

Beezette

July 2019



Warren County Ohio Beekeepers
Meeting at Lebanon Presbyterian Church
123 East Street, Lebanon, OH 45036

<https://warren.ohiostatebeekeepers.org/>
<https://www.facebook.com/WarrenCountyBeekeepersAssociation>

NEXT MEETING

Sunday July 14, 2019 at 1:00 at Lebanon Presbyterian Church, enter at back door, please see website for directions.

Come learn about the multi-layered connections between pollen and nectar and a parade of unsung insect heroes that keep pests in check. Joe Boggs is a professor of entomology at The Ohio State University and will be with us for our July meeting. Take a break from this heat wave and help make Joe feel welcome with your presence and questions.

CLUB NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

- WCOB has co-sponsored the observation hive at the Caesar Creek Nature Center, and it is up and running! Many hands have made this possible, and we are thankful for all, but more help is wanted on Saturday afternoon and it's indoors! Volunteers are needed for 2-hour shifts, noon-2pm and 2-4pm. Please sign up on our website under the "Members" tab (https://warrencountybeekeepers.org/meetingtask-signup/?sheet_id=5).
- This is your club! Would you provide refreshments for our meetings one month? Sign up on the website under the "Members" tab (https://warrencountybeekeepers.org/meetingtask-signup/?sheet_id=4) and/or contact Anne Richardson via the website or our Facebook page for signups and ideas on what to bring.

DID YOU KNOW?

On each flight, honey bees will only forage on one species of flower. Masses of the same flower (or a flowering tree) allow their trips to be more efficient and allow them to tell the other workers where a good food supply is!

WHAT TO DO DURING JULY

- Depending on where you are and your local flora, we are in or near to entering into a dearth. Monitor your hives for resources. Please be mindful of your beekeeping neighbors within a 3 mile radius when considering open feeding versus feeding internally. Some have not pulled their honey off and will do so expecting it to be actual honey.

- In a dearth, the queen might slack off on egg laying. This is the time that varroa can begin to get a foothold in our colonies. Monitor for varroa and keep the ball in your court! Looking for options on how to treat? Go to <https://honeybeehealthcoalition.org/varroa>.
- Small hive beetles love the smell of beehives as much as we do! Keep a strong colony with no more comb than bees to guard. There are a variety of traps and deterrents on the market that can be used to help them keep the pesky armored insects in check. Have you found something that works well for you? Please share it with our club. SHB are a community problem and we are in this fight together.

MEMBERSHIP

If you or someone you know would like to join our club, please do so via the online registration form <https://warrencountybeekeepers.org/join-us-2/>. We are in the process of setting up a way to pay online, but for now, please register online and then pay at the meeting. Dues are \$20/individual and \$25/family per calendar year.

Do you have an announcement you want to include in the Beezette or a topic you'd like to hear covered at one of our meetings? Let us know! Contact Alice Craig at warrencountyohiobeekeepers@gmail.com or find us on FB.

