

Beezette

February 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

Our first 2020 club meeting is in one week on Sunday February 9th at a new time of 1:30 p.m. at Lebanon Presbyterian Church. Terry Lieberman-Smith will give a review of installing packages and moving nucs into full hive bodies followed by a Q&A time! Come make Terry feel welcome. There's always something to be gleaned and learned from conversation with an experienced beekeeper whether you've never had your hand in a hive or have been managing bees for decades.

Terry is a very knowledgeable beekeeper with over 15 years of experience including managing Smith Farm Pure Honey. She is active in local clubs as an educator, mentor and advocate. She co-teaches beginner beekeeping classes for both Miami County Parks and Greene County Parks, along with an intermediate class for Greene County Parks. She is recently the past-President of Ohio State Beekeepers (the first woman president!), where she helped develop the 4-H Program, Affiliate Program, Underserved Grant, Apiary Diagnostic Kit, Traveling Speaker Program, Newsletter, and Annual Conference, along with other support programs. She is co-founder of the non-profit LEAD for Pollinators (leadforpollinators.org), a group that was created to provide Leadership, Education, Action, Development for groups supporting pollinators.

CLUB NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

It's time to renew your WCOB membership for 2020 if you haven't done so. Member dues remain the same at \$20/individual and \$25/family. Registration is online this year. Please fill out the form at <https://warrencountybeekeepers.org/join-us-2/>. Payments are made via PayPal, but a 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!

Our 2020 Beginner Beekeeping School was a great success with approximately 50 families in attendance and a panel of excellent speakers. Thank you to each person who gave of your time and talent and maybe even stepped out of your comfort zone to make this happen. This is what WCOB is – beekeepers helping beekeepers help bees.

DID YOU KNOW?

- A honey bee colony acts as a single being, but according one study from 2012, some individual honey bees appear to be novelty-seekers. I don't think we'll see the bees gearing up for a deep diving caving exhibition, but specific patterns of gene activity found in humans who are thrill-seekers are also found in these bees. Gene Robinson from the University of Illinois led the study that found that less than 5% of the honey bees in a swarm take on the task of finding their new home. These same bees apparently are about 3.4 times more likely than their colony co-workers to take the adventuresome risks in scouting for new food sources.

<https://phys.org/news/2012-03-honey-bees-insects-personality.html>

WHAT TO DO DURING FEBRUARY

- Starting or increasing your apiary with packages, nucs or complete hives? Get your order placed!
- Visit your apiary -
 - Check entrances and the area around them for signs of animal damage.
 - Keep entrances clear of snow, debris and dead bees so when the temps warm enough they can get out and fly.
 - Peek in to your candy boards for supply. Warm temperatures mean busier bees who will eat more.
- Build and repair woodenware.
- Come to your WCOB club meeting on February 9th at 1:30 p.m. at Lebanon Presbyterian Church. See you there!
- Expand your knowledge with beekeeping books and magazines!

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.

