

**2013 SOWEGA Beekeepers Club**  
**WELSH HONEY SHOW**  
**sowegabeekeepers.org**

CHAIRPERSON: SOWEGA Beekeepers Club

ENTRY FEE: None

ARRIVAL TIME: Sunday, November 3th, 2013 12:00 Noon - 3:00p.m.

PLACE: "McDonald" building, Exchange Club Fair of Southwest Georgia, 810 South Westover Blvd, Albany, GA 31707

JUDGING: Sunday, November 3rd, 2013 4:00p.m.

RELEASE TIME: Saturday, 9th and Sunday the 10th

JUDGE: Kent Simmons

#### General Rules

Only one entry in each class may be made by an individual. Entries should not be labeled in any fashion. The exhibitor must choose which classes to place entries in. Judges may adjust classes at their discretion. Entries can only be made during the hours published. Entries must be left intact and on display until released by the show chairman. Honey and beeswax should be from current production season. A winning bakery recipe cannot be resubmitted for three years.

Judges, stewards, and show secretary are disqualified from competition. SOWEGA Beekeepers Club reserves the right to limit the number of entries on a first-come, first-admitted basis.

There are fourteen show classes:

1. extracted honey light
2. extracted honey amber
3. extracted honey dark
4. chunk honey
5. black jar
6. cut-comb
7. creamed honey
8. mead
9. flavored mead
10. beeswax cake (a single molded piece of two pounds or more)
11. candle (poured or dipped, straight or ornamental)
12. original bee-related photography
13. original bee-related art, and
14. beekeeping gadgets.

1. Etiquette - Once honey or other items have been accepted into the competition by the Steward, it is the responsibility of the Steward to protect the entries from tampering. After submitting entries to the Steward, competitors may not enter the area where the entries have been placed. All entries must be blocked off from contact by anyone except the Steward, Superintendent and Judges.

When viewing entries in a honey contest, either before, during, or after the competition, do not touch any item.

#### 2. General Rules

a) All entries must be produced by the contestant this season.

b) Each member may make only one entry in each class.

3. Judges - Only Certified Welsh Honey Judges will be used for this show. All decisions of the judge or judges is final.

#### 4. Extracted Honey, All Forms (in one pound jars)

Extracted honey is judged in three classes: light, medium, and dark. Participants may submit one entry in each of these three categories.

An entry of extracted honey is three (3) identical one pound jars. These jars must be either one pound classic jars that have

a 48mm diameter mouth, or one pound Queenline jars that have a 58mm diameter mouth. The jars may have either metal or plastic lids and may be made from glass or plastic. Do not use tamper proof seals. There must not be any type of label on the jars.

When judging extracted honey, the judges consider the following characteristics of each entry:

- a) Cleanliness of the jar and lid
- b) Correct fill level
- c) Uniformity of the three jars that comprise the entry
- d) Cleanliness and clarity of the honey
- e) Moisture content
- f) Aroma and flavor

5. Black Jar - Black Jars will be provided; the exhibitor will transfer the honey into the black jar.

- a) Black jar honey is judged on flavor only.

6. Beeswax - Wax is judged based on cleanliness, uniformity of appearance and shape, color, aroma, and absence of defects such as cracks and shrinkage.

An entry of beeswax may be any one of the following:

- a) Wax Block - The block must be at least one inch thick but not more than two inches thick. The block must weigh a minimum of two pounds.
- b) Candles - One of the candles in each entry will be burned. An entry is three identical candles. Molded tapers must have flat finished bases. The wicks must be trimmed to one-half inch in length. Dipped tapers should have the last drip left on. The wicks must be left joined.

7. Mead

- a) Mead is judged based on the cleanliness of the bottle and the cork, color, clarity, lack of sediment, aroma, body and flavor.
- b) An entry of mead is one clear glass 750ml bottle. A 3"x5" card on which any added fruit is listed must accompany each bottle.
- c) Corks may be either cork or plastic
- d) Mead should be filled to within one-half inch of the bottom of the cork.

8. Photographs

- a) There will be two classes for photography, black and white and color
- b) All photos must be free standing in a free standing frame
- c) All photos must have an accompanying 3X5 card telling about the picture and the photographer

9. Art work

- a) Original art depicting honey or some aspects of beekeeping
- b) Must be free standing

10. Crafts

- a) Quilts and rugs
- b) Wax products (other than candles)

11. Gadgets - Any device or invention created for the purpose of assisting beekeepers in the management bees and working of their hives.

BEST OF SHOW - \$100.00 and a Ribbon. Show Classes Awards are \$5.00 and a Ribbon for 1<sup>st</sup> place, \$4.00 and a Ribbon for 2<sup>nd</sup> place and \$3.00 and Ribbon will be awarded for 3<sup>rd</sup> place.