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President's Message

Wow, what a December this has been: in like a lamb and out like a lion! It was good being able to do a hive inspection this late in the season (just to see what state the girls are in). My bees actually found some golden pollen to bring back to the hive. Feeding the bees a 2:1 sugar to water ratio is imperative. The unseasonably warm weather means that your bees are active and eating their stored honey reserves. We don't want to have them starve come February and March.

I would like to thank all of the Members who attended the December Pot Luck and being elected as President for 2016. It was great breaking bread with our members, sharing stories & telling tall tales and finding out a little more about each other in addition to our beekeeping passion.

Thank you to our outgoing President Dennis Eck who has such great insight, leadership & knowledge. He is a tough act to follow!

Also a big thank you to our returning Officers Allyson May, Valerie Eck, Paul Buser, Tony Indovina and our new Trustee Gary Leisy, our newsletter editor Allyson, a redesign of the Club website by Kathy and our Hostess of the goodies Tami. We are looking at a full year of good speakers at the meetings, BeeKeeping classes each Wednesday in February, our Conference on May 21, 2016,

Club Picnic on July 16th and the Cuyahoga County Fair in August 8-14th.

Our January Meeting will feature a speaker to be announced since Matt was called away for business reasons.

Don't forget, we still have tickets available at the January Meeting for the hive raffle (generously donated by Queen Right Colonies). Tickets are \$5.00 each for a chance to win a unique beehive and will be drawn at the January Meeting. Included is the baseboard, 2 deeps, 2 supers, inner cover, frames and a pitched roof hive top with tower; deeps & super have the Lincoln Log embellishment.

Looking forward to a great year of Beekeeping!!!

Larry Theurer

Upcoming Events

January 13TH GCBA MEETING

Rocky River Nature Center

7-9PM

Denzil St. Clair will present the latest facts and figures from the state inspector



CHURCH HIVE RAFFLE

Ticket price is \$5

Winner will be drawn at the January Meeting!



2016 Beekeeping Class

Learn all you need to know about becoming a beekeeper in this series of four classes on Wednesdays in February. Registering for classes also includes a family membership for one year. **The cost for the Beginning Beekeeping program is \$50.**

Class Dates –

February 3, 10, 17, 24

Feb. 3 – Getting Started in Beekeeping

Feb. 10 – Beekeeping Management

Feb. 17 – Improving Your Skills

Feb. 24 – Bee Diseases and Pests

Location – Rocky River Nature Center 24000 Valley Pkwy, North Olmsted, 44070

Time – 7pm till 9pm

Cost – \$50.00

Educational material – “Beekeeping for Dummies” – may be purchased during the classes for an additional cost.



Tri-County Beekeepers Association Inc.
38th Annual Spring Beekeeping Workshop
March 4-5, 2016 - Wooster, Ohio
“Beekeeping in 3D - Detection, Disease, Doctoring”



Details on Tri-County Beekeepers Association Spring Conference – March 4-5, 2016

Dear Beekeeper,

We are planning for the *38th Annual Spring Beekeeping Workshop* in Wooster, Ohio on Friday and Saturday, March 4-5, 2016. As in the past, it will be held at Fisher Auditorium and Shisler Conference Center on Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center (OARDC) campus, located at 1680 Madison Ave (at State Route 302 east and State Route 83) just south of Wooster. Last year, the workshop participants were not only from Ohio but a number of neighboring states.

Once again there will be a block of rooms set aside at the *Hilton Garden Inn, 959 Dover Road, Wooster, which is within sight of OSU's Fisher Auditorium*. The room rate is \$99.00 per night plus tax for 1 king or 2 queen beds. When making reservations give them: *TRI* as the code name. For reservations call 330-202-7701. For more information their web page is: www.wooster.stayhgi.com

Again, there will be a 1000 attendee limit. We have received many positive comments in past years about the ease of getting around with a smaller crowd.

On Friday evening, March 4th, the OSU Pollinarium and Museum will be open from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. for tours. The Pollinarium and Museum are located nearby on the OSU/OARDC campus and there will be signs showing the way. At Fisher Auditorium from 7:00 to 8:00pm, you may choose to attend "*Behavioral Traits for Self-Preservation in Honey Bees*" by *Jennifer Tsuruda PhD.* or attend "*Introduction to Beekeeping*" presented by *Ralph C May Jr.*

On Saturday, March 5th, the workshop will begin with opening comments by Mr. Randall Westfall, Workshop Committee Chairman of TCBA in the Auditorium. Our keynote speaker will be Mr. Dan O'Hanlon His talk is titled, "*Diagnosing a Dead Out*". Then three workshop sessions will follow. Each session will have seven different breakout topics from which to choose. One of the breakout topics in each session will include a beginner beekeeping session.

There will be no Kids' Class this year.

Other activities during the day include the Honey Recipe Contest, a guessing contest and door prizes will be given throughout the day. There will be a "Hands On/Learning to Do" room which will include practical activities such as assembling hive parts, extracting honey, honeybee diseases (up close) and more.

Workshop registration takes place on Friday from 5:00 to 8:00 pm and on Saturday, 8:00 to 9:00 am.



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