



Beezette

February, 2024

Warren County Ohio Beekeepers

Meeting at: Lebanon Presbyterian Church

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Next Meeting:

Our next monthly meeting is **Sunday, February 11 at 1:30pm** at the Lebanon Presbyterian Church. This year we will have the WCOB Business meeting in the same church meeting room from **1pm to 1:30 pm**. Members are invited to attend these meetings if so desired. Our February meeting will not have a speaker. Instead, we will have a “meet and greet” time and have an opportunity for members to participate in a “question and answer” session.

Note to new members: Entry into the church meeting room is located in the back of the church. Park in the back, walk up concrete steps and look for a white door.

2024 Bee School:

We had a wonderful turnout for our annual Bee School. There were 70 attendees, 66 of whom were new members! The speakers were interesting and informative. Attendee evaluations indicated they were overwhelmingly very pleased with the organization, content and presentations. Door prizes were given throughout the day which added to the fun.

Door Prizes for the Bee School were donated by: Eileen and Joe Hahn, HappBee Acres, Dadant Bee Supply Company, Better Bee Supply Company and Mann Lake Supply Company. We are grateful for their support! See a list of winners at the end of this newsletter.

General Club Information:

MEMBERSHIP

- Membership renewals for 2024 continue to be accepted. Membership dues are due on January 1st of each year. 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.

Mentors

- 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. It's a great way to learn and share "beek" knowledge and experiences. Send an email with your comments or questions to warrencountyohiobeekeepers@gmail.com

WCOB Club Officers:

<u>President</u>	Paul Dorger
<u>Vice President</u>	Laura Fazekas
<u>Treasurer</u>	Alan DeJarnette
<u>Web Manager</u>	Rose DeJarnette
<u>Director of Education</u>	Currently an open position
<u>Secretary</u>	Dian Danino

A 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 logo hats, shirts and outerwear can now be purchased online. Go to our website warrencountyohiobeekeepers.org, then click on Members/WCOB LogoWear.



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 wcobeetreasurer@gmail.com.

What To Do in the Month Ahead:

- Referenced from *"Beekeeping for Dummies"* by Howland Blackiston from the Beekeeping Calendar for February:
 - Colonies can die in late winter from starvation. Check hives for adequate food storage and add fondant or sugar brick right next to the bee cluster if needed.
- **Other considerations:**
 - Consider treating for Varroa mites. Oxalic Acid (OA) vaporization is minimally invasive with no need to open hive. Carefully follow all safety and vaporizer instructions.
 - Order new bees ASAP if not yet done. Bee suppliers run out of packages and nucs early in the year. Don't know who to order from? Look on our WCOB website and/or ask the WCOB officers and members.
 - Inventory hive equipment and supplies in preparation for Spring.
 - Time to review journal articles and Bee books to learn more and refresh your memory.
 - Continue to be observant of hive activity. Are your ladies flying on warmer days?

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

Bee School Door Prize winners

Azalea Wedig	Bee brush
Ken Klems	J hook hive tool
Sue Franklin	Hive Alive
Karen Fulton	WCOB patch
Gregg Metz	Pollen patties
Gene Prater	Bee-related Gift bag
Joan Kuhl	Inspection flashlight
Susan Martin	Smoker fuel
Keva Brice	Mite checker, hive tool
Maddy Truett	Yellow jacket trap
Jeff Edwards	WCOB hat
Mike Jones	Beetle trap
Michelle Proffitt	Hive tool
Elijah Davis	WCOB patch
Julie Daugherty	WCOB hat
Ola Thomas	WCOB hat
Julie Smith	WCOB hat
Rob Hoschner	Smoker



Bee School Photos

