

Beezette

April, 2023

Warren County Ohio Beekeepers
Meeting at Lebanon Presbyterian Church
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NEXT MEETING: APRIL 16, 2023

Our next meeting is Sunday, April 16, 2023 at 1:30, and will meet at the Lebanon Presbyterian Church. **NOTE: The April Bee Meeting Change is 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.

The speaker of our next meeting will be Mr Bob Hooker on Swarm Management/splits and more.

BIO:

Bob Hooker, who began keeping honey bees in the 1970's, operates Daglow Apiary in Franklin County, Ohio. He and his wife Mary, live on a three acre homestead on the southeast side of Columbus where they have a large garden and the apiary. In addition to producing honey and other honey bee products they raise a large portion of the food they eat, practicing sustainable, organic gardening. Bob is past president of the Ohio State Beekeepers Association, the Lorain County (Ohio) Beekeepers Association, the Heartland Beekeepers Association, and the Harrison County Beekeepers Association and served on the Central Ohio Beekeeper's Association (COBA) Board of Directors. He was Harrison County Apiary Inspector for six years. He has been involved in the OSBA Traveling Speakers program since its inception. Bob retired as pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Oberlin, Ohio in 2010 after thirty seven years of pastoral ministry In the East Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Our club expert for "What To Do in the Month Ahead" will be Joe Hahn.

At the March Meeting:

Master Gardener Gary Keuffer, presented **Pollinator Gardens**. The " Gardening for Pollinators" program was presented to illustrate 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. Gary's presentation was a wealth of knowledge. He provided handouts to help us all move forward in our gardening plans to support our bees!

John Favaron was the guest expert for "What To Do in the Month Ahead". John provided a great deal of information we should be thinking of right now and in the weeks ahead in preparation for spring! John provided the notes below as a reminder.

- On warm days, 55 degrees and over, take a quick peek inside to look for food, and brood.
- Warmer Temps, 68 and above, look at brood and clean off bottom board.
- If feeding is needed use solid sugar until nights are in the 50 degrees mark.
- Use small amounts of pollen patty. Watch for larva in unconsumed patty. if found, freeze 48 hrs.
- Clean existing unused equipment. Clean propolis from frames and boxes especially the channel the frames set in and edges of frames.
- Freeze frames before use. If frames have been outside for 3 consecutive days of freezing you should be ok.
- Check exterior conditions on all unused boxes/lids/bottom boards. Sand paint/seal! Remember a small crack can contribute to early rot.
- Assemble/ paint any new equipment to prepare for upcoming swarm/split season
- Plant some trees or flowers for you and the bees to enjoy!



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 March meeting:

Door Prizes for the March meeting were donated by Happbeeacres, Bella's Bees, and a club member. Thanks to Kathleen Applegate for providing snacks and drinks.

Winners were:

- Disposable Mite Traps....Daughter Ryckman
- Tools for Varroa Management Guide book...Stephanie Roth
- Swarm Science Scent...Elizabeth Murphy
- Winter sugar brick w/pollen substitute....Jake Schlanser, Rachael Ryckman, Isaiah Nicely, Bernie Younkman and Mick Hutchinson.
- Bee Umbrella, Rose DeJarnette

There were 28 attendees at the March meeting.

MEMBERSHIP

- New members can apply at 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.
- 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
- 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/

CLUB NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

WCOB Club Officers:

President – Paul Dorger

Vice President – Bea Woodall

Treasurer – Alan DeJarnette

Web Manager - Rose DeJarnette

Director of

Education - Currently an open position.

Secretary – Pat Miller

- 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.
- Congratulation to our 4-H Members on their award of \$500.00 scholarships. This years recipients are Eva Ferguson and Haley Adkins.

- **Referenced from “Beekeeping for dummies by Howland Blackiston from the Beekeeping Calendar for April:**

- Check food reserves.
- Feed the colony if low on capped honey.
- Check for eggs/queen.
- Reverse the hive bodies.
- Install new bees in hive
- First comprehensive inspection of the season.
- Season’s first check for capped brood and brood pattern.
- Feed a pollen substitute.
- Look for swarm cells
- Add queen excluder and honey supers
- Add supers for surplus honey
- Test for varroa mites
- Treat for varroa mites

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.



