

Beezette

June 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 June 9, 2019 at 1:00 at Lebanon Presbyterian Church, enter at back door, please see website for directions.

Alex Zomchek will be speaking this month. He conducts honey bee research out of Miami University's Ecology Research Center located in Oxford, OH. He also is the originator of the Apiary Diagnostic Kit that has helped many new Ohio beekeepers get started right by providing tools to do hive/bee health assessments. Alex is a dynamic speaker throughout the nation and we are excited to have him with us this month!

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.

CLUB NEWS

- Are you looking for a way to meaningfully participate in our club? Sign up to provide refreshments one month! Please sign up on our 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.

What to do during June

- It has been a fantastic swarm season so far. The nectar flow is still on, so continue to watch your colonies for signs of potential swarming and take preemptive action or watch for swarms to capture.
- Test for varroa. The OSBA's varroa threshold for May-July is 14 mites per 300 bees (approximately 1/2 cup). Looking for options on how to treat? Go to <https://honeybeehealthcoalition.org/varroa>.
- Monitor for small hive beetles. The first strategy against SHB is 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.
- June 17-23 is National Pollinator Week. Celebrate and share the benefits of all pollinators with others.

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.

