



Beezette

May 2025

Sacred Mission Church

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Our club meeting location, day and time have changed.

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

Day: 2nd Monday of each month

Time: 6:30-8:00pm

Next Meeting: Monday, May 12, 6:30-8:00pm

May Presentation: Larry Johnson will lecture on **Colony Balancing and Optimizing honey flow, strategies for moving hives around the apiary, and testimonials from the successes of Butler Beekeepers Club.**

Larry is the former president of Butler County Beekeepers Association and is currently the OSBA Miami Valley Director.

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.
- 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
- 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.

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.**

New Swarm Reporting System

Warren County Ohio Beekeepers (WCOB) is pleased to announce that we are a sponsoring association for a new non-profit project. Swarmed (beeswarmed.org) is a free community platform for the public to report bee swarms and connect with a local beekeeper.

Here's how it works:

- 1). When someone discovers a swarm they will go to our website warrencountyohiobeekeepers.org and click on the report swarm button. They can also follow the link <https://beeswarmed.org/report-swarm-wcob>. They will fill out the form (address, contact information, size of swarm, pictures, etc). The Swarmed system will notify the nearest registered beekeepers by text or email and post a notification on the beekeepers dashboards.
- 2). The first registered beekeeper to click "Claim Swarm" gets the address and contact details for the swarm.
- 3). The beekeeper contacts the swarm reporter to agree and arrange to pick up the swarm.

Current members of Warren County Ohio Beekeepers will be the only beekeepers notified of a swarm as long as it is reported on the WCOB website. Member beekeepers can register at <https://beeswarmed.org/register-beekeeper-wcob>. Registration is free and using this link will identify you as a WCOB member. If you are already registered with Swarmed you can use the association code **9812** to register with the WCOB association.

If swarms are reported on the beeswarmed.org website all registered beekeepers (including our club registered members) that are in the vicinity of the swarm will be notified but if the swarm is reported to our website only our club registered members will be notified.

All beekeepers are eligible to register at beeswarmed.org. Members get the additional benefit of being notified of any swarms reported on the WCOB website form.

Club Presentations for 2025

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 May:
 - Test / Treat for Varroa mites.
 - Check for eggs/queen.
 - Add queen excluder and supers as needed.
 - Consider splitting hive to reduce swarming risk.

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

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>Director of Education</u>	open position
<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/

Club Disclaimer:

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