

Beezette

July, 2022



Warren County Ohio Beekeepers
Meeting at Lebanon Presbyterian Church
123 East Street, Lebanon, OH 45036

www.warrencoutyohiobeekeepers.org

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1769801953287281/>

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting is **Sunday July 10, 2022** at 1:30, and will meet at the Lebanon Presbyterian Church. The July door prize will be a nuc brought by our speaker, Peggy Garnes.

The topic for the July meeting: Making Bees for Winter – Let's not Overthink the Chore!

Making bees for winter should start in June or July when your colonies begin their winter prep after the Summer Solstice. Winter stores of honey and pollen are beginning to accumulate, and the bees know instinctively that winter will soon be upon them. Beekeepers are taking to task the chore of winterizing their hive for the cold months ahead.

Mite loads are now a concern for the beekeeper and proper mitigation steps should be in place as the temperature window for treatments are slowly closing.

Peggy Garnes will be the presenter at the upcoming July meeting of the Warren County Beekeepers and will cover the aspects of making bees for winter including how to make splits with new queens, making your own queens, how to feed the new hives to achieve winter weight, emergency winter feeding, wrapping the hives and windbreaks.

Peggy is President of The Ohio State Beekeepers Association, Vice-President of Medina Beekeepers, sits on several boards and is a member of six local bee associations. She holds life membership in Eastern Apiculture Society, Ohio State Beekeepers, Pennsylvania State Beekeepers, Indiana Beekeepers and West Virginia State Beekeepers. She is a "small scale" member of American Beekeeping Federation and a "sideliner" member of American Honey Producers

Peggy Garnes started keeping honey bees for home orchard pollination and honey for her husband's bread making... that was over 20+ years ago. She now manages well over 100 hives that include Top Bars, Warre and Langstroth for pollination, honey production and queen/nuc production. Her focus in recent years is selectively breeding and producing Ohio queen stock. Please come and join us for this meeting...



June Meeting: Special thanks to Geoff Hultgren and George Anderson for the Hive Inspection demonstration at Caesar's Creek Nature Center in June.

Door Prize: The June doorprize for club members attending at Caesar's Creek Nature Center was a drawing for a nuc, compliments of the WCOB Club. Pictured below is the presentation of the nuc to the winner.



Membership

- Our website is currently down. Our data is possibly lost. As such, it may take an extended period of time to rebuild. In the meantime, we will be using Facebook and email to disseminate current events and other pertinent information. Here is our Facebook Group Link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1769801953287281>

- If you have not done so already, renew your WCOB membership now for 2022. Member dues remain the same at \$20/individual and \$25/family. Registration is online. Fill out the form at <https://warrencountybeekeepers.org/join-us-2/>. Payments are made via PayPal, but a PayPal account is NOT required.
- If you are not already on our email list and would like to receive notifications from the club, please subscribe to “Meeting Reminders and Important Information Notifications” on the website.

FROM OUR PRESIDENT, GEOFF HULTGREN

Hello fellow beekeepers!

I hope you all are having a great summer and your bees are doing well. So far, my colonies are doing ok, but I need to spend more time out in the bee yard. In beekeeping timing is especially important. We will hear about the importance of timing from July’s speaker, Peggy Garnes, the president of the Ohio State Beekeepers Association. Ms. Garnes’ bio is in this issue of the Beezette. Our Vice-President, Bea Woodall works hard to get the best, most timely and relevant speakers for our club.

Last month I mentioned all our club’s officers, and the challenging work they do. Our club depends on the efforts of volunteers. Club officers are elected during the December Christmas party meeting. Most officers are elected for a term of one year and are term limited to two consecutive terms. The exception is the treasurer whose term is four years. I would like to take this opportunity to encourage members to take an active role in the club’s operations. Please consider running for a leadership role in our organization. I am term limited this year, as are a few other of our officers. This is a great club, which has been a vital part of the beekeeping community for many years. I urge you to think about being an officer in this organization. If you would like more information, please ask any of the officers. I hope to see everyone at this month’s meeting.

Geoff

CLUB NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

- Club members with a minimum of three years of beekeeping experience looking to mentor are welcome to fill out a Mentor Form on the club website.
- Mentors are available to help new beekeepers. You can reach out by:
 - Inquiring at the monthly meeting.
 - Got our—>www.warrencountybeekeeper.org. Welcome—>Contact USA
 - Email to—>WarrenCountyOhioBeekeepers@gmail.com
- Calling bee enthusiasts, many hands make light work; please consider getting involved with the club in a volunteer position. A great way to learn and share bee experiences.
- Mark your calendars: the September 11th meeting is a picnic! A great way to give and get bee experience. More information to come.
- Check out our previous Beezette publication on our website for links to bee articles and helpful information.

Honey Extractor Rental

Warren County Ohio Beekeepers has a honey extractor that can be rented by members for \$5.00 per day. The Maxant 6 frame extractor is stored in a storage unit near Monroe Ohio.

To reserve the extractor go to our website www.warrencountyohiobeekeepers.org. From the menu, select Members>Reserve Honey Extractor. This page will describe the procedure for cleaning the extractor and also allow you to enter your name, email address, date you would like to pick up the extractor and number of days you will be using the extractor.

Once you complete and send the reservation form, our treasurer will verify your membership and availability of the extractor for the desired dates. If all is OK you will receive an email from the treasurer. The email will contain a link to the storage facility contact information. It also will include a password that lets the facility know that you have been approved for the extractor rental. The facility contact will provide you with a temporary gate code for the storage facility, the storage unit number and the location of the key. The extractor has a large wooden platform that should be used as it stabilizes the extractor during operation.

Please return the extractor clean and sanitized per the instructions. Once you have returned the extractor select Members>Return Extractor from the website menu. Once you complete the form on this page you will be directed to Paypal for the rental

OSBA at Ohio State Fair

Ohio State Beekeepers Association will have a static display at the Ohio State Fair on July 27 – August 7, 2022. They are looking for volunteers to talk about bees to the public. Four volunteers are needed each day – two in the AM (9 or 10AM to 3PM) and two in the PM (3 to 9PM).

Admission and parking passes will be provided.

The display will be in the Youth Center between the 4-H and Scouts displays.

The Honey Queen will be at the fair on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

If interested in volunteering contact Peggy Garnes, OSBA President at Pgarnes001@neo.rr.com to see what shifts are still available.

Warren County Fair News

Going to the Fair this summer? Look for the **honey display**. If you haven't entered your honey, maybe you can next year. You need to sign up ahead of time (this year the signup dates were between April 30-July 10).

For Honey, you need to enter three bottles of the same color honey in each class. In past years, there were five colors of honey but this year they cut back to just two common colors around here, White and Amber. The judge is looking for different criteria in your honey and some have more points attached to them and they total 100.

- Appearance, suitability and uniformity of containers (5 pts)
- Uniform and accurate volume of honey (5 pts)
- Freedom from crystals (10 pts)
- Freedom from impurities, including froth (20 pts)
- Uniform honey in all containers of the entry (5 pts)

- Color (10 pts)
- Brightness ((10 pts)
- Flavor and aroma (15 pts)
- Density (No additional points for below 16% water (20 pts)

They also have a section on “Food made with Honey”, candy or cookies. You need to supply the recipe with your entry.

It certainly looks lovely to see the bottles of honey on display. Such beautiful colors. Do you agree with what the judge determined was the best?

Contributed by Patty Harrington Siebert

Do you have an announcement to include in the Beezette, or a topic you'd like to hear covered at one of our meetings? Do you have ideas to benefit our club members and our bees? Let us know at the next meeting, or reach out to warrencountyohiobeekeepers@gmail.com or find us on FB.

