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President's Message

Hello to all,

Welcome to all the new members and to a successful year in beekeeping. I would like to thank all of the people involved in making the beekeeping classes such a success - from our speakers, to our hostesses, and to our new beekeepers, thank you!!!

March is here and now you have to be very diligent with your hive. If your hive was low on honey going into the winter, now is when they may starve out. Check for food. Your bees have moved up in the hive and the overall population is down due to normal die-outs throughout the winter. As the weather warms, your bees will be flying more and the queen will start laying at full capacity. The entire hive is starting to return to normal operation. So now you need to assist them if they need food. Top feeders, fondant, and sugar patties are a few of the food sources for your hive. If the weather warms you may be able to exchange some full frames of honey you kept from last year. If not, 1:1 sugar water is a great supplement.

Inspect your hive but keep in mind there is no nectar flow. The weather is colder and your bees are going to be a lot more aggressive. More beekeepers are stung at this time of year than the rest of the year, so wear protective gear.

You'll want to start feeding pollen patties. They will jump start the hive into production. A quick start will result in early brood production and will increase your hive strength. As the weather warms, you will need to move your frames around. Simply take your empty brood chamber and move it to the top.

As the days become warmer, the nectar flow increases and your hive starts expanding. Now your beekeeping skills will be put to the test. Pay attention to your hive and you will have a successful year.

With warm regards,

Dennis

March 24 – Beekeeping 101 at Orange Library

Hi,

My name is Julia Doyle. I'm an adult services librarian from the Orange Branch of Cuyahoga County Public Library.

On Tuesday March 24, we're offering a program entitled "Beekeeping 101" at Orange Library at 7 p.m. We're looking for ways to spread the word.

I've attached the link.

<http://bit.ly/18iV0yk>

Beginning Beekeeping Classes in Review

Notes from: Allyson May

Bee passionate about your Beekeeping.

Stay 2-3 weeks ahead of your Bees and Beekeeping.

Know your City Ordinances.

Order your Bees.

Purchase you Beginner's Kit, extra Hive Body (w/ frames), Honey Super (w/ frames).

Select and prepare a location for your Hive.

Practice your Bee Installation/Bee Dump. Ask a friend or family member to be available to help you.

Make your sugar syrup before the bees arrive (must be ready to feed them when you install them).

Register your Apiary.

Improve your skills: Attend monthly GCBA meetings

Learn seasonal management, how to recognize appropriate queen activity in the hive and how to recognize and manage bee diseases and pests.

Know when to ask for help.

Have Fun!!!

Welcome to GCBA!! We are so glad you are here.

Buzzin' Around the Web

Allyson May

The Ohio State University
<http://u.osu.edu/beelab/courses/Bee Lab>

2014 Webinars, Handouts and Resources (on the website) and below are the upcoming 2015 Webinars.

Courses/Webinars

The Bee Lab Beekeeping Webinars are back! 2015 Schedule:

March 18: Gardening for Pollinators, Denise Ellsworth, The Ohio State University

April 15: Honey Bee Nutrition, Kim Flottum, Author and Editor, Bee Culture Magazine

May 20: American Foul Brood, Jim Tew, Alabama Cooperative Extension Service

June 17: Social Insects: an Overview, Joe Raczkowski, The Ohio State University

July 15: Effect of Tank-mix Pesticide Combinations on Bees, Reed Johnson, The Ohio State University

August 19: Royal Jelly and Queen Development: a Chemical Perspective, Thom Janini, The Ohio State University

September 16: What "Newbees" Need to Know, Alex Zomchek, Master Beekeeping Instructor

October 7: Honey Bee Foraging in Ohio's Landscapes, Doug Sponsler, The Ohio State University

All webinars take place at 9AM Eastern.

Treasurer's Report

January 2015

Beginning Balance.....\$13,843.95

Payables:

USPS (P.O. Box) \$62.00

Queen Right Colonies (Supplies) \$889.80

Total: \$951.80

Receivables:

Memberships

Renewals (23) \$460.00

Class (7) \$350.00

50/50 Raffle \$28.00

Total \$ 838.00

Ending Balance.....\$13730.15

February 2015

Beginning Balance.....\$13.730.15

Payables:

Speaker Fee (1/2015, Tim Moore)

Reimbursed Larry Theurer.....\$100.00

Cake \$18.99

Total: \$118.99

Receivables:

Memberships:

Renewals (9) \$180.00

Class (48) \$2400.00

Total: \$2580.00

Raffles:

Unassembled Hive Kit \$128.00

Hive with Bees \$68.00

Extractor \$226.00

Package Bees \$111.00

50/50 \$133.00

Total: \$646.00

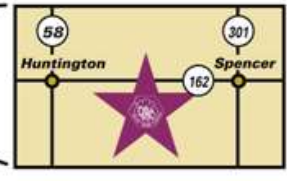
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STORE HOURS:
 (March 1 - Oct. 31)
Monday - Friday
 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday
 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 (Nov. 1 - Feb. 28)
Monday - Saturday
 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 (Dec. 24 - Jan. 2)
 Closed
 (Closed Sundays)



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