

2026 Georgia State Honey & Artisan Show Rules

HOST: Georgia Beekeepers Association (hereinafter "GBA")

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Entries Received: Thursday, September 10, between 3:00 PM and 5:00 PM; and Friday, September 11, between 7:30 AM and 9:00 AM. Exhibits will not be accepted after this deadline.

LOCATION: GBA Fall Conference, Gainesville, GA

JUDGING: Commences at 9:15 AM, on September 11.

RELEASE TIME: All entries will remain in the show area for public viewing after the judging. All entries will remain on display until 1:00 PM on Saturday, September 12. Exhibitors may pick up their entries on Saturday, September 12, between 1:30 PM and 3:00 PM. Entries not picked up by the deadline will be disposed of by the Honey Show Committee.

GENERAL RULES OF THE HONEY SHOW:

I. Eligibility

1. The honey show is open to the following individuals:

- a) Anyone who is both (1) a current GBA member and (2) a paid attendee of the GBA Fall Conference; and
- b) The various prison beekeeping programs sponsored by the GBA on a group basis. Submissions by, or on behalf of, individual inmates are not allowed. The instructors from each prison beekeeping program may submit entries on behalf of each of their respective institutions. All inmate entries will be exclusively categorized with, and judged against, other inmate exhibits in the prison beekeepers' division. Exhibits submitted by third parties, or by proxy, will NOT be accepted. 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.

II. Submission Deadlines

2. Entries must be received between 3:00 PM and 5:00 PM on Thursday, September 10, and from 7:30 AM and 9:00 AM on Friday, September 11. No entries will be accepted after this deadline.

III. Exhibitor Declarations & Affirmations

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 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.

5. 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 honey show sponsored by the host organization, with the exception of mead, is not eligible for this competition.

6. 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. Beeswax should be of a vibrant, natural beeswax color, and should have a pleasant, natural beeswax aroma. The preferred colors of beeswax range from white into all natural shades of the color palate yellow. Wax of other color palettes, especially those including shades of gray or brown, shall be deemed faulted, and shall be penalized by the judge(s) according to the degree of severity of said

fault. The preferred aroma of beeswax should include honey and/or floral notes. Other aromas, especially those associated with caramelization, smoke, burnt sugar, chemical contamination/adulteration, or other aromas uncharacteristic of that of commonly found in natural beeswax, shall be considered faulted, and shall be penalized by the judge(s) according to the degree of severity of said fault.

IV. Double Entries Prohibited

7. Each Exhibitor may make only one exhibit per category. 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.

8. With the exception of Extracted Honey, in instances where the exhibit may qualify for consideration in multiple categories, the Exhibitor shall have the right to choose which category 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 category 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.

9. Double Entries are strictly prohibited. A "Double Entry" is when an exhibitor has more than one exhibit placed in a single exhibition category. 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 recategorizing an exhibit pursuant to the rules herein, the following procedure shall apply: Prior to the judging of any other exhibits in the affected category, 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 category; 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).

V. Security

10. Exhibits must be unmarked or identifiable in any way, except as provided herein.

11. The Show Secretary will provide each exhibitor identifying labels to be affixed to each exhibit as provided in the rules for each exhibition category. The Exhibitor shall be responsible for placing the ID labels on each exhibit.

12. Once exhibits have been accepted into the competition by the Show Secretary, they may not be altered in any way.

13. 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.

14. 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.

VI. Food Safety

15. All food & beverage exhibits must be prepared under sanitary conditions and follow food safety guidelines. All food & beverage exhibits must be sealed and shelf-stable, or otherwise prepared and packaged in such a way to be able to withstand spoilage. Any entry that appears to be unsafe or unpalatable will not be judged and will be disqualified.

16. Any food or beverage item made with any dairy (or other perishable) ingredient(s) or components, or any exhibit that calls for or requires refrigeration for proper storage or holding, should be transported to the honey show, and presented to the Honey Show Secretary in a cooler, insulated/temperature-stable bag, or some other temperature-controlled container. The Exhibitor MUST notify the Show Secretary of the necessity of refrigeration or cold storage for any item at the time of submission of the exhibit. Any exhibit, or component of an exhibit, that the Judge(s) deem unfit or unsafe due to a temperature-related storage or transport issue will not be judged and may be subject to disqualification.

VII. Miscellaneous

17. All exhibits submitted in categories 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 not be accepted by the show secretary.

18. 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.

19. 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.

20. All weight requirements refer to the net contents of the exhibit. For instance, a 16-ounce jar of honey should contain 16 ounces of honey. This does not include the weight of the container, the lid, the label, or any other packaging.

21. For all exhibits which call for the submission of a white descriptive card or index card with the exhibit, any size card or sheet of paper from 3"x5" to 8.5"x11" will be accepted. Additionally, the Exhibitor may submit multiple cards for any exhibit as the Exhibitor sees fit. Should the Exhibitor wish to submit multiple cards, they should be secured together by staple or paper clips.

22. 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.

23. 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. *If the Exhibitor submits a second bottle for chilled tasting, they must note such on the descriptive card submitted with the exhibit.

24. Copyright of any submitted recipe, artwork, literary work, or other media remains with the exhibitor, but the host organization 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.

25. Where the submission of a "recipe" is required, that term includes the complete list of ingredients, quantities thereof, and the procedure used to combine and prepare the exhibit.

26. The Presiding Judge may, based on the number of exhibits submitted, combine one or more categories into a single category, or divide a single category into one or more subcategories.

27. Return/Disposition of Exhibits-

(a) Exhibitors who wish to retrieve their exhibits at the conclusion of the honey show must make arrangements to pick their exhibits up at the specified release time on ... release date ... If an exhibitor wishes to have their exhibit(s) released to a third party or proxy, they must indicate so in writing.

(b) 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.

28. The honey show committee reserves the right to reject any exhibit submitted if it is objectionable in any way. For these purposes, the definition of "objectionable" includes, but is not limited to: representations of nudity, graphic violence, profanity, obscenity, or any depictions of a sexually explicit nature. Decisions of the Presiding Judge on this issue will be final.

29. The use of AI to create or enhance an entry in any category is prohibited. An example of entries not allowed, but not limited to are ...AI generated poetry, AI generated photographs, AI electronic media, AI artwork and 3D printing. It is our intent to showcase beekeepers' talents, creativity, and originality in the culture of beekeeping.

JUDGING & AWARDS:

It is the intention that awards will be given in all categories even if there is only one exhibit in the category. However, in order to receive an award that exhibit must be worthy of placement. An exhibit into a category does not guarantee an award. A Judge may, in his or her sole discretion, make or withhold the award of any given prize(s) or placement(s) in any category over which said Judge officiates.

All exhibits shall be judged by individuals who are trained and certified Honey Judges. The Presiding Judge shall have final say in any matter pertaining to the contest if called upon, and shall have the authority to exclude or disqualify any exhibit(s) for good cause. The Judge(s) shall have the final say in regard to the evaluation of any and all exhibits. The decisions of the Judge(s) are final. After the announcement of awards, any exhibitor may meet with the category judge to discuss their exhibit and ask questions.

Exhibitors found willfully cheating, or purposefully altering or disfiguring an exhibit 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 this organization, permanently.

PRIZE POINTS & SWEEPSTAKES AWARDS:

Prize points will be awarded to all First through Sixth place winners in all categories as follows: 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.

The points will be used to calculate both the individual winner and the club winner in the Sweepstakes Awards as provided herein. The Individual Sweepstakes prize will be awarded to the exhibitor who earns the highest number of prize points across all categories. The winner of the Individual Sweepstakes Award will be named the Grand Champion of the honey show.

The Club Sweepstakes prize will be awarded to the Georgia local bee club whose members (collectively) earn the highest number of prize points across all categories. The winner of the Club Sweepstakes Award will be named the Annual Club Champion of the honey show.

*Prize cards for participants in the American Honey Judge Association Training Program will be given out upon request by the individual Exhibitor. Cards will be generated electronically and emailed to the Exhibitor within ten (10) days after the show.

INDIVIDUAL PRIZES:

Cash Prizes, Rosettes, and Ribbons will be awarded as follows:

- In each category: First place - \$100; Second Place - \$30; Third Place - \$20
- Major Divisions: Best of Honey, Best of Beeswax, Best of Food & Beverage, Best of Artisan
- Best in Show - \$500
- Sweepstakes - \$300

GBA Prison Program Categories:

Ribbons will be awarded to Best in Show, 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place winners in each category.

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, 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 affect 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 should 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 & ARTISAN SHOW:**

NOVICE CATEGORIES:

- N1 Novice Extracted Honey
- N2 Novice Beeswax Item
- N3 Novice Comb Honey
- N4 Novice Beeswax Candle

HONEY CATEGORIES:

- H1 Light Extracted Honey
- H2 Amber Extracted Honey
- H3 Dark Extracted Honey
- H4 Varietal Extracted Honey
- H5 Infused Extracted Honey
- H6 Creamed Honey (natural)
- H7 Creamed Honey (flavored)
- H8 Chunk Comb Honey
- H9 Cut Comb Honey
- H10 Section Comb Honey
- H11 Full Frame Comb Honey
- H12 Black Jar

BEESWAX CATEGORIES:

- W1 Beeswax Block (standard 1-2 lbs.)
- W2 Six Identical Pieces of Beeswax
- W3 Beeswax Figurines
- W4 Candles (molded or dipped tapers)
- W5 Candles (molded ornamental)

BEVERAGE CATEGORIES:

- B1 Sweet Meads
- B2 Dry Meads
- B3 Beer & Ale Made with Honey
- B4 Honey Beverages
- B5 Non-Alcoholic Honey Beverages

CULINARY CATEGORIES:

- C1 Honey Cake (pound recipe)
- C2 Honey Cake (open recipe)
- C3 Breads Made with Honey
- C4 Confections Made w/Honey
- C5 Cookies Made w/Honey
- C6 Preserves Made w/Honey
- C7 Condiments Made w/Honey (non-spicy)
- C8 Condiments Made w/Honey (spicy)

ARTISAN CATEGORIES:

- A1 Artwork Related to Beekeeping
- A2 Crafts Related to Beekeeping
- A3 Needlecraft Related to Beekeeping
- A4 Lip Balms Made w/Honey, Beeswax, &/or Propolis
- A5 Soaps Made w/Honey, Beeswax, &/or Propolis
- A6 Lotions Made w/Honey, Beeswax &/or Propolis
- A7 Photography (open)
- A8 Photography (essay)
- A9 Photography (black & white)
- A10 Photography (other pollinators)
- A11 Photography (selected topic) **“the lazy drone”**
- A12 Poetry Related to Beekeeping
- A13 Best Bee Joke
- A14 Electronic Media Related to Beekeeping
- A15 Floral Display Related to Beekeeping
- A16 Decorative Display

PRISON DIVISION CATEGORIES:

- P1 Extracted Honey
- P2 Infused Honey
- P3 Honey Confections
- P4 Artwork Related to Beekeeping
- P5 Beeswax Candles
- P6 Photography Related to Beekeeping
- P7 Poetry Related to Beekeeping
- P8 Lotions Made w/Honey, Beeswax &/or Propolis
- P9 Lip Balms Made w/Honey, Beeswax, &/or Propolis

RULES FOR INDIVIDUAL CATEGORIES:

NOVICE CATEGORIES

N1 Novice Extracted Honey

This category is open only to exhibitors who have never won a First prize in any extracted honey category at any prior GBA honey show. An exhibit consists of one (1) one-pound jar of extracted honey, as specified in rule #17 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 severely penalized. 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.

N2 Novice Beeswax Item

This category is open only to exhibitors who have never won a First prize in any beeswax category at any prior GBA honey show. An exhibit consists of one (1) beeswax item, weighing no less than one (1) ounce and no more than sixteen (16) ounces. Beeswax wax should be of a vibrant, natural beeswax color, and should have a pleasant, natural beeswax fragrance. The beeswax should be clean, and free of impurities. The block or bar should be smooth-surfaced, and free of blemishes. The block or bar 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. 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.

N3 Novice Comb Honey

This category is open only to exhibitors who have never won a First, Second or Third prize in any comb honey category at any prior honey show. An exhibit consists of one (1) jar of chunk honey, piece cut comb honey, or section of comb honey. Judges evaluate entries on the following: confirmation with the criteria set forth herein, uniformity of appearance and color (including the honey in the comb), cleanliness of the container and lid, completeness of cappings, 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), 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.

N4 Novice Beeswax Candle

This category is open only to exhibitors who have never won a First, Second or Third prize in any beeswax candle category at any prior honey show. An exhibit is defined as one (1) beeswax candle. The beeswax should be of a vibrant, natural beeswax color, and should have a pleasant, natural beeswax fragrance. The preferred colors of beeswax range from white into all natural shades of the color palate yellow. Wax of other palettes, especially those including shades of gray or brown, shall be deemed faulted, and shall be penalized by the judge(s) according to the degree of severity of said fault. The preferred aroma of beeswax should include honey and/or floral notes. Other aromas, especially those associated with caramelization, smoke, burnt sugar, chemical contamination/adulteration, or other

aromas uncharacteristic of that of commonly found in natural beeswax, shall be considered faulted, and shall be penalized by the judge(s) according to the degree of severity of said fault. The wax should be clean and free of impurities. Wicks should be trimmed to one-half inch in length. The candle should have a flat base with wicks waxed and well centered. The candle 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. Judges evaluate entries on the following: confirmation with the criteria set forth herein, cleanliness, color, aroma (for off aromas), proper wicking, performance, uniformity, casting or rolling flaws, sharpness of detail.

HONEY CATEGORIES

H1-H3 Extracted Honey

Extracted honey is judged in three subcategories: (H1) light, (H2) medium or amber, and (H3) dark. Exhibitors may submit one exhibit in each of these three subcategories. One exhibit of extracted honey is defined as three (3) one-pound jars, as specified in rule #17 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.

H4 Varietal Extracted Honey

An exhibit consists of three (3) one-pound jars of extracted, varietal honey, as specified in rule #17 under the General Rules of the Honey Show. Except as provided herein, judging criteria is the same as that for Extracted Honey. Only floral varieties native to, or commonly found within, the State of Georgia are eligible for consideration. Entries will be evaluated on the strength of characteristic(s), including aroma, flavor, and color profile(s) typically associated with the given variety of honey. For example, is a given exhibit of "tupelo" honey strongly representative of what pure tupelo honey should taste like, or are there indications of the presence of other floral sources in the exhibit as well? Preference is given to the best representative of each respective varietal. 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). *A white card with a description of the variety, or predominant floral source, of the honey must accompany each exhibit.

H5 Infused Extracted Honey

An exhibit consists of three (3) identical one-pound jars, as specified in rule #17 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 category 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.

H6-H7 Creamed Honey

Creamed Honey is judged in two subcategories: (H6) natural, and (H7) flavored. Exhibitors may submit one exhibit in each of these two subcategories. Creamed or Soft Set honey is honey that has been subjected to a manual or mechanical process to assist and control the otherwise natural process of granulation. 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; cleanliness and purity of the honey; uniformity of product within the jar; fineness of crystals; appropriate set or firmness (should be spreadable but not runny); freedom from foam, frosting, or visible moisture; freedom from added flavors, striation, or colors; uniformity of the jars that comprise the exhibit; aroma and flavor (for off aromas or flavors); and moisture content (only if in question). For flavored exhibits, the exhibitor must submit a white card including all ingredients added to the honey, and describing the process and procedure (including all steps and equipment) employed to produce their creamed honey.

H8 Chunk Comb Honey

One entry of chunk honey is defined as three (3) 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, 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; moisture content (only if needed); and aroma and flavor (for off aromas or flavors).

H9 Cut Comb Honey

An exhibit of cut comb honey is three (3) 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 the 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).

H10 Section Comb Honey

An exhibit of section comb honey is three (3) 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 containers may be opened to facilitate the Judge's evaluation of the exhibit. There should be no leaking of honey from the 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).

H11 Full Frame Comb Honey

An exhibit of full frame comb honey is one (1) standard Langstroth style frame of capped honey. The use of plastic foundation is prohibited; exhibits with comb drawn on plastic foundation will be disqualified. Frames must be shown in protective casing and both sides of the comb should be visible. There should be no leaking of honey from the 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 cappings; uniformity of appearance and color (including the honey in the comb); cleanliness of the comb and frame; absence of pollen, brood, uncapped cells, "wet" or "watery" cappings, or travel stains on the cappings; freedom from granulation; 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.

H12 Black Jar

PLEASE NOTE: Only honeys produced in the State of Georgia from honeybees kept in the State of Georgia, by a GBA member who is a resident of the State of Georgia, are eligible for consideration in this category.

An entry consists of not less than two ounces, nor more than four ounces, of pure, unadulterated honey. The required jar will be provided to the Exhibitor by the Show Secretary at the sign-in table. The Exhibitor will transfer their entry into the provided jar and then return the jar to the Show Secretary. Judges evaluate entries for flavor only.

**ALL BLACK JAR ENTRIES, and the contents thereof, become the property of the GBA Honey Show Committee upon submission to the honey show secretary. Black Jar entries WILL NOT BE RETURNED to the Exhibitor at the end of the honey show.*

BEESWAX & CANDLE CATEGORIES

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 a 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 should be of a vibrant, natural beeswax color, and should have a pleasant, natural beeswax aroma. The preferred colors of beeswax range from white into all natural shades of the color palate yellow. Wax of other color palettes, especially those including shades of gray or brown, shall be deemed faulted, and shall be penalized by the judge(s) according to the degree of severity of said fault. The preferred aroma of beeswax should include honey and/or floral notes. Other aromas, especially those associated with caramelization, smoke, burnt sugar, chemical contamination or adulteration, or other aromas uncharacteristic of those of commonly found in natural beeswax, shall be considered faulted, and shall be penalized by the judge(s) according to the degree of severity of said fault. 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, and aroma (for off aromas).

*The presence of the word "BEESWAX" imprinted on one surface of the block shall not be counted as a flaw or defect. However, any such mark or imprint shall be judged for casting flaws and sharpness of detail.

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 Six Identical Pieces of Beeswax

An exhibit is defined as six (6) identical pieces of beeswax. Each piece should be not less than one ounce (1 oz.), nor more than two ounces (2 oz.). The beeswax should be of a vibrant, natural beeswax color, and should have a pleasant, natural beeswax aroma. The preferred colors of beeswax range from white into all natural shades of the color palate yellow. Wax of other color palettes, especially those including shades of gray or brown, shall be deemed faulted, and shall be penalized by the judge(s) according to the degree of severity of said fault. The preferred aroma of beeswax should include honey and/or floral notes. Other aromas, especially those associated with caramelization, smoke, burnt sugar, chemical contamination/adulteration, or other aromas uncharacteristic of that of commonly found in natural beeswax, shall be considered faulted, and shall be penalized by the judge(s) according to the degree of severity of said fault. The wax should be clean, and free of impurities. The pieces should be smooth-surfaced, free of blemishes, and identical in every way. The pieces 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 pieces 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 pieces 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.

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 figurine 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. Colored beeswax is acceptable. The beeswax should be of a vibrant, natural beeswax color, and should have a pleasant, natural beeswax aroma. The preferred colors of beeswax range from white into all natural shades of the color palate yellow. Wax of other color palettes, especially those including shades of gray or brown, shall be deemed faulted, and shall be penalized by the judge(s) according to the degree of severity of said fault. The preferred aroma of beeswax should include honey and/or floral notes. Other aromas, especially those associated with caramelization, smoke, burnt sugar, chemical contamination/adulteration, or other aromas uncharacteristic of that of commonly found in natural beeswax, shall be considered faulted, and shall be penalized by the judge(s) according to the degree of severity of said fault. 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.

W4 Taper Beeswax Candles (molded or dipped)

An exhibit for dipped tapers is defined as two pairs of two connected candles (a total of four candles) or three (3) identical molded candles. The wax should be clean, and free of impurities. The beeswax should be of a vibrant, natural beeswax color, and should have a pleasant, natural beeswax aroma. The preferred colors of beeswax range from white into all natural shades of the color palate yellow. Wax of other color palettes, especially those including shades of gray or brown, shall be deemed faulted, and shall be penalized by the judge(s) according to the degree of severity of said fault. The preferred aroma of beeswax should include honey and/or floral notes. Other aromas, especially those associated with caramelization, smoke, burnt sugar, chemical contamination/adulteration, or other aromas uncharacteristic of that of commonly found in natural beeswax, shall be considered faulted, and shall be penalized by the judge(s) according to the degree of severity of said fault. Dipped tapers should have the last drip 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 burned. The exhibit must be presented with one (1) free-standing, fire-proof base or candleholder. Judges evaluate entries on the following: confirmation with the criteria set forth in herein; cleanliness; color; aroma (for off aromas); performance; and uniformity.

W5 Molded Ornamental Beeswax Candles

An exhibit is defined as three (3) candles. The wax should be clean, and free of impurities. The beeswax should be of a vibrant, natural beeswax color, and should have a pleasant, natural beeswax aroma. The preferred colors of beeswax range from white into all natural shades of the color palate yellow. Wax of other color palettes, especially those including shades of gray or brown, shall be deemed faulted, and shall be penalized by the judge(s) according to the degree of severity of said fault. The preferred aroma of beeswax should include honey and/or floral notes. Other aromas, especially those associated with caramelization, smoke, burnt sugar, chemical contamination/adulteration, or other aromas uncharacteristic of that of commonly found in natural beeswax, shall be considered faulted, and shall be penalized by the judge(s) according to the degree of severity of said fault. 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 burned. All candles must be presented in a free-standing, fire-

proof base or candleholder. Judges evaluate entries on the following: confirmation with the criteria set forth in herein; cleanliness; color; aroma (for off aromas); performance; uniformity; casting flaws; and sharpness of detail.

BEVERAGES & CULINARY ITEMS MADE WITH HONEY

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY: Exhibitors should be aware and keep in mind; this is a HONEY show. These beverage & culinary categories have been specifically chosen because of their ability to showcase honey as an ingredient. The influence and impact of honey on the finished product will be the first, and ultimate, factor the judges will consider when making final awards. The stronger and more pronounced the flavor and aroma of honey is in the finished product, the greater the preference that exhibit will receive from the judges. Conversely, an exhibit of otherwise exceptional quality that does not taste or smell profoundly of honey, will not be placed highly despite the presence of other exceptional qualities.

B1-B2 Mead

Mead is judged in two subcategories: (B1) Sweet or (B2) Dry. Entrants may submit one exhibit in each of these two subcategories. The Exhibitor may submit one example of a mead prepared by the Exhibitor. An exhibit consists of one, clear, uncolored, glass standard 750 ml wine bottle. Punt bottles are acceptable as long as they are standard pattern wine bottles. Tee, tasting, or mushroom-style corks are acceptable closures; traditional, inserted corks will not be accepted by the Show Secretary. Bottles should be filled to a point precisely two (2) centimeters from the bottom of the cork. All mead 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 card with a description of the type or style of mead and the full recipe (including all ingredients) must accompany each exhibit.

B3 Beer & Ale Made with Honey

The Exhibitor may submit one example of a beer or ale prepared by the Exhibitor. An exhibit consists of one (1) glass, unembossed, standard 12 oz or 16 oz beer bottle. Clear glass is preferable, however colored glass is acceptable. Standard, unmarked crimped closures or lightning closures will be accepted. Bottles should be filled to not less than ½" nor more than ¾" from the bottom of the cap or closure. All beer and ale 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 card with a description of the type or style of beer or ale and the full recipe (including all ingredients) must accompany each exhibit.

B4 Honey Beverages

The Exhibitor may submit one example of a honey beverage created by the Exhibitor. An exhibit consists of all of the ingredients, elements, garnishments, equipment and tools necessary to make at least two (2) servings of the submitted beverage. Appropriate serving glasses, cups, tumblers, or drinking vessels should be included. All elements containing alcohol or spirits should be individually packaged and clearly labeled. All submissions must contain honey produced by the Exhibitor. All entries will be tasted. Judges evaluate entries on the following: cleanliness, originality, aroma, flavor, balance, complexity, and finish. *A white card with a description of the type or style of cocktail, the full recipe (including all ingredients), and the procedure for mixing the cocktail must accompany each exhibit.

B5 Non-Alcoholic Honey Beverages

An Exhibitor may submit one example of a non-alcoholic honey beverage prepared by the Exhibitor. An exhibit consists of one (1) jar, bottle or pitcher, containing at least 12 ounces and no more than 32 ounces of a beverage made with honey produced by the Exhibitor. The container may be a clear glass bottle, jar, or pitcher with a leak proof lid.

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 card with a description of the type or style of beverage and the full recipe (including all ingredients, ingredient quantities, and procedure) must accompany each exhibit. The Exhibitor should also note on the white card if they have submitted a second bottle for chilled tasting.

The Exhibitor shall place one ID label, as provided by the honey show Secretary, on the front bottom, center of the bottle, approximately 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 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.

C1 Honey Pound Cake

A pound cake is a rich, sweet, dense cake that's traditionally made with one pound each of flour, butter, eggs, and sugar. The Exhibitor may submit one example of a pound cake baked by the Exhibitor. An entry consists of one (1) cake. The recipe for the entry must include honey produced by the Exhibitor. Exhibits may NOT be dusted, frosted, iced, or glazed. Exhibits must be baked in either a tube or Bundt style cake pan.

All ingredients in the honey pound cake must come from the list contained below. The use of any ingredient(s) not contained in the list below is strictly prohibited. Exhibits may contain any of the following ingredients, in any amount(s) or combination(s), at the Exhibitor's discretion:

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| - Flour | - Milk |
| - Butter, margarine, lard, or vegetable shortening | - Buttermilk |
| - Eggs | - Cream |
| - Baking powder | - Evaporated Milk |
| - Baking Soda | - Sour Cream |
| - Salt | - Almond Extract |
| - Sugar | - Vanilla Extract |
| - Honey | |

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 (of mixing and baking), moistness, texture, aroma, flavor, and influence of honey on the finished product. *A white card with a description of the item and the recipe, including all ingredients, ingredient quantities, & procedure, must accompany each entry.

C2 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 card with a description of the item and the including all ingredients, ingredient quantities, & procedure must accompany each entry.

C3 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 card with a description of the item and the recipe including all ingredients, ingredient quantities, & procedure must accompany each exhibit. *In the event an exhibit in this category 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.

C4 Honey Confections

A confection is any pastry, tart, petit fours, chocolate, or other sweet food or delicacy, not otherwise encompassed in another category in this show. The Exhibitor may submit one example of a confection prepared by the Exhibitor. An exhibit consists of no less than six (6), nor more than twelve (12), 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 card with a description of the item and the recipe including all ingredients, ingredient quantities, & procedure must accompany each exhibit.

C5 Cookies Made with Honey

The Exhibitor may submit one example of a cookie prepared by the Exhibitor. An exhibit consists of no less than six (6), nor more than twelve (12), 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 card with a description of the item and the recipe including all ingredients, ingredient quantities, & procedure must accompany each exhibit.

C6 Preserves Made w/Honey

A preserve is any fruit, vegetable, or combination thereof, which has been prepared, canned, jarred, or packed with the intent to enhance and extend the shelf-life of the product. Honey must be one of the principle preserving agents utilized in the exhibit. An Exhibitor may submit one example of a honey preserve prepared by the Exhibitor. An exhibit in this category consists of one (1) properly sealed, properly filled, standard, clear, half-pint or pint canning jar with a metal, two-part lid and ring band closure. Entries that are not properly sealed will not be judged and will be disqualified. The recipe for the exhibit must include honey produced by the Exhibitor. All entries will be tasted. Judges evaluate entries on the following: cleanliness, proper fill, visual appeal, uniformity, moistness, texture, aroma, flavor, influence of honey on the finished product, and originality. *A white card with a description of

the condiment and the recipe including all ingredients, ingredient quantities, & procedure must accompany each exhibit.

C7-C8 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. Honey condiments are judged in two subcategories: (C7) non-spicy; and (C8) spicy. An Exhibitor may submit one example of a honey condiment prepared by the Exhibitor in each of these subcategories. An exhibit in this category consists of one (1) properly sealed, properly filled, standard, clear, half-pint or pint canning jar with a metal, two-part lid and ring band closure. Entries that are not properly sealed will not be judged and will be disqualified. The recipe for the exhibit must include honey produced by the Exhibitor. All entries will be tasted. Judges evaluate entries on the following: cleanliness, proper fill, visual appeal, 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, ingredient quantities, & procedure must accompany each 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, and 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 card with a description of the item must accompany each entry.

*If the exhibit is already signed or marked in some identifying way, the exhibitor may obscure the signature or identifying mark.

A2 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 card with a description of the item must accompany each entry.

*If the exhibit is already signed or marked in some identifying way, the exhibitor may obscure the signature or identifying mark.

A3 Needlecraft Related to Beekeeping

This category 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 card with a description of the item must accompany each 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.

A4 Lip Balms Made w/Honey, Beeswax, &/or Propolis

An Exhibitor may submit one example of a lip balm of their own creation. 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 (1 oz.), nor more than eight ounces (8 oz.) in weight. All entries will be sampled. Judges evaluate entries on the following: appearance, uniformity, texture, aroma, tactile feel, functionality, and originality. *A white card with a description of the item and the recipe including all ingredients, ingredient quantities, & procedure must accompany each exhibit.

A5 Soaps Made w/Honey, Beeswax, &/or Propolis

An Exhibitor may submit one example of a soap of their own creation. 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 (1 oz.), nor more than eight ounces (8 oz.) in weight. All entries will be sampled. Judges evaluate entries on the following: appearance, uniformity, texture, aroma, tactile feel, functionality, and originality. *A white card with a description of the item and the recipe including all ingredients, ingredient quantities, & procedure must accompany each exhibit.

A6 Lotions Made w/Honey, Beeswax, &/or Propolis

An Exhibitor may submit one example of a lotion of their own creation. 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 (1 oz.), nor more than eight ounces (8 oz.) in weight. All entries will be sampled. Judges evaluate entries on the following: appearance, uniformity, texture, aroma, tactile feel, functionality, and originality. *A white card with a description of the item and the recipe including all ingredients, ingredient quantities, & procedure) must accompany each exhibit.

A7-A11 Photographs Related to Beekeeping

Photographs Related to Beekeeping are judged in five subcategories: Open; Essay; Black & White; Other Pollinators; and Selected Topic. Exhibitors may submit one exhibit in each of these subcategories. Specific requirements pertaining to each of the respective subcategories are:

A7 (Open) – no restrictions;

A8 (Essay) – should convey a story or message pertaining to apiculture, and must contain at least four (4), but no more than seven (7) photographs

A9 (Black & White) – photograph must be solely in tones of black, white, and gray.

A10 (Other Pollinators) – photograph must include a pollinating insect other than, or in addition to, a species of *Apis mellifera*.

A11 (Selected Topic)- must exemplify, reflect, or illustrate the designated topic. The topic for this year is “the lazy drone”.

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. All photographs must be either 5”x7” or 8”x10” in size. 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.

A12 Poetry Related to Beekeeping

This category 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 printed, 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. *A white card with a description of the item must accompany each exhibit (the Exhibitor may wish to identify the style in which the poem is written, or perhaps the inspiration behind the composition).

*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.

A13 Best Bee Joke

A joke is a brief story, observation, or thought that has a setup and a punchline that triggers a physiological response – laughter! An Exhibitor may submit one example of a beekeeping-related joke of their own creation. Entries may be of any form, or style, but may not exceed fifty (50) words in length. All entries must be either neatly handwritten or printed on plain paper. All entries must be the original work of the Exhibitor. Judges evaluate entries on the following: confirmation with the criteria set forth above, subject matter, the set-up, the punch line, overall humorous effect or impact, creativity, and originality. Entries containing language or material that is deemed indecent, obscene, or otherwise inappropriate will be severely penalized.

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A14 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 card with a detailed description of the exhibit must accompany each exhibit.

A15 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 card identifying all plant material included in the exhibit, by both botanical and common names, must accompany each exhibit.

A16 Decorative Display

*The prohibition contained in the general rules in regard to no identifying marks on any exhibit, shall not apply to exhibits in this category. The Exhibitor may use their own labels on all items included in the exhibit. 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. 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 an inventory, and a description, of all items in the display (including all recipes and ingredients) must accompany each exhibit. The information contained on the card should clearly identify each item in the display.

PRISON DIVISION CATEGORIES

P1: Extracted Honey

An exhibit consists of one (1) one-pound jar of extracted honey, as specified in rule #17 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 severely penalized. 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.

P2: Infused Extracted Honey

An exhibit consists of a one-pound jar, as specified in rule #17 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 category 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.

P3: Honey Confections

A confection is any pastry, tart, petit fours, chocolate, or other sweet food or delicacy, not otherwise encompassed in another category in this show. The Exhibitor may submit one example of a confection prepared by the Exhibitor. An exhibit consists of no less than six (6), nor more than twelve (12), 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 card with a description of the item and the recipe including all ingredients, ingredient quantities, & procedure must accompany each exhibit.

P4: 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, and 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 card with a description of the item must accompany each entry.

P5: Beeswax Candles

An exhibit is defined as two (2) 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 burned. All candles must be presented in a free-standing, fire-proof base or candleholder. Judges evaluate entries on the following: confirmation with the criteria set forth in herein; cleanliness; color; aroma (for off aromas); performance; uniformity; casting flaws; and sharpness of detail.

P6: Photography Related to Beekeeping

An Exhibitor may submit one example of any beekeeping-related photography of their own composition. The photograph must be related to some aspect of apiculture, and must be the original composition of the Exhibitor. All photographs must be either 5"x7" or 8"x10" in size. The photograph must be mounted, matted, or framed. The photograph 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.

P7: Poetry Related to Beekeeping

This category 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 printed, 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. *A white card with a description of the item must accompany each exhibit (the Exhibitor may wish to identify the style in which the poem is written, or perhaps the inspiration behind the composition).

P8: Lotions Made w/Honey, Beeswax, &/or Propolis

An Exhibitor may submit one example of a lotion of their own creation. 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 (1 oz.), nor more than eight ounces (8 oz.) in weight. All entries will be sampled. Judges evaluate entries on the following: appearance, uniformity, texture, aroma, tactile feel, functionality, and originality. *A white card with a description of the item and the recipe including all ingredients, ingredient quantities, & procedure) must accompany each exhibit.

P9: Lip Balms Made w/Honey, Beeswax, &/or Propolis

An Exhibitor may submit one example of a lip balm of their own creation. 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 (1 oz.), nor more than eight ounces (8 oz.) in weight. All entries will be sampled. Judges evaluate entries on the following: appearance, uniformity, texture, aroma, tactile feel, functionality, and originality. *A white card with a description of the item and the recipe including all ingredients, ingredient quantities, & procedure must accompany each exhibit.

Appendix

Notes on Correct Fill Level:

- The correct fill level on jarred honey entries is at the top of the fill ring of the jar, without going over.
- 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.
- Liquid honey in a circular shape forms a concave surface sometimes referred to as a meniscus. For the purpose of filling jars, the edge of the meniscus should clearly be at the top of the fill ring, without going over.



Queenline Style Jar



Classic Style Jar