



Beezette

November 2024

Warren County Ohio Beekeepers

Meeting at: Lebanon Presbyterian Church

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Next Meeting:

Our November meeting will be on **Sunday, November 10 at 1:30pm, at the church.**

Our speakers will be Kevin and Liz Jones of HappBee Acres Bee Supply. Their topic will be **Hive Winterization**. They 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:

If you wish to preorder via the HappBee website, items can be brought to the November 9th meeting. Pay at the site or cash at pickup.

HappBeeAcres.com

What to Do in the Month Ahead:

- Referenced from “*Beekeeping for Dummies*” by Howland Blackiston from the Beekeeping Calendar for November:
 - Check hives for food reserves.
 - Add a sugar brick as a backup food source.
 - Check ventilation
 - Add mouse guard
 - Winterize hive with insulation or other forms of protection from the cold.

General Club Information:

MEMBERSHIP

- At our December meeting our members will elect club officers for the following positions: **President** and **Director of Education**. A list of responsibilities for our board positions is posted on the WCOB website under “Members” at www.warrencountyohiobeekeepers.org/members/officer-job-responsibilities/

Please consider getting involved with the club in a volunteer position. It’s a great way to learn and share “beek” knowledge and experiences. Speak to any of our officers about the opportunity to serve.

- Membership renewals for 2025 are now being 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.
- **Bee School**: Our club will once again host a Bee School on January 25, 2025. Watch for more information in our upcoming newsletter.

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.

WCOB Club Officers:

President Paul Dorger
Vice President Laura Fazekas
Treasurer Alan DeJarnette
Web Manager..... Rose DeJarnette
Director of Education Beatriz (Bea) Woodall
Secretary Dian Danino

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



Honey Extractor Rental

Our club has a honey extractor that can be rented by members for \$5.00 per day. Any questions or comments should be directed to wcoebetreasurer@gmail.com

Club Disclaimer:

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