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## Warren County Beezette

*May 2026*

*Welcome to our newest April Members*

*Tina M., Scott B.,*

*Jim & Lorrie B. , and Rick O.*

### **May News:**

- **Club Meeting!** Our next meeting will be **Monday, May 11th at 6:30pm at Sacred Mission Church**, 221 S. Forest Ave. in Mason, Ohio!  
We'll be chatting about hive management—covering simple, practical ways to keep your colonies healthy, organized, and productive throughout the season.
- **Apiary Gathering: Saturday, May 9th at 10 am (weather permitting) at Bowyer Farm**, 2210 Mason-Montgomery Road, Lebanon, OH 45036. We will be moving our bees into their new homes in our beautiful apiary.
- Your Invited & Mark your calendar: **Club Apiary Ribbon-Cutting Event for Monday, June 8th at 4:00-6:30 at Bowyer Farm** for our Warren

County Beekeepers Club Apiary ribbon-cutting with the team from the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden. 🐝 there.

[Sing-up to join us for this special occasion and a picnic!](#) (click link).

### April Recap:

Our April meeting was about pollinators. We welcomed Master Gardener, Donna Davis, who taught the basics of planting blooms for our honeybees, and for all the pollinators to enjoy.



The apiary build-out was a huge success! A big thank-you to everyone who came out, lent a hand, and made it happen—we couldn't have done it without you.

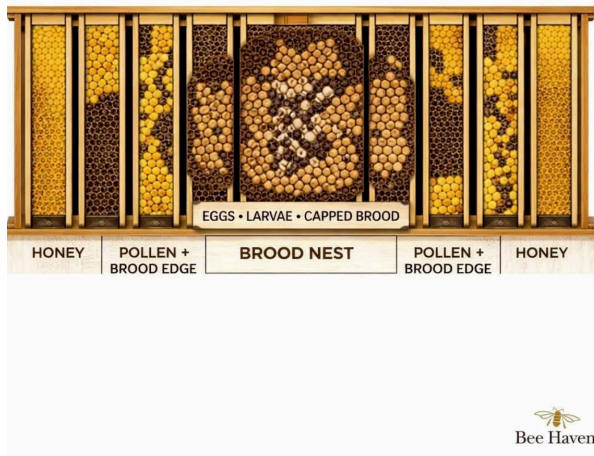




 **Help us spread the buzz!**

We're looking for a club member to help run our Facebook social media. Interested? Email us at [info@warrencountyohiobeekeepers.org](mailto:info@warrencountyohiobeekeepers.org) subject line: **Social Media**.

 **May Beekeeping Checklist**



- Check for Varroa mites and treat if needed
- Inspect food stores (honey and pollen)
- Feed 1:1 sugar syrup or pollen patties only if necessary
- Inspect queen and brood pattern (eggs, larvae, laying consistency)
- Check for swarm cells and signs of overcrowding
- Add honey supers before colonies run out of space
- Reverse hive bodies only if colonies are strong and weather is warm
- Ensure good ventilation and clean hive entrances
- Monitor hive strength and balance weak/strong colonies if needed

**2026 Calendar at a Glance:**

 *Missed a meeting? Don't sweat it—[click the link](#) and catch up on everything you buzzed past!*

January 24	<b>Bee School</b> Armco Park: Jones Pavillion
February 9	<b>Apiary Prep and Club Apiary Intro</b> Sacred Mission Church
March 9	<b>Swarms &amp; Club Sign-Up Swarmed</b> Sacred Mission Church
<a href="#">April 13</a>	<a href="#">Bees the Pollinators/ Pro Garden Tips</a> Sacred Mission Church
May 11	<b>Hive Management</b> Sacred Mission Church
June 8th	<b>On Site Club Apiary: Special Ribbon-Cutting with our hosts from Cincinnati Zoo &amp; Botanical Garden</b> Bowyer Farm
July 20-24	<b>Warren County Fair!</b> Lebanon
August 10	<b>Pest Control</b> Sacred Mission Church
September 14	<b>Club Picnic Featuring Products of the Hive</b> Golden Valley Bee Barn
October 12	<b>Hive Winterization</b> Sacred Mission Church
November 9	<b>Holiday Honeybee Market</b> Golden Valley Bee Barn
December 14	<b>No Meeting. Merry Christmas!</b>

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