

# Beezette

August 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 August 11, 2019 at 1:00 at Lebanon Presbyterian Church, enter at back door, please see website for directions.

Join us this coming Sunday as we host a speaker from the Cincinnati Civic Garden Center. We are excited to hear about native plants that are beneficial to our honey bees as well as other pollinators. Let's learn what will help produce a honey crop, what will help sustain the bees during the usual dearth of late summer, and more.

## **CLUB NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES**

- WCOB has co-sponsored the observation hive at the Caesar Creek Nature Center, and help is needed on Saturday afternoons. 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](https://warrencountybeekeepers.org/meetingtask-signup/?sheet_id=5)).
- September is our annual picnic (details to come at the meeting and will be posted on Facebook and our website). This means that to finish 2019, we will only need refreshments for October and November meetings. Would you provide refreshments for one of these months? Sign up on the website under the "Members" tab ([https://warrencountybeekeepers.org/meetingtask-signup/?sheet\\_id=4](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?**

Honey bees have five eyes! Two compound eyes have thousands of lenses that work together to create a picture and see movement from any direction. Three more eyes called ocelli detect light and help a bee to know when a shadow is moving over them that could mean danger. This is why moving slowly and not blocking the sun helps when we are inspecting our colonies!

## **WHAT TO DO DURING AUGUST**

- For most of us, we are in a dearth. Monitor your hives for signs of robbing, decrease the entrance size as necessary. Also 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 beekeepers do not pull honey off until just before the fall flow begins and will be expecting and selling what they pull as real honey.

- August is prime time for varroa to gain the upper hand in a colony because colony populations decrease during a dearth. Monitor for varroa and keep the ball in your court! OSBA threshold limit for August is 3 mites per 300 bees (about 1/2 cup of bees). Looking for options on how to treat? Go to <https://honeybeehealthcoalition.org/varroa>.
- Small hive beetles also take advantage of the decreased colony sizes. The best defense is a good offense. 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](mailto:warrencountyohiobeekeepers@gmail.com) or find us on FB.

