



# THE HONEYBEE TIMES

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## President's Message

Hello Friends,

Well, October has arrived. To me this is the beginning of fall, harvest time. Everyone is busy from the farmer to the honeybee putting away and storing this year's yield. You and I are canning or freezing our fruits and veggies. The bees are putting up the last of this year's nectar and pollen. The bees and I both have the same goal in sight – "survival". If I run low on supplies, the grocery store is around the corner but for the bees no such luck. Unless we as beekeepers keep a vigilant watch on them through the winter, they may not survive. Make sure they have enough honey to make it through.

With October, there are less reasons for the bees to leave the hive. Flying is cut down, the queen is laying fewer eggs, and they are shifting into winter mode.

A word about bees and winter – a large healthy hive will not die from cold weather. They stay warm by clustering in the hive. They keep each other warm. The temperature in the hive is only warm in the cluster, they do not warm the entire hive. High humidity can develop within the hive as bees give off moisture the same as we do. If the moisture gathers above them and then drips onto the cluster, this is what kills bees in the winter. They are like us, we can be cold and get by, but if we get wet and cold, we cannot stay alive for long. Bees can get wet in the summer and survive, but not in the winter. You can prevent this by providing proper ventilation. Proper airflow will help alleviate moisture buildup. Also, tilt your hive slightly to the rear so the water drips down the back of the hive. Lastly, make sure to place a heavy weight on the top cover because winter winds are strong. These are just a few observations that I have noticed through the years.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting. Until then, enjoy the warm autumn days!

Dennis

## Candy Boards

I will be testing out utilizing a candy board for my ladies this winter! Dan Zikurch told me about candy boards at our last meeting and pointed me in the direction of BeverlyBees.com – check out the website – lots of helpful information. I'll keep you updated!

Candy boards can be ordered from (NUC boards \$30, standard size \$40):

<http://www.beverlybees.com/product-category/beekeeping-supplies/>

*by Anita Deeley at BeverlyBees.com*

I found a great tutorial online [from Southeastern Indiana Beekeepers Association](#) on making a candy board. Since this method did not require cooking the sugar and making actual candy, it seemed to be an easier method to try than other recipes I had seen.

My handy husband went to work making the 2 inch tall candy board frame from scraps of wood we had lying around. He stapled 1/2 inch wire mesh to the inside for a candy support and drilled a 1/2" hole in the front for the bees to escape. It came out perfect! Thank you, Brian! You can buy a candy board frame from our [online store](#) if you don't have time to make one yourself.



The [Bee Candy Recipe](#) called for

- 15-16 lb. of sugar\*
- 3 cups water
- 1 tbsp. plain white vinegar (optional)
- 1 Pollen patty (optional)

\*I have found that 16 lbs of sugar is too much for my area in MA. I am cutting this recipe in half for 2012. For more information please read [Sugar Candy Board Assessment](#).

First, I weighed out 16 pounds (yes 16 POUNDS) of sugar and put it into in a very large canning pot. (I told you my girls were hungry!)



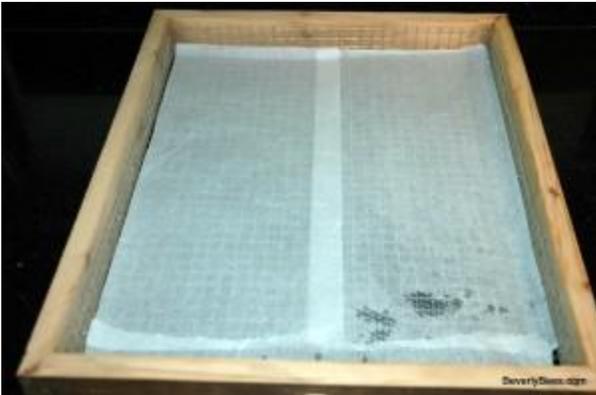
Next, I added the vinegar to the water and poured the water in a little at a time, stopping to make sure it was all mixed into the sugar.



To mix it properly took some muscle but I still think this is easier and faster than cooking sugar candy on the stove.



Next, I lined the wire mesh with paper that came with some beeswax foundation I had ordered for rolling candles. (For 2012 I will not be using this paper read why [here](#).)

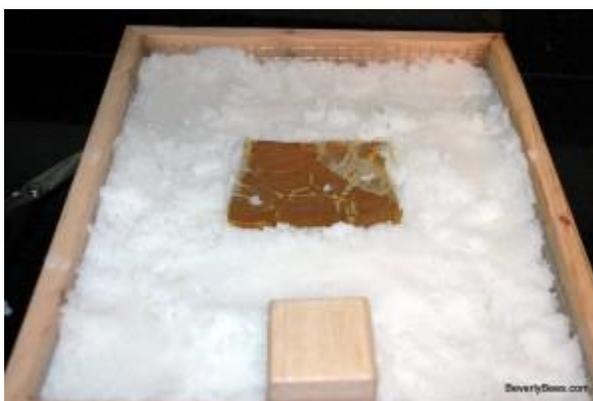


Now it was time to pile on the wet sugar. All the while, I was wondering when and if it would eventually turn into a hard candy block.



Before more sugar could be added, I needed to block out a section in the front of the board, below the entrance hole, to prevent it from filling up with sugar. This way the bees will have a way to get in and out of the board. I stacked up two of my son's toy blocks for this purpose and they worked great.

When I reached the halfway point, I placed a pollen patty inside the center of the candy. The idea is that it will take several weeks for the bees to eat enough sugar to reach the pollen patty. The sugar below the pollen will hopefully last them until the month of February when they will be running low on their own pollen stores and will gladly welcome this one. The cold weather should act as a natural refrigerator



keeping the pollen fresh for them.

After the patty was securely in place, I covered it with the rest of the sugar and leveled it off using a wooden ruler/paint stick. Viola! Now I had a candy board waiting to dry.



It took almost 24 hours for the candy to dry completely.

This was a bit of a pain in my small kitchen, during peak holiday baking time, when kitchen real estate is at a premium, but the bees are worth it! I removed the blocks carefully and to my amazement the candy was dry and hard as a brick.



Once the board is made, (which for someone handy is very simple but for me would take forever) you can reuse it year after year. The candy was fairly easy to make and I can see myself doing this again. Although 16 lbs of sugar seems like a lot, any sugar that is not used up can be [made into sugar syrup in the spring](#), so waste not. You can read about how to do that [here](#).

## Buzzin' Around the Web

Dear Ohio Beekeepers...

The beekeeping season is winding down, goldenrod honey is in the air, and we want to make sure that you are up-to-date on beekeeping news and events.

[OSBA Fall Conference](#)- November 1 at Tolles Career & Tech Center in Plain City, OH.

Sign up before October 24th to save \$\$ on registration fees.

Last year we broke previous Fall Conference attendance records. This year our Powerhouse list of speakers include: Sue Cobey, Michael Palmer, Dr. Reed Johnson, Dr. Jim Tew, John Grafton, Lowell Lufkin, and Michele Colopy

Vendors: Current list of participating vendors: [Blue Sky Bee Supply](#), [Brushy Mountain Bee Farm](#), [Dadant & Sons](#), [Mann Lake](#), [Mel Disselkoen](#), [Modern Beekeeping](#), Reid's Apiary & Bee-tique, and [Simpson's Bee Supply](#)

*And* we will also have our annual Honey Judging—check out the Attendee Packet for details.

See you at the OSBA Fall Conference~~

Terry Lieberman-Smith  
Vice-President, Ohio State Beekeepers Association  
Connecting Beekeepers Across Ohio

## Association Finances

### Greater Cleveland Beekeepers Association Balance Sheet As of September 30, 2014

	<u>Sep 30, 14</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
Fifth Third Bank	14,248.28
Petty Cash	<u>100.00</u>
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<u>14,348.28</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>14,348.28</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>14,348.28</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Equity</b>	
Opening Bal Equity	12,126.59
Retained Earnings	31.77
Net Income	<u>2,189.92</u>
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>14,348.28</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><u>14,348.28</u></u>

Greater Cleveland Beekeepers Association  
Profit & Loss  
September 2014

	<u>Sep 14</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
Membership Dues	80.00
Raffles	
50/50	<u>65.00</u>
<b>Total Raffles</b>	<u>65.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	145.00
<b>Expense</b>	
Cuyahoga County Fair	
Fair Prizes	90.00
Supplies for Fair	<u>45.22</u>
<b>Total Cuyahoga County Fair</b>	135.22
Refreshments	<u>56.67</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>191.89</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<u>-46.89</u>
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## Greater Cleveland Beekeepers Association P & L Year-to-Date, September 2014

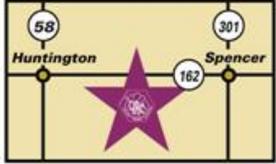
	<u>Sep 14</u>	<u>Jan - Sep 14</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
Beekeeping Class Fees	0.00	2,705.00
Books-Beekeeping for Dummies Conference	0.00	20.00
Admissions	0.00	130.00
Food Sales	0.00	158.50
Raffle 50/50 - Conference	0.00	20.00
Raffle Hive-Conference	0.00	427.00
Sponsors	0.00	1,000.00
<b>Total Conference</b>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,735.50</u>
Membership Dues	80.00	1,040.00
<b>Raffles</b>		
50/50	65.00	302.00
Raffles - Other	0.00	214.00
<b>Total Raffles</b>	<u>65.00</u>	<u>516.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	145.00	6,016.50
<b>Expense</b>		
<b>Conference Expense</b>		
2014 Conference Raffle Items	0.00	334.00
Conference Speaker Fees	0.00	219.00
Food Expenses	0.00	741.53
Printing and Reproduction	0.00	9.17
Supplies	0.00	46.37
<b>Total Conference Expense</b>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,350.07</u>
Contributions	0.00	147.00
<b>Cuyahoga County Fair</b>		
Fair Prizes	90.00	90.00
Supplies for Fair	45.22	93.82
<b>Total Cuyahoga County Fair</b>	<u>135.22</u>	<u>183.82</u>
Drawing Prize	0.00	173.55
Dues and Subscriptions	0.00	57.00
Equipment	0.00	33.90
Exhibitor Fees	0.00	75.00
<b>Insurance</b>		
D&O Insurance	0.00	798.00
Liability Insurance	0.00	348.00
<b>Total Insurance</b>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,146.00</u>
Marketing / Advertising	0.00	82.50
Office Supplies	0.00	60.70
Ohio Registration Filing Fees	0.00	50.00
Postage and Delivery	0.00	69.20
Printing and Reproduction	0.00	116.80
<b>Professional Fees</b>		
Speakers	0.00	200.00
<b>Total Professional Fees</b>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>200.00</u>
Refreshments	56.67	81.04
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>191.89</u>	<u>3,826.58</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<u>-46.89</u>	<u>2,189.92</u>
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**STORE HOURS:**  
**(March 1 - Oct. 31)**  
**Monday - Friday**  
 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
**Saturday**  
 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
**(Nov. 1 - Feb. 28)**  
**Monday - Saturday**  
 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
**(Dec. 24 - Jan. 2)**  
 Closed  
 (Closed Sundays)



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