winning poems in its newsletter and on its website, plus unrestricted rights to use the winning poems and any related material for PR purposes.

A8: Electronic Media Related to Beekeeping

Electronic media is any media that can be generated, viewed, or shared with an audience via an electronic device. An Exhibitor may submit one example of any beekeeping-related electronic media of their own creation. The Exhibitor must provide the appropriate or necessary viewing apparatus (including clear operating instructions) along with the exhibit. Entries which take time to observe, such as videos, gifs, or other recordings, may not exceed ten (10) minutes in duration. All entries must be original works. Judges evaluate entries on the following: subject matter, aesthetic appeal, technical proficiency, creativity, and originality. *A white index card with a detailed description of the exhibit must accompany each exhibit.

The Show Secretary will provide each exhibitor identifying labels to be affixed to the exhibit. The Exhibitor shall place one label on the top, left-hand corner of the viewing device, and the second label on the front, bottom, right-hand corner of the white card accompanying the exhibit.

A9: Floral Display

An Exhibitor may submit one floral display of their own composition. All flowers included in the exhibit must be freshly cut varieties of wild or indigenous garden flowers which are attractive to honeybees as forage for pollen and/or nectar. The arrangement must be the original composition of the Exhibitor. Flowers and greenery in each exhibit may be grown or purchased by the exhibitor. No artificially colored flowers may be utilized. No artificial flowers or foliage may be used. The floral arrangement should reflect beauty through marked superiority in all aspects of plant selection, organization, expression, and condition. A pleasing and orderly arrangement of well-groomed, clean flowering plant material may be supported by foliage and other elements. Volume should not exceed quality for the purpose of judging. The flowers must be presented in a vase or other similar container, however the container will not be judged. Exhibits may not exceed 18" beyond the orifice of the container in which they are submitted. Judges evaluate entries on the following: design, aesthetic appeal, technical proficiency, creativity, originality. *A white index card identifying all plant material included in the exhibit, by both botanical and common names, must accompany each exhibit.

The Show Secretary will provide each exhibitor identifying labels to be affixed to the exhibit. The Exhibitor shall place one label on the front of the vase containing the exhibit (centered near the bottom), and the second label on the front, bottom, right-hand corner of the white card accompanying the exhibit.

A10: Decorative Display

An Exhibitor may submit one decorative display of homemade products containing honey and/or beeswax of their own design. Each display shall contain a minimum of six (6), and a maximum of ten (10) items, all containing honey and/or beeswax as ingredients. Each item within the display should have a label identifying

and/or describing that item. The display dimensions must not exceed 24”(length) x 24”(width) x 36”(height). The display must be mounted or freestanding in design. Items in the display will be opened and/or sampled for judging. The display, and all elements therein, must be the original composition(s) of the Exhibitor. Judges evaluate entries on the following: subject matter, aesthetic appeal, technical proficiency, creativity, and originality. *A white index card with a description of the items and any recipes (including all ingredients & procedure) must accompany each exhibit.

The Show Secretary will provide each exhibitor identifying labels to be affixed to the exhibit. The Exhibitor shall place one label on the front of the of the exhibit (centered near the bottom), and the second label on the front, bottom, right-hand corner of the white card accompanying the exhibit.

A11: Beekeeping Gift Basket

An Exhibitor may submit one gift basket of homemade products containing honey and/or beeswax of their own design. Each basket shall contain a minimum of four (4), and a maximum of eight (8) items, all containing honey and/or beeswax as ingredients. Additionally, each basket may contain up to four (4) other bee or beekeeping-themed items not containing honey and/or beeswax as ingredients. Items in the display will be opened and/or sampled for judging. All items in the basket must be the original composition(s) of the Exhibitor. Judges evaluate entries on the following: subject matter, aesthetic appeal, technical proficiency, creativity, and originality. *A white index card with a description of the items in the basket (including all recipes and ingredients) must accompany each exhibit.

The Show Secretary will provide each exhibitor identifying labels to be affixed to the exhibit. The Exhibitor shall place one label on the front of the of the exhibit (centered near the bottom), and the second label on the front, bottom, right-hand corner of the white card accompanying the exhibit.

A12: Beekeeping Gadgets

A gadget is a mechanical or electronic device or tool, especially one of an ingenious or novel nature. An Exhibitor may submit one example of any beekeeping-related gadget of their own creation. The gadget must be related to some aspect of apiculture, and must be the original creation of the Exhibitor. Judges evaluate entries on the following: craftsmanship, ingenuity, functionality, creativity, and originality. *A white index card with a description of the item and its operation must accompany each exhibit.

The Show Secretary will provide each exhibitor identifying labels to be affixed to the exhibit. The Exhibitor shall place one label on the front of the of the exhibit (centered near the bottom), and the second label on the front, bottom, right-hand corner of the white card accompanying the exhibit.

A14: Beekeeping Antiquities

An exhibit in this category is any item related to beekeeping produced, manufactured, or published at least thirty (30) years prior to the date of the current exhibition. An Exhibitor may submit one example of any beekeeping-related item meeting the following criteria. The item must be related to some aspect of apiculture, and must be at least thirty (30) years old. The submission of reproductions is allowed; however, a strong preference shall be given to original items. Judges evaluate entries on the following: originality, age, rarity, condition, provenance, nostalgic impact, and influence on the world of beekeeping. *A white index card with a description of the item and a summary of its provenance must accompany each exhibit. For purposes of this contest, the term “provenance” shall be defined as follows: Any record(s) or documentation supporting an exhibit’s source, origin, creation, record of ownership, custody, or authenticity. The submission of original documentation regarding an exhibit’s provenance is strongly encouraged.

The Show Secretary will provide each exhibitor identifying labels to be affixed to the exhibit. The Exhibitor shall place one label on the front of the exhibit (centered near the bottom), and the second label on the white card accompanying the exhibit. In such instances where the affixing (or removal) of a label to an original item might damage the item, the placement of a single label on the descriptive card accompanying the item will be acceptable.

Appendix

**The correct jars for extracted honey entries.*

CLASSIC



QUEENLINE



Notes on correct fill level: The correct fill level on a “Queen-line” or “Classic” style honey jar is at the top of the fill ring of each jar. The fill ring is the raised ridge or ring of glass immediately above the shoulder of the jar, and below the threads. It can be distinguished from the threads in two ways: a) the fill ring forms a complete circle, without ends; and b) the fill ring will be completely parallel with the bottom and top of the jar. There should be enough honey in the jar to reach the top of the fill ring, without going over. Liquid honey in a circular shape forms a concave surface sometimes referred to as a meniscus. **For purposes of filling honey jars for exhibition, the edge of the meniscus should meet the top of the fill ring. A jar of honey being over-filled is preferable to one being under-filled.*

