

Beezette

November, 2023

Warren County Ohio Beekeepers

Meeting at: Lebanon Presbyterian Church

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Next Meeting:

Our next meeting is Sunday, November 12, 2023, at 1:30, and will meet at the Lebanon Presbyterian Church.

Meeting sign-in:

Speaker Introduction & Presentation:

1:20-1:30

1:30-2:15

Questions:

2:15-2:30

Club Member Demonstration & What To Do in the month ahead:

2:30-2:45

Social (Door prizes & Snacks).

2:45-3:05

At the November Meeting: Kevin and Liz Jones from HappBee Acres will discuss shims for feeding, sugar bricks, insulation board, quilt boxes, mouse guards, beetle jails, and getting equipment ready for spring.

Kevin and Liz Jones bio:

This story begins with a tree full of bees that fell. Ok, more like years of research culminating in a tree full of bees that fell. After rescuing those bees, a passion was found. They did many cut-outs, removals, swarm retrievals, and made lots of splits to grow their apiary. Work was getting in the way of the passion. Simultaneously an opportunity arose and they decided to sell their tree care business. They decided to spend the next year growing their apiaries and producing honey for the local community. Purchasing lots of equipment in the spring, they were ready for the upcoming year... 2019. Turns out, no one was ready for 2019. With the shutdowns and supply chain issues our local beekeepers were in a bind trying to get equipment. Kevin and Liz offered to sell the extra equipment they had purchased to help everyone out. They ended up going to get more, selling it, and then getting even more! This exposed a need in the community they decided to fill. HappBee Acres Honey became HappBee Acres Bee Supply. 2020 they officially opened their doors and have been helping the community in ways they never imagined. Equipment, bees and honey aside, they offer classes, education and field days to help local

beekeepers be successful. Having already shipped to 47 states, a few countries and vendors at national bee conferences, helping those within driving distance is their priority. It's an honor to help rebuild the community that generations ahead will benefit from.

Educational Program:

Winter Care and Spring Prep: A Beekeeping Business Story with HappBee Acres Bee Supply. Come learn how local beekeepers and business owners overwinter their 150 hives and prepare for the spring season. How companies and backyard beekeepers are doing. What does running a bee business through the winter season entail and how does the business prepare for the spring rush?

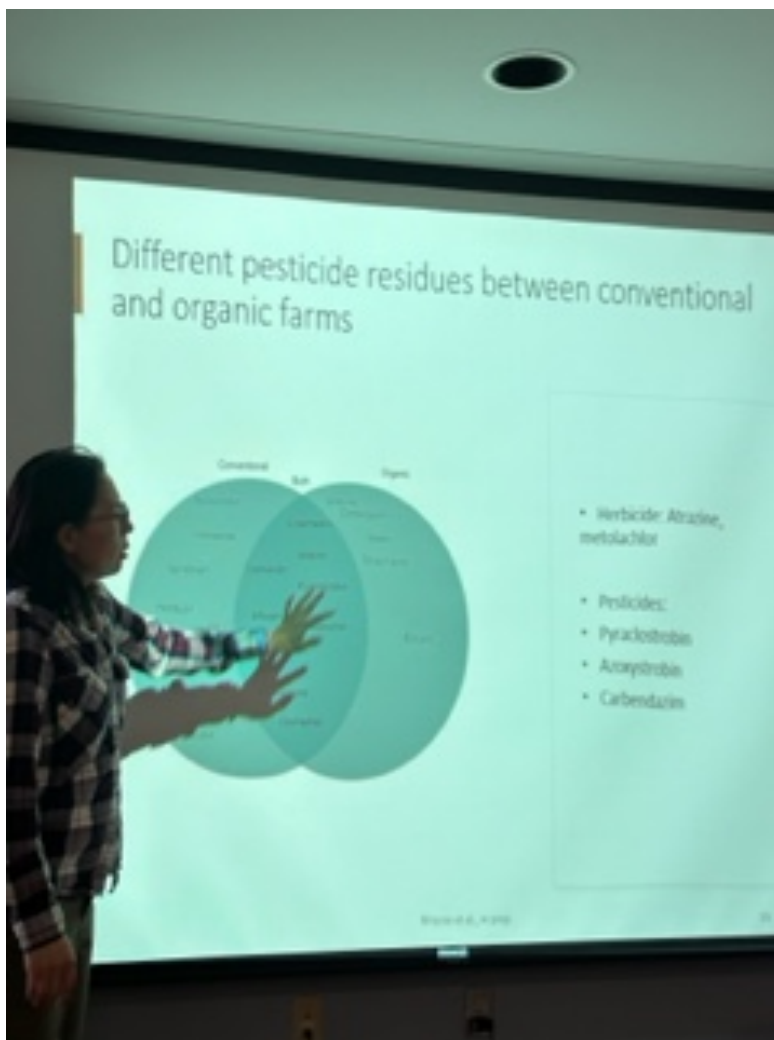
If you wish to preorder via the HappBee website, items can be brought to the November 12th meeting. Pay at the site or cash at pickup. HappbeeAcres.com

At the October Meeting:

The speaker at our October meeting was Dr. Hongmei, the Current Director of Research in grooming behavior and landscape ecology of bees, at Central State University. Our sincere thanks and appreciation for her detailed current and future information and outlook for our bees.

4-H Scholarship Award Winner Eva Ferguson presented her efforts and what she learned with her hive.

Door Prizes for the October meeting were donated by Warren County Ohio Beekeepers club. WCOB ball caps winners were: Scott Ferguson and Dian Danino.



MEMBERSHIP

- New members can apply at [WarrenCountyOhioBeekeepers.org](https://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.
- Warren County Ohio Beekeepers welcomes new members joining in October: Ashley, Doug and Bev Carey and Pier Schumann.

HONEY EXTRACTOR RENTAL

Warren County Ohio Beekeepers has a honey extractor that can be rented by members for \$5.00 per day. Any questions or comments should be directed to wcobetreasurer@gmail.com.

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.
- 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 info@warrencountyohiobeekeepers.org
- 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/

WCOB Club Officers:

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

- WCOB Business meetings are scheduled via Zoom on the second Wednesday of most months from 7:00-8:20p.m.
- WCOB logo hats, shirts and outerwear can now be purchased online. Go to our website warrencountyohiobeekeepers.org, then click on Members/WCOB LogoWear.

What To Do In The Month Ahead:

- Referenced from “Beekeeping for dummies by Howland Blackiston from the Beekeeping Calendar for November:
 - There are no “checks” listed in the “Beekeeping for Dummies” for November.
 - Time to research your books and continue to be observant. Check previous lists to confirm you are ready for the coming winter.

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 info@warrencountyohiobeekeepers.org.

