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President's Message



Hello to all,

Ah, finally warm weather! May is here and none too soon! By now everyone has installed their package of bees and things should be looking good. I installed five packages of bees April 22nd - 40° with a wind chill in the 20's. I had my fingers crossed the whole time that they would survive, and they did. They are going through feeders very fast. The queens are laying eggs, and the hives are starting to expand quite nicely. The workers are coming back loaded with pollen and nectar. Once they have a good source of nectar, I'll remove the feeders but will continue to observe when to add the second box. Remember that bees swarm in May. This is because the hives are expanding rapidly, brood chambers are becoming crowded, and bees are working hard to fill the supers with honey. If not enough space has been provided, a signal is broadcast through the colony and could lead to a swarm. It is up to you to have a swarm management program in effect.

Those of you into your second year of beekeeping and beyond should have honey supers on. This will help increase space in your hive and give your bees a place to store honey.

As I write this article, our "5th Annual Field Day and Conference" is just a short time away. We've got several great speakers lined up and a host of other things to peak your interest. I look forward to seeing you at our regular meeting and the conference.

Dennis

In Case you Missed it

At the April 2015 Meeting we discussed package bee installation. Bill Slovak and Tony Indovina shared their funny yet informative video of their first bee package installation.

Thank you Bill and Tony for sharing your experience with our new beekeepers.

Hopefully everyone has their bees installed and is enjoying this beautiful weather.



Miscellaneous Information

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Upcoming Events

GCBA Monthly Meeting May 13th 2015, 7PM
Apitherapy
Come hear Don Down's speak about Venom Therapy

5th Annual GCBA Conference and Field Day
Saturday May 16th 8 AM- 3:30 PM
Berea Fairgrounds
See website for details

21st Annual Queen Right Colonies Field Day
Saturday June 6th
Queen Right Colonies, Spencer Ohio
Details at www.loraincountybeekeepers.org

14th Annual Heartland Apicultural Society Conference
July 9th-11th 2015
Albion University, Michigan

Buzzin' Around the Web

How to root cuttings with honey – from www.gardeningknowhow.com

Did you know that honey may contain enzymes for promoting root growth in plants? It's true. Many people have found success with using honey to root cuttings. Perhaps you can give it a try, too. Keep reading to learn more about how to use honey for cuttings.

Honey as a Root Hormone

We all know that honey has many health benefits. It is, after all, a natural antiseptic and contains antifungal properties – both of which are believed to be one of the reasons honey as a [root hormone](#) ^[2] seems to work so well.

In addition to containing possible rooting agents, it is thought that honey for cuttings helps guard against bacterial or fungal problems, allowing the little cuttings to remain healthy and strong.

Honey Plant Growth Recipe

If you're willing to give this natural means for rooting a try, then you'll likely find more than a few recipes floating around, all of which can be used. That said, you might want to experiment to find the one that works well for you, yielding the best results. Some people have even added honey to [willow water](#) ^[3] to aid in rooting. But just to get you started, here's one of the more basic ones that I have come across using a 1:3 ratio of honey to water (this can be adjusted as necessary).

- **1 cup honey**
 - Pure, or raw, honey is said to be better than regular store-bought honey (which has been processed) and yields the greatest results.
- **3 cups boiling water**
 - Mix the honey with your boiling water and allow to cool. Place this mixture in an airtight container (such as a mason jar) until ready to use, storing it somewhere away from light.

How to Root Cuttings with Honey

When you're ready to begin using honey to [root cuttings](#) ^[4], you will need to first prepare your cuttings and potting medium. Your cuttings should be anywhere from 6-12 inches in length and cut on about a 45-degree angle.

Now simply dip each cutting into the honey mixture and then stick them into your selected [potting medium](#) ^[5]. Honey for cuttings has been found effective using a number of potting mediums, including soil, water and even rockwool.

- For soil-based mediums, it's easiest to poke a hole for each cutting with a pencil (or your finger) for insertion. Also, make sure to keep your soil moist. (If desired, you may cover with ventilated plastic) The same concept would also apply to your [soilless mediums](#) ^[5].
- When [rooting in water](#) ^[6], put your cutting directly into the water immediately following its placement in the honey.
- Finally, rockwool planting mediums should be well saturated and deep enough to support your cuttings.

Once all of your cuttings have been dipped and placed into their potting medium, simply wait for your cuttings to begin rooting, which should be within a week or so.

[1] The Bulb-o-licious Garden: <http://www.lulu.com/spotlight/niphapps70>

[2] root hormone: <http://www.gardeningknowhow.com/garden-how-to/info/root-stimulating-hormone.htm>

[3] willow water: <http://www.gardeningknowhow.com/garden-how-to/projects/making-willow-water.htm>

[4] root cuttings: <http://www.gardeningknowhow.com/garden-how-to/projects/rooting-plant-cuttings.htm>

[5] potting medium: <http://www.gardeningknowhow.com/garden-how-to/soil-fertilizers/soilless-growing-mediums.htm>

[6] rooting in water: <http://www.gardeningknowhow.com/garden-how-to/projects/growing-houseplants-in-water.htm>

Propolis for Hair Growth?

A study published in the December 2014 *Journal of Agriculture and Food Chemistry* indicates that propolis has promise as a new therapy for hair loss. Researchers from Hokkaido University in Japan tested propolis on shaven and waxed mice. The mice that received the propolis treatment regrew their fur faster than the mice that did not receive the treatment. The researchers also noticed that after the topical application of propolis, the number of special cells involved in the process of growing hair increased.

Although the study involved mice that could grow fur rather than balding mice, the researchers note that hair loss conditions often results from abnormal inflammation. Propolis contains anti-inflammatory compounds and these compounds have the potential to reverse hair loss due to balding. Propolis aids in the growth of keratinocytes – cells that are a component in the hair shaft and follicle production.

The Hokkaido University research team is continuing this research on human hair follicles in vitro with a subsequent clinical trial. The team is also looking into the effects of adding propolis to Rogaine.



Treasurer's Report

April 2015

Beginning Balance.....\$15,008.33

Payables:

None for the month of April

Receivables:

Memberships:

Renewals (5) \$100.00

Total: \$100.00

Books (Beekeeping for Dummies)

\$ 138.00

Total: \$138.00

Raffles:

Hive with Bees \$62.00

Extractor \$95.00

50/50 \$38.00

Total: \$175.00

Ending Balance.....\$15,421.33

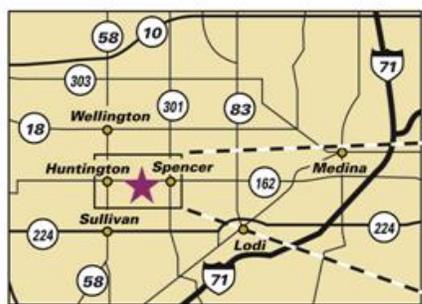


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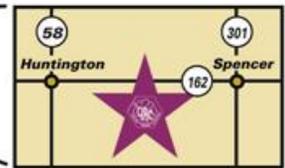
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