



WELCOME
TO THE

18th annual

GRAN-BEE

April 28, 2023

All proceeds
benefit our
Community
Grants Program



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**GRANBY RACIAL
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PRESENTS:**

**GRANBY CELEBRATES
JUNETEENTH**

**JUNE 17th
FREE CONCERT**



**Salmon Brook Park
3:00–9:30 PM**

**TIM'S
AUTOMOTIVE**





Welcome | Introductions | Rules

Swarms 1 and 2

Intermission: The Honey Jar Auction closes at the end of intermission. Select auction items will be drawn before Swarms 3, 4, 5, and before the Yellow Jacket Award.

Swarms 3-5

Presentation of Yellow Jacket Crown Award for best costumes:

The winning team will be determined by the highly technical method of the Audience-Clap-Meter and receive honey from Granby's own Alba Flower Apiaries.

Championship Swarm

Presentation of the Grand Bee Award: Each member of the winning Gran-Bee team receives a 6-month adult membership to the Farmington Valley YMCA, generously donated by The Y.

Gran-Bee Co-Chairs: Marcy Green and Laura Metallo

Judges Panel: Glenn Cusano, Jeff Gilton, and Steve Newman

Master of Ceremony: Jim Whitten, Wells Road Intermediate School teacher

The Bee: Brady Wimble

Meet our Emcee

Jim Whitten has been teaching in Granby for over 20 years and currently teaches third grade at Wells Road Intermediate School. With his trusty guitar, he uses music in the classroom to make lessons more exciting and to help kids memorize important facts. Jim has participated in the Gran-Bee many times, reaching the finals twice. We are happy to have him back again this year as emcee!



Meet our Judges

Glenn Cusano has lived in Granby since 1995 with his wife Karen and their children Sarah and Christian. He is the Project Manager for the Town of Canton and also serves on the Granby Town Bridges Building Committee. He has enjoyed participating in the Bee over the years and loves the good work that the GEF does for our school community. "Good luck to all the teams!"

Jeff Gilton has lived in Granby for almost 20 years with his wife Kristina and children Lindsay (GMHS '20) and Patrick (GMHS '24). He claims that his trivia knowledge is easily surpassed by his friends and partners Steve and Glenn, but he has been proud to participate in the Gran-Bee over the years and support the Granby Education Foundation at this terrific community event. "We are equally excited to participate this year in a different capacity and we wish all of the contestants great luck tonight!"



"The Worker Bees" Jeff Gilton, Glenn Cusano, and Steve Newman at the 2016 Gran-Bee.

Steve Newman has lived in Granby since 2002 and his three daughters attended the Granby Public Schools. He is an avid golfer and skier. "I have had fun as a contestant over the years and am looking forward to my new role as a judge at this fundraiser for a great community group, the GEF."

HONEY JAR AUCTION

Stop by the auction in the foyer to purchase tickets—\$20 for 26 tickets. Pay with cash, check, or Venmo: @GEF-Granby. Tickets will be drawn after intermission and winners can pick their items after the final round. Valid ID required to claim any prizes containing alcohol.



Thank You!

Thank you to the following businesses and individuals who donated items to the Honey Jar Auction:

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GMHS National Honor Society
Granby Car Wash
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Travis Jude and Tessa Green
Greeting the Seasons
Lynn Guelzow
Hair Gallery at the Mill
Honey Hill Pottery
Horses and Hounds
J & G Restaurant
Nancy Knutson
Liquor World
Lost Acres Vineyard
Sally Sargent Markey
Martocchio Music
Matterhorn Mini Golf

Doreen McWhirter
Laura Metallo
Amy Milbrandt
Millwright's
Mondazzi Book, Bead & Crystals
Naples Pizza
Necker's Toyland
Neo Day Spa
Ocean State Job Lot
Old Mill Pond Village
PEZ Visitor Center
The Plant Lounge
Popover Bistro & Bakery
Rancho Viejo
Debbie Reelitz
Roux Cajun Eatery
Mike and Whitney Sanzo
Scooter's Bark & Bubbles
Silver Street Glass
Simsbury Farms Golf Course
Sonny's Place
Stumpy's Hatchet House
Suffield Gymnastics Academy
Summer House
TJ's Burritos
Valley Fish Company
Village Cork and Keg
Vivid Hair Salon & Spa
Zen Restaurant Group

SWARM 1

1 **The Bolts of Knowledge**

sponsor: **Beman Hardware**

Charles George

Bob Stickels

Elizabeth Shasse

2 **Show Me the Honey!**

sponsor: **The Sears Family**

Jason Sears

Caleb Sears

Joshua Sears

3 **The Drones**

sponsor: **Lost Acres Orchard
and Farm Store**

Gregg Bennett

Madeleine Bennett

Rich Accetura

4 **Wells Done!**

sponsor: **Wells Road
Intermediate School**

Stephanie LaPointe

Meghan Baval

Kim Stryker

5 **The Three Wise Guys**

sponsor: **Valley Brook
Community Church**

Bob Smith

Merle Yoder

Phil Smith

SWARM 2

6 **4D-Bee**

sponsor: **Four Dads Pub**

Dante Boffi

Grey Wanzer

Tom Klem

7 **Bearcats**

sponsor: **Granby Youth
Football**

Mike Cerrone

Mike Gero

Erika Gero

8 **Owl Bee Hiking**

sponsor: **Granby Land Trust**

Karen Dowd

Stacey Kroninger

Jen Plourde

9 **Gran-Bee Scholars**

sponsor: **Mark Fiorentino**

Karen Kudish

Rodney Scudder

Jacky Paton

SWARM 3

10 Holcomb Tree Bees
sponsor: **Holcomb Tree Trail**
Jack Lareau
Susan Canavan
Evelyn Danke

11 EBEEeny and Ivory
sponsor: **Granby Racial Reconciliation**
Megan Allshouse
Erik Lohr
Cathy Watso

12 Despicable Bee (GMHS)
sponsor: **Mark Fiorentino**
Tyler Kroninger
Christian Cusano
Jacob Shine

13 Justin BEEber (GMHS)
sponsor: **Donna Nolan**
Grace Flagg
Delaney Grimaldi
Katie Gilmore

14 The Mumblebees (GMHS)
sponsor: **Kim Becker**
Caroline Hall
Mackenzie Janski
Carolina Gentile

SWARM 4

15 BEE the Change!
sponsor: **Granby Racial Reconciliation**
Clark Pfaff
Grace Evangelista
Perkin Simpson

16 In-Bee-Ana Jones (GMHS)
sponsor: **Kristina Gilton**
Patrick Gilton
Partick Liss
Brian Rooney

17 Team DECA (GMHS)
sponsor: **Sarah Thrall**
Kylie Coxon
Sai Muppasani
Chase Alexander

18 The Underachievers
sponsor: **Windsor Federal**
Rob Pancoast
Gregg Scalia
Jon Kozloski

19 You must BEE Joking (GMHS)
sponsor: **Whitney Sanzo**
Charles Orluk
Julian Seidman
Lucas Scotto

SWARM 5

20

Amiche

sponsor: Granby UNICO
Chapter

Juli Cooper

Tracey Gangi

Mary Anne Guarco

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Drummer Bees

sponsor: Granby Drummer/
Citizens for a Better Granby

Jennifer Bell

Sam Mikus

David Tolli

22

The Birthday Brigade

sponsor: Megan Hill, Buck
Jabally, and Jared Barry

Megan Hill

Buck Jabaily

Jared Barry

23

Three Friends of Holcomb

sponsor: Holcomb Farm CSA
& Farm Store

Emma Hoyt

Melody Smith

Tom Spatcher

SCORECARD

swarm 1 winner:

swarm 2 winner:

swarm 3 winner:

swarm 4 winner:

swarm 5 winner:

2023 grand prize winner:



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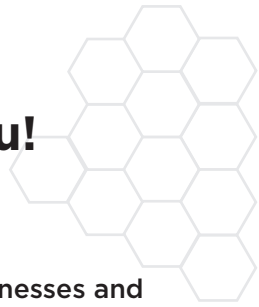
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Thank you!



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Special thanks to Granby Memorial High School for the use of the auditorium and to John Kroninger and the GMHS AV team for providing sound, lighting, streaming, and filming expertise. Thanks to Ed Judge and Jay Harder for event photography!

A big thanks to the following sponsors for providing concessions: Big Y World Class Market, Costco, Geissler's Supermarket, and Stop and Shop.

Thank you to our team sponsors who make this evening possible!

Thanks to our student volunteers Sierra Ashe, Tessa Green, Cole Metallo, Mikayla Munson, Jax Sleavin, and Will Sleavin. And thank you to the GEF board members and all the people who put in the extra effort to make the 2023 Gran-Bee such a success!



Thanks for BEEing here!

The GEF Board of Directors appreciates your support.

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The Granby Education Foundation

The Granby Education Foundation (GEF) is an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization committed to lifelong learning and arts for all Granby citizens. For over 20 years, the GEF has been a vital funding partner for Granby's nonprofits and schools, ensuring quality education opportunities to pursue knowledge and expand horizons.

Most recently, the GEF gave over \$100,000 as a Special Project grant to build a TV studio and production center at GMHS. Previous Special Projects include the purchase of violins for the school district's Strings Program, building the Salmon Brook Ecology Center at GMMS, creating an Arts Endowment, and funding the Summer Drama Academy and Global Learning Academy.

During the 2022-23 school year, the GEF funded 14 grants totaling over \$20,000. Grants were awarded to all four public schools in Granby as well as local nonprofits. These grants reached Granby residents of all ages through cultural exploration, inclusion, history, literacy, and the arts.

The good work done at the GEF depends on your support through your generous contributions, by attending GEF-funded events, or by volunteering as a GEF board member. To learn more, speak with any of our board members, visit our website, and follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

www.granbyeducationfoundation.org