



## Beezette

March 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, March 10, 6:30-8:00pm**

### **March Speaker**

**Our March speaker will be Bob Hooker on the subject of Splits and Swarms. His talk is entitled “Swarms and Such, Beekeeping in March”.** 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. 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 is an instructor in COBA’s beekeeping school and enjoys mentoring new beekeepers. He was Harrison County Apiary Inspector for six years. He was an instructor in the OSBA Traveling Speakers program for six years. 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.

## **Beekeepers' Opportunities:**

### **Woodenware Assembly Opportunity**

Club member Mike Hutchinson will be hosting a woodenware assembly field day at the Warren County Career Center on March 8th from 10:00AM until 2:00PM. If you have woodenware that you need to assemble and would like help and instruction this class is for you. You will need to bring your own materials and tools (hammer, drill or screwdriver if using screws, wood glue, and hive tool. There will be a vendor present to sell woodenware and foundation if needed. For more information visit our website [www.warrencountyohiobeekeepers.org](http://www.warrencountyohiobeekeepers.org) or email us at [warrencountyohiobeekeepers.org](http://warrencountyohiobeekeepers.org).

**The Bee lab at Central State University** is hiring a new part-time (up to 29hr/wk) research assistant for this coming field season, around May-August for 11 weeks.

If interested please apply at <https://careers.centralstate.edu/postings/7969>

#### **Summer Research Assistant**

Essential Duties & Responsibilities: Duties include: Performing field and lab research on honeybee behavior and genetics. Assisting with honeybee colony maintenance, queen rearing, breeding, research experiments, workshops and field day demos. Maintaining the field supplies. Facilitating the operation of the CSU bee lab and assist faculty/staff/students. [careers.centralstate.edu](http://careers.centralstate.edu)

#### **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.google.com/maps/place/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 March:
- The Beekeeping to-do list for March has some similarity to February duties:
  - Colonies can die in late winter / early spring from starvation. Check hives for adequate food storage and add fondant or sugar brick.
  - Sugar syrup and pollen substitute may be an option in the later part of March depending on the weather.

• **Other considerations:**

- Have you treated for Varroa mites?
- It's getting late! Order new bees ASAP!!
- Last minute checks on the condition of your hive equipment.
- Reverse the hive boxes to put the brood box down low.
- Continue reviewing your Beek books to learn / refresh your memory.
- First comprehensive inspection of the season. Weather permitting, you may be able to do a brief hive inspection. If you do inspect, have a clear plan on what you are looking for before you crack the lid (food, check for eggs/queen, brood pattern, bee population?) Make it quick!
- Know what you will do to reduce risk of swarming (not applicable for first year beekeepers).

**Tips, Tricks and Useful Information**

- ❖ Did you know that Ohio Law requires all beekeepers, regardless on 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:**

<u>President</u> .....	Laura Fazekas
<u>Vice President</u> .....	open position
<u>Treasurer</u> .....	Alan DeJarnette
<u>Web Manager</u> .....	Rose DeJarnette
<u>Education Advisor</u> .....	Sonja Brock
<u>Secretary</u> .....	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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