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President's Message

Well, the 2016 Cuyahoga County Fair is over. I'm still recuperating from the long days and really hot, humid & rainy weather, but we had a really good response from the visitors to the Barn; over 60 people signed up to receive information about taking classes in 2017.

I would like to thank everyone who signed up and put their time in at the Club Table. As usual, the observation display hive brought a lot of attention and the honey extraction demonstrations were also well received with many people watching, sampling and asking questions. I know that the Newbees & less experienced beekeepers are a little apprehensive about talking to the public, but remember: you already know a lot more about beekeeping than they do and there is always someone within earshot to field the questions that you might not be sure of.

We hope that everyone liked the new look and redesign of the Bee Barn, every year we try to do something a little different to keep it fresh looking. This is not something that happens overnight. Besides the many hours of cleaning, washing, dusting, setting up tables & banners; we also give a lot thought throughout the year on how to improve on what we have and collecting items that we think will enhance our display barn.

New this year are the lighted china display cabinet, mirrored shelf unit, display cabinet and our antique beekeeping items: beehives, smoker & honey extractors. These items were donated by the family of Margo Rublis and many unassembled frames are in the original ROOT Industries sales boxes. Also, James Jaworski from Berea Motor Works donated a pre-WWII smoker for our display. We hope to improve this display area a little more next year; if you have any items that you think would complement our area, please contact Dennis Eck or myself.

We also displayed the photography on the opposite wall of the Barn and this really opened up the area and made it look less cluttered.

Having Jungle Bob, the Duck tape people, the Farm Bureau tractor pedal car races and the square dancers brought in more people to the Barn, considering the weather didn't cooperate this year.

I love hearing all of the different questions people ask over the week: How many times do you get stung?, Aren't you afraid?, What do you do with all of that honey, do you eat it all?, Where's the Queen?, How do you move the (display) hive?, It's (hive) really there all year?, What do your neighbors think?, etc...

What many people are not aware of is that GCBA is generously allowed to have space rent free in the Bee Barn during the Fair and our Beekeeping Conference/Field Day through the generosity of the Cuyahoga County Agricultural Society. The AG Society also determines the Rules and Judging for all Fair submissions.

Make sure to hold onto your FAIR ENTRY tag and bring it to the September General Meeting on the 14th for a chance to win a prize!!!

I'm sorry that I missed the August General Meeting, but I hear that Allyson, Rick, Annette and Phil did a great job with Fall Prep and the Q&A. Depending on where your hives are located, you are just starting or just finishing getting your Fall honey. This is usually much darker and has a more robust flavor than your Spring honey as the bees are visiting the asters, mums and goldenrod flowers.

Our September 14th Speaker will be Denise Ellsworth.

GCBA Scholarship forms are available for next year. Please see our website to download a copy of the form. **Please make sure to read the requirements fully.**

Just a reminder: we will have our Nomination of Officers for the 2017 season at our November 9th Meeting with voting at our Christmas Potluck at our December 14th Meeting.

Until next month,

Larry

Upcoming Events

GCBA September Meeting Rocky River Nature Center Wednesday September 14, 2016 7-9 pm

Guest Speaker Denise Ellsworth
Phenology for Beekeepers

Phenology is the study of periodic plant and animal life cycles in relation to seasonal changes in climate. It means that cyclic biological activity (things that happen every year) is often dependent on annual changes in temperature.

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Don't miss this great event!!

Greater Cleveland Beekeepers "2017" Educational Scholarship

OPEN TO ALL YOUTH, AGES 9 - 18

To Apply: Write a 500 word essay on "Why I want to be a beekeeper"

All entries should include:

1. The entry form (entry must be signed by your parent)
2. Cover sheet with your personal information *
3. 500 word essay

*Cover sheet should contain the following information:

NAME

AGE

ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE AND ZIP)

Two references with phone numbers (Must state if teacher, advisor, neighbor, friend, etc)

Having all information is required and will also be used for judging



1 class scholarship will be awarded: Ages 9 - 13
1 class scholarship will be awarded: Ages 14 - 18

Deadline for entries: January 6, 2017

Limit of one scholarship per family lifetime

Submit To: GCBA SCHOLARSHIP, P.O. BOX 30092, MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS, OH 44130

Winners will receive:

1. Complete Beginner Beekeeping Kit: wooden beehive with frames, foundation, helmet, veil, smoker, and hive tool
2. Participants must attend all classes to receive the prize award
3. Free Beginner Beekeeping classes scheduled in February; four consecutive Wednesdays at the Rocky River Nature Center, North Olmsted, Ohio. Class Time: 7 - 9 pm. *PLUS* - Hands on at GCBA Beekeeping Conference, May 20, 2017 - rain or shine at Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds
4. Free book: Beekeeping for Dummies
5. Free year membership to the Greater Cleveland Beekeepers Association with monthly email newsletter subscription
6. Personal mentor - An experienced beekeeper who can answer questions throughout the year and help out when needed

Cut at this line. Keep the top half for your records. You must include the signed bottom half with your essay.

Greater Cleveland Beekeeping Classes and Monthly Meetings will be held at the Rocky River Nature Center, 24000 Valley Parkway, North Olmsted, Ohio 44070

I am aware that if I am selected as the recipient of this award, I will complete an educational booth at the 2017 Cuyahoga County Fair*.

Print your name _____ Age _____

Your Signature _____ Date _____

As a parent, I will support and encourage my child in this beekeeping project.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

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*Registration and entry fee for the fair is not included.



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