

Beezette

April 2019



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

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NEXT MEETING

This coming Sunday April 14, 2019 at 1pm at Lebanon Presbyterian Church.

MEMBERSHIP

We have a number of people who have not renewed their membership. Please check the list via the button/link in this e-mail or on the hardcopy at the meeting to see if you are up to date.

Only those who are paid members may ask to be included on the website map and swarm list. If you have paid and want to have your name listed on online the map and list, please fill out the request online so we have a record of your permission to post your contact information. We have a new website and need to have new request form filled out.

Dues are \$20/individual and \$25/family per calendar year.

CLUB NEWS

- April agenda includes announcement of the 2019 4H scholarship winner and our speaking topic will be Hobbyist Queen Rearing by Jamie Walters from the OSBA traveling speaker program.

What to do during April

- Many in our club are getting their first bees this month! Have your plan in place, and a backup plan. Try to contact an experienced beekeeper/mentor ahead of time to see if they will be available to be present or for a call if needed when you are hiving them.
- Initial inspections on warm (this writer prefers 65 or above), calm days. A few key things to observe are the overall health of the bees (any signs of disease/pests?), the size of the colony, the brood pattern, and if pollen and nectar are being stored around the brood. Don't forget to take notes unless you have a photographic memory!
- While we don't like our hives to swarm, especially those who have close neighbors, a swarming hive means a healthy hive. Swarm season begins in April, so keep an eye out for swarm cells and be ready to implement whatever plan you want to use to prevent swarming or to watch for them. It never hurts to put out swarm traps for that one hive that seems to progress faster than you anticipate!
- Participate in the Bee Informed Partnership survey! Current beekeepers, please take time to participate in the survey which can help guide future management practices of what works and what doesn't. The survey can be found [here](#).

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.

