

Beezette

January 2020



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

There is no meeting in January. Instead, we have the Beginner Beekeeping School on Saturday January 25th. 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!

Our regular meetings will resume the 2nd Sunday in February.

CLUB NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Do you know someone who is get started in keeping bees or maybe simply wants to explore the world of beekeeping? Our beginner beekeeping school is approaching fast! The last day to sign up is Saturday January 11th. Sign up is done through 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!

Now is a great 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, but a PayPal account is NOT required.

Thank you, Geoff Hultgren for your faithful service to our club as vice president!

Our 2020 board:

Paul Dorger, President

Walt Wymer, Vice President - Join us in welcoming Walt Wymer to the board!

Keith Mealy, Treasurer

Alice Craig, Secretary

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 bee gender is determined by the allele/s in the sex locus of their genetic code. Queens have 1 sex allele and each drone they mate with has 1 sex allele.

A bee that came from an egg that has just one sex allele becomes a drone. These are haploid. Eggs laid with two *different* sex alleles become female. They are diploid.

There are times where an egg has two of the *same* sex alleles. These produce diploid drones, or "fertilized" drones. We will never see them because the diploid drone larvae are culled out (eaten) by the worker bees. This can leave the brood frame with a shotgun appearance even though the queen was mated well.

WHAT TO DO DURING JANUARY

- Visit your apiary!
 - Check entrances and the area around them for signs of animal damage.
 - Keep entrances clear of snow and debris so when the temps warm enough they can get out and fly.
 - Check your candy boards for supply. With the warm temperatures, the bees are more active and will eat more.
- Build and repair woodenware.
- SWOBA Beekeeper School registration begins Jan. 15th. It fills up fast, so don't delay! The event will be March 28th at Oasis Conference Center in Loveland, OH.
<https://warren.osu.edu/program-areas/agriculture-and-natural-resources/southwestern-ohio-beekeeper-school>.

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.

