

# Beezette

December 2019



Warren County Ohio Beekeepers  
Meeting at Lebanon Presbyterian Church  
123 East Street, Lebanon, OH 45036  
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<https://www.facebook.com/WarrenCountyBeekeepersAssociation>

## **NEXT MEETING**

Our next meeting is our holiday party! Come share a wonderful time of fellowship on this coming Sunday December 8th at noon at Lebanon Presbyterian Church. Bring an appetizer, your stories and questions! Drinks and paper products will be provided. We will also have a short meeting to vote in new board vice president for 2020. This is your club and we need and value your input!

## **CLUB NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES**

Our beginner beekeeping school is approaching fast! Do you know someone who wants to get started in keeping bees? Have them sign up on our website at <https://warrencountybeekeepers.org/bee-school/>. It will be on January 25, 2020 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is \$30/individuals and \$35/family which includes first year membership to WCOB and OSBA!

Help make our club a better club by volunteering at the Beginner Beekeeping School. A lot of hands make fun and easy work! Come help out at the school with set up, tear down, and/or chatting with those that are attending. We were all beginners at some point (and never stop learning). Let's help them get started right and with confidence. Whether you have 1 year or 30 years of experience, you have something to offer those who have none!

It's time to renew your WCOB membership for 2020. Member dues remain the same at \$20/individual and \$25/family. Registration is online this year! Fill out the form at <https://warrencountybeekeepers.org/join-us-2/>. Payments are made via PayPal. PayPal account is NOT required.

We are looking forward to another year of great speakers. If you have a topic that you would like covered, please let someone on the board know!

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

- Honey bees are eusocial insects - many generations live together, many care for offspring that are not their own, and labor is divided amongst the members of their society. Worker honey bees perform many tasks from cleaning/polishing cells, making wax or royal jelly, guarding, foraging, and removing dead bees. Some workers may not perform all of these, and while they are generally determined by age and physical development, if there are not enough bees, old workers can do the "younger" jobs and young workers will fill in on the "older" jobs as soon as their bodies allow.

## WHAT TO DO DURING DECEMBER

- Visit your apiary to check entrances and the area around them for signs of mouse damage or raccoon visits.
- Keep entrances clear of snow and debris so when the temps warm enough they can get out and fly.
- Add candy boards for supplemental winter feed if they might run short or not be able to move across frames to get to honey stores (it's easier to move straight up than to move across frames). If you have not placed some type of system to handle moisture condensation in the hive, it's not too late.

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.

