



# Beezette

April 2025

**Sacred Mission Church**

**221 S. Forest Ave.**

**Mason, OH 45040**

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**ATTENTION!!! Our club meeting location, day and time have changed.**

**Location: Sacred Mission Church, 221 S. Forest Ave., Mason, OH 45040**

**Day: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month**

**Time: 6:30-8:00pm**

**Next Meeting: Monday, April 14, 6:30-8:00pm**

## **April Speaker**

**Our April speaker will be Paul Dorger. His talk is entitled “Queen Cells; Management and Uses”**

Paul started keeping bees in 2010 as a hobby. He uses Langstroth hives exclusively. Paul raises queens and Nucs for sale as well as honey. In 2023 his honey won Best of Show in the Butler County Fair.

He has been president of the Warren County Beekeepers twice and gives educational talks about bees and beekeeping to adults and children. Currently he has about 30 hives.

## **Beekeepers’ Opportunities:**

### **Ohio Department of Agriculture**

#### **Position: County Apiary Inspector**

**Hours:** Part-Time, Seasonal Appointed by County Commissioners or Authorized County Official.

**Compensation:** Appropriation, Salary, & Hourly pay and/or Mileage set by County

**Commissioners Definition:** As an authorized representative of the Director of the Ohio Department of Agriculture, the County Apiary Inspector inspects honey bee colonies within the appointing county to prevent the introduction, dissemination, and establishment of honey bee diseases and pests, as required by sections 909.01 to 909.18 inclusive of the Ohio Revised Code and Rules 901:5-55-01 to 901:5-55-08 inclusive. Inspection results require confidentiality and discretion.

**Training and Experience:** Minimum three years beekeeping experience, good “people skills” and attention to details. The applicant should be able to work independently, maintain and submit records punctually. The person must have his/her apiaries registered with the State of Ohio.

**Duties/Responsibilities/Abilities:** 1) Inspect all colonies of registered apiaries within appointing county; 2) Complete and submit inspection reports within the time frame requested by ODA; 3) Complete monthly reports; 4) Answer questions from local beekeepers based on knowledge of facts; 5) Ability to recognize common honey bee pests and diseases 6) Understanding approved control methods for honey bee diseases and pests; 7) Ability to properly manipulate a honey bee colony; 8) Ability to effectively communicate with the public; 9) Ability to work alone; 10) Ability to lift heavy objects

**Additional Requirements:** 1) must not be allergic to honey bee stings; 2) must hold and maintain acceptable driving record; 3) must have reliable transportation; 4) subject to varying environmental condition

Contact: **Brad Deering, Plant Health Entomologist/State Apiarist**

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**Central State University is hosting an annual Queen Workshop.**

Application for the 6th CSU Queen Biology Workshop

Event Time: TBA Thu-Fri in the end of May or beginning of June of 2025

Event Address: [1685 U.S. 42, Xenia, Ohio 45385](https://www.centralstate.edu/1685-U.S.-42-Xenia-Ohio-45385)

Workshop focus: We aim to train about 25 experienced beekeepers on queen grafting, queen rearing, genetics, and behavior. We provide hands on practices in the field, a quiz, & a certificate if you pass the quiz. Deadline to apply is by March 31st, 2025.

Emails to contact for questions are: Danielle Kroh ([dkroh@centralstate.edu](mailto:dkroh@centralstate.edu)) or

Hongmei Li-Byarlay ([hli-byarlay@centralstate.edu](mailto:hli-byarlay@centralstate.edu)). If your application is accepted, we will send you an email notice.

The workshop is supported by a USDA SARE Grant **LNC21-459** and the 1890 Land Grant Program at Central State University. Please bring your own veils and protective suits for the workshop. Look forward to meeting you all - CSU Bee Research Lab

These spots fill up fast.

Application for our annual queen workshop!

Please use this new link! here:

<https://forms.gle/yMLR3uaAzhJ7cdDS8>

**Interested in an additional apiary?** A landowner in the Loveland area is looking for a beekeeper to place hives on their property in exchange for a portion of the honey harvest. There are two parcels of land directly across from one another. One parcel is 37 acres of pasture land and the other is a 12 acre mix of pasture, orchard and woods. Both are easily accessible depending on where the hives are placed. Contact our club treasurer at [wcobeetreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:wcobeetreasurer@gmail.com) for more information.

### **General Club Information:**

- 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)
- WCOB logo hats, shirts and outerwear can now be purchased online. Go to our website [warrencountyohiobeekeepers.org](http://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](mailto:wcobeetreasurer@gmail.com).

### **MEMBERSHIP**

- **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.

## 2025 WCOB Annual Schedule at a glance:

Month	Topic
January	Bee School
February	Questions & Answers Meet & Greet
March	Splits / Swarms
April	Queen Cells; management and use
May	Hive Management
June	How to harvest Honey
July	Hive Inspection
August	Dearth, Robbing & Brood Breaks
September	WCOB annual Picnic
October	Hive Winterization
November	Round Table
December	TBA

### What to Do In the Month Ahead:

- Referenced from “Beekeeping for dummies by Howland Blackiston from the Beekeeping Calendar for April:
  - Test / Treat for Varroa mites.
  - Check food reserves. Provide pollen patties and fondant/ sugar syrup.
  - Reverse hive bodies
  - Check for eggs/queen. Comprehensive inspection of the season.
  - Consider adding queen excluder and supers.

## Tips, Tricks and Useful Information

- ❖ Did you know that Ohio Law requires all beekeepers, regardless of how few hives you keep, are required to annually register with the Ohio Department of Agriculture? The registration form can be obtained on line. The due date for registration is June 1 of each year. The fee is just \$5.00 per apiary. For more information Google, **Ohio Dept of Agriculture Apiary program**.

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)

### 2025 WCOB Club Officers:

President ..... Laura Fazekas  
Vice President .....open position  
Treasurer .....Alan DeJarnette  
Web Manager..... Rose DeJarnette  
Director of Education.....open position  
Secretary .....Dian Danino

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 Disclaimer:

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