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President's Message

Happy Independence Day everyone!!!

Our July 13th Meeting will be our annual Picnic to be held at the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds, 164 Eastland Road, Berea, Ohio at **6:30pm** in the Pavilion near GATE #2. You can still access the Midway through Gate #1. GCBA will provide the Burgers & Hotdogs and we are asking that Members bring a dish to share!

We are looking forward to the Cuyahoga County Fair August 8-14th with a few changes made to the Bee Barn, so make sure you sign-up for a 2 hour shift at the GCBA table (you get a free admission!!!). Please make sure to see the Sign-up Sheet at the picnic. We are also going to be doing Honey Extraction Demonstrations Tuesday thru Sunday in the BEE Barn.

All GCBA Members in good standing that wish to have their honey frames extracted at the Cuyahoga County Fair (August 8-14) will need to make an appointment with Larry Theurer (President) e-mail: Larry1724@aol.com (e-mail is until AUGUST 1st; after that phone calls only as I will not have access to e-mail & I will be getting the Bee Barn ready for the Fair) home phone: 216-741-3798. Please make sure to leave a complete message if I don't pick up. We will try to accommodate each request.

You will need to bring:
UNFROZEN, capped FRAMES!!!
Food Grade Bucket with a lid
Uncapping tool (of your choice)
Spatula
Capping wax container with lid

We re planning to do 1-2 extraction demonstrations Tuesday - Sunday.
NO HONEY EXTRACTIONS ON MONDAY!!!

2 hours of booth time **prior to your honey extraction** is required for use of extraction equipment.

It will be up to the discretion of Larry if frames are drawn out enough to be extracted. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

The FAIR PREMIUM BOOK is available for download/print at <http://www.cuyfair.com/exhibits/how-exhibit-fair> entry deadline is **JULY 29, 2016**, you can save yourself a few dollars by doing an **EARLY ENTRY DEADLINE IS JULY 15, 2016**. Your Fair entry fee also entitles you to 2 free fair exhibitor admissions.

We really recommend that you enter your HONEY to be judged. This way you can see what a professional judge marks your product (color, viscosity, taste, clarity and humidity). We use the JACKS schedule for determining which color class you should enter.

Don't forget about entering other items in the FAIR: photos, bakery, mead, display, baskets, etc...

Swarms are still happening throughout the area.
Some good reference articles are:

Is it a swarm cell or a supersedure cell?

<http://honeybeesuite.com/is-it-a-swarm-cell-or-a-supersedure-cell/>

Bait Hives for Honey Bees:

<https://ecommons.cornell.edu/handle/1813/2653>

Recipe for Swarm Lure:

<http://cincinnati-bees.com/2010/06/04/recipe-for-swarm-lure/>

Bait Hives For attracting swarms:

<http://dave-cushman.net/bee/baithives.html>

Swarm Lures or Pheromone Lures for the Attraction of Honey Bee Swarms into Bait Hives:

<http://dave-cushman.net/bee/swarmlures.html>

Also, if you are using any type of beehive equipment:

Pollen Trap, Queen Excluder, Asian Hornet Trap, Top Hive Feeder, Winter Hive Insulated Wrap, Entrance Reducers, etc...

Please make sure to **READ THE DIRECTIONS** for proper placement and correct application of the item.

Too many times this year we have seen queen excluders placed in between the wrong parts of the hive body and inner covers being used incorrectly.

Your Beekeeping for Dummies Book is usually pretty clear on how to use them.

Please remember that your GCBA Officers are volunteers and we are elected by our Members, so please remember that if you leave us a message by phone or

computer, we may not get back to you immediately; some of us do not have internet service or a smart phone and do have work and family obligations. We do our best to get back to you as soon as we can.

We put a lot more helpful information on our FaceBook
Page: <https://www.facebook.com/greaterclevelandbeekeepers/>

Hope to see you all at the picnic!!!

Larry

Upcoming Events

July 13, 2016 GCBA MEETING- ANNUAL PICNIC

6:30pm Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds,

164 Eastland Road

Berea, Ohio

6:30pm in the Pavilion near GATE #2. You can still access the Midway through Gate #1. GCBA will provide the Burgers & Hotdogs and we are asking that Members bring a dish to share!



Cuyahoga County Fair August 8-14th, 2016



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