

# Beezette

March, 2023

Warren County Ohio Beekeepers

Meeting at Lebanon Presbyterian Church

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## NEXT MEETING:

Our next meeting is Sunday, March 12, 2023 at 1:30, and will meet at the Lebanon Presbyterian Church. **NOTE: Time change is spring forward on Sunday, March 12th.**

The speaker of our next meeting will be Master Gardener Gary Keuffer, presenting **Pollinator Gardens**. The " Gardening for Pollinators" program will discuss what you can do as a gardener to create a habitat to benefit the wide variety of pollinators that are so critical to our ecosystem. One in three bites of food that we consume daily requires the act of pollination. In the program we will cover the key elements in creating a pollinator habitat, including plant selection most beneficial to our local pollinators. A wide variety of handout material will be available to assist you in creating your own pollinator feature.

Our guest expert for "What To Do in the Month Ahead" has not been confirmed for March.

Meeting sign-in:	<u>1:20-1:30</u>
Speaker Introduction & Presentation:	<u>1:30-2:15</u>
Questions:	<u>2:15-2:30</u>
Club Member Demonstration & What To Do in the month ahead:	<u>2:30-2:45</u>
Social (Door prizes & Snacks).	<u>2:45-3:05</u>

**At the February meeting,** Kevin and Liz Jones from Happbeeacres presented Winter hive inspection, diagnosing causes of hive losses, winter feeding, and preparing for Spring. Our thanks to Kevin and Liz for the informative presentation and for answering many questions, and staying as long as bee keepers keep asking questions! Also for the many door prizes donated to the enjoyment of the club members and their bees. See [HappBeeAcres.com](http://HappBeeAcres.com) for more information, including their recipe for the winter sugar brick w/pollen substitute.

Door Prizes for the February meeting were donated by Happybeeacres, Bella Bees, and Yola and Paul Dorger.

Winners were:

- Embroidered apron....Scott Adkins
- Recipe book...Lauren Adkins
- Bee embroidered coasters....Haley Adkins
- Winter sugar brick w/pollen substitute....Dian Danino, Mason Flannery, Mike Hutchison, Geoff Hultgren.
- Bee Umbrella, Keith Mealy

There were 34 attendees at the February meeting.



## MEMBERSHIP

- New members can apply at [WarrenCountyOhioBeekeepers.org](http://WarrenCountyOhioBeekeepers.org).
- Membership dues are due on January 1st of each year. If you have not done so already, renew your WCOB membership now for 2023. Member dues remain the same at \$20/individual and \$25/family. Registration is online. Fill out the form at: <https://warrencountyohiobeekeepers.org/join-or-renew-with-paypal/>
- Payments are made via PayPal, but a PayPal account is NOT required.
- 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.
- For members looking for mentors, Go to [www.warrencountyohiobeekeepers.org/mentors](http://www.warrencountyohiobeekeepers.org/mentors).
- 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.
- Send an email with your comments or questions to: [warrencountyohiobeekeepers@gmail.com](mailto:warrencountyohiobeekeepers@gmail.com)
- The 2023 Southwestern Ohio Beekeeper School is scheduled to be at the Oasis Conference Center in Loveland, Ohio, on March 25, 2023. Registration cost is \$40.00. See the link for details and registration information: Registration is now open at <https://warren.osu.edu/program-areas/agriculture-and-natural-resources/2023-southwestern-ohio-beekeeper-school>
- A more complete list of responsibilities for our board positions is documented and posted on the WCOB website under "Members" at [www.warrencountyohiobeekeepers.org/members/officer-job-responsibilities/](http://www.warrencountyohiobeekeepers.org/members/officer-job-responsibilities/)

## CLUB NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

WCOB Club Officers:

<u>President</u> –	Paul Dorger
<u>Vice President</u> –	Bea Woodall
<u>Treasurer</u> –	Alan DeJarnette
<u>Web Manager</u> -	Rose DeJarnette
<u>Director of</u>	
<u>Education</u> -	Currently an open position.
<u>Secretary</u> –	Pat Miller

- **April Bee Meeting Change due to Easter Sunday:** Make note on your planning calendars due to Easter Sunday falling on the second Sunday of the month in 2023, our April meeting date has been changed to **Sunday, April 16th, 2023** at the Lebanon Presbyterian Church.
- Business meetings are scheduled via Zoom on the second Wednesday of each month from 7:00-8:20p.m.
- WCOB is currently looking into an online site to purchase club logo embroidered attire. All aspects are being researched. Please reach out to an officer at the club meeting with questions/comments.
- **The Beekeepers Calendar for March:**
  - Order bees if needed, none will be available to order after April.
  - Order and prepare equipment if needed. Save freight cost by picking up at the Southwestern Ohio Beekeeper School, Saturday, March 25, Oasis Conference Center, 902 Loveland Miamiville Road, Loveland, Ohio 45140
  - Decide on your 2023 Varroa Mite Treatment plan and order the necessary supplies now.
  - Know what you will do to prevent swarming, not applicable for first year beekeepers.
  - Choose a mentor and arrange to visit them at their apiary when mutually convenient.
- **Referenced from "Beekeeping for dummies by Howland Blackiston:**
  - Check food reserves.
  - Feed the colony if low on capped honey.
  - Check for eggs/queen.
  - Reverse the hive bodies.
  - First comprehensive inspection of the season.
  - Season's first check for capped brood and brood pattern.
  - Feed a pollen substitute.

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](mailto:warrencountyohiobeekeepers@gmail.com) or find us on FB.

