



Greater Cleveland  
Beekeepers Association  
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# THE HONEYBEE TIMES

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**Meeting is Wednesday, November 13, 2019**

**Cleveland Metroparks Rocky River Nature Center**  
**Doors open at 6:30pm for snacks and socializing.**  
**Meeting begins at 7:00pm.**

**November 13, 2019**

All you want to know about propolis

Jeannie Saum, [Beepothecary](#) owner, will discuss methods of propolis collection, washing and cleaning. She will share information regarding health benefits of propolis and value added products you can make.

Sweet or savory snacks to share are always welcome!



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## President's Message

At the October meeting I asked for volunteers to assist teaching the 2020 GCBA Beginner Beekeeping Class and also volunteers to speak to scouts, garden clubs, youth groups etc. on behalf of GCBA. Thank you very much to the three members who approached me after the meeting and committed to helping. GCBA is more successful when members give a hand when they are able.

The November meeting includes board nominations. Our club belongs to the members. Board members step up to serve a term or more and volunteer their time to keep things moving along and fulfilling the mission of the club.

Board position descriptions are located on the next page of the newsletter. All Executive Board Seats are voted on yearly per GCBA By-Laws. Trustee seats come up for election every 3 years.

We need a few folks to step up to the board for 2020. Please consider giving some time to keep GCBA thriving for local beekeepers and the community at large.

I hope that you all are more knowledgeable and confident as beekeepers because you choose to participate in our club. I hope that you have prepared your hives for winter and that your bees come out next Spring healthy. It is not too early to start planning for the 2020 season.

See you Wednesday!

Annette

## *GCBA Board Position General Descriptions*

### **PRESIDENT**

The Greater Cleveland Beekeepers Association President is responsible for leading and purposefully guiding the club in the goals and mission set forth by the membership in its' governing documents. The President directs, monitors and initiates activities that will positively impact the beekeeping membership and community.

### **VICE-PRESIDENT**

The Greater Cleveland Beekeepers Association Vice President provides support to the President, GCBA Officers and the membership. The Vice-President assists the President in all duties when required or requested.

### **TREASURER**

The Greater Cleveland Beekeepers Association Treasurer is responsible for the collection and disbursement of all club monies. The Treasurer is responsible for keeping accurate books that will enable him/her to give a full financial report whenever requested.

### **SECRETARY**

The Greater Cleveland Beekeepers Association Secretary is responsible for recording and maintaining meeting minutes, membership information, and attendance.

### **TRUSTEE**

The Greater Cleveland Beekeepers Association Trustees provide support and assistance to both the elected officers and the membership at meetings, public events and club events.

## *How much do you like to talk about bees?*

As a club we are getting more regular requests for speakers for groups like garden clubs, girl scouts, community events, etc. We would like to put together a list of names of members who are interested in representing GCBA in this capacity. The club owns display items for show and tell and has literature that can be shared. We are thinking about creating a general outline of basic topics to cover if it is a more formal presentation. If you are interested in participating in this group, either as a speaker, to create an outline or to manage the schedule requests and speakers, please talk to Janice or Annette.



### *In the Hive*

Do the girls have enough food? Too cold this week, but next week we will be in the 40's again. It is ok to pop open the lid and put on a candy board or fondant if your hive is not heavy with food for the next few months. If in doubt, err on the side of caution and give them resources. If they do not need them, they will not eat them. If they do need them you may have saved your hive.

### *Elections*

Elections will be held at the December meeting. This is also our year end wrap up and potluck dinner. Please, plan to attend. The club will supply paper products, beverages and protein. Bring a dish to share along with a serving utensil.

### *New Address*

GCBA has a new mailing address:

Greater Cleveland Beekeepers Association  
P.O. Box 26251  
Fairview Park, OH 44126

### **Interesting Articles:**

[Extracts of Polypore Mushroom Mycelia Reduce Viruses in Honey Bees](#)

[Propolis and bee health: the natural history and significance of resin use by honey bees](#)

[A Line on Life](#)

[Colony Size, Rather Than Geographic Origin of Stocks, Predicts Overwintering Success in Honey Bees \(Hymenoptera: Apidae\) in the Northeastern United States](#)

[Influence of Honey Bee Genotype and Wintering Method on Wintering Performance of Varroa destructor \(Parasitiformes: Varroidae\)-Infected Honey Bee \(Hymenoptera: Apidae\) Colonies in a Northern Climate](#)

**Anytime is a great time to catch up on educational materials.**

### **Resources:**

Got mites? Not sure? What to do? Check out your options all in one place:

[Varroa Management Decision Tool](#)

Bee book resource

<https://www.northernbeebooks.co.uk/>

Research based information from America's land-grant universities. This is a national bee health website.

[http://articles.extension.org/bee\\_health](http://articles.extension.org/bee_health)

Ohio Farm Bureau, Cuyahoga County Chapter

<https://ofbf.org/counties/cuyahoga/>

Check out BeeSpotter and see how many bumble bees you can identify!

<https://beespotter.org/topics/key/>

BeeSpotter is a partnership between citizen-scientists and the professional science community designed to educate the public about pollinators by engaging them in a data collection effort of importance to the nation. It is a web-based portal at the [University of Illinois](#) for learning about honey bees and bumble bees and for contributing data to a nationwide effort to collect baseline information on population status of these insects.

Thinking about planting more pollinator habitat? This may help you choose your plants.

<http://www.pollinator.org/bee-smart-app>

The Ohio State University Bee Lab has articles and webinars available, at your convenience, and is a great resource for new and experienced beekeepers.

<mailto:https://u.osu.edu/beelab/>

University of Minnesota has a comprehensive tool for bee disease and pests.

[https://www.beelab.umn.edu/sites/beelab.umn.edu/files/2016\\_disease\\_pdf\\_version\\_s.pdf](https://www.beelab.umn.edu/sites/beelab.umn.edu/files/2016_disease_pdf_version_s.pdf)

Bee Culture Magazine's Kim and Jim Show brings current technology, science and information to beekeepers with webinars. You can watch live and submit questions in real time, or watch later from their archives. <http://www.beeculture.com/kimandjimshow/>

If you come across any educational material you would like to share with the club, please let us know!  
[gcbaeditor@gmail.com](mailto:gcbaeditor@gmail.com)

Recipe of the Month

Thyme Cakes

## INGREDIENTS

### For Thyme Cakes:

1/2 stick butter, browned	2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
3/4 cup + 1 T honey	1/2 cup sugar
2 eggs	1/2 tsp. baking soda
1/2 cup milk	2 T lemon zest
1/2 tsp. lemon oil	3/4 tsp. vanilla extract
12 sprigs of thyme	

### For Honey Glaze:

1/2 cup honey  
2 T butter  
2 T brown sugar

## DIRECTIONS

Brown butter in small pot. Then add sprigs of thyme to butter. Let butter cool.

Combine all wet ingredients and whisk. Sift flour before combining dry ingredients.

Fold wet ingredients into dry and add the butter. Portion into silicone bread molds with two scoops each.

Bake at 330°F for 22 to 25 minutes.

Make honey glaze by combining all ingredients together in a saucepan on low heat. Whisk until sugar is melted and everything is combined.

After cakes and glaze have cooled, brush glaze on the top of cakes.

*This recipe was created by Megan Forman of Gracious Bakery for the National Honey Board.*

Interested is GCBA swag?



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*HomeTown Threads of North Olmstead is the source!*  
[Order Your GCBA Swag Here](#)

## **GCBA Meeting and Events**

**December Membership Meeting**

December 11th

Elections, Holiday Gathering

Our annual year end wrap up! Come and enjoy a meal and share stories of your hives this year. Please, bring a salad, side dish, or desert with a serving utensil to share. GCBA will provide meat and vegetarian entrée selections.

Rocky River Nature Center

6:30pm – 9:00pm

**January Membership Meeting**

January 8th

Annual "Best Flavor" Honey Competition for members

Ann Cicarella, Landscape Designer, OSU Certified Pollinator Education,

Rocky River Nature Center

6:30pm – 9:00pm

**February Membership Meeting**

No meeting, but all members are welcome to attend one or all of the Beginner Beekeeping Classes which are held each Wednesday evening in February from 6:30 – 9:00pm

Rocky River Nature Center

**March Membership Meeting**

March 11th

Dave Noble, Stratford Ecological Center Apiarist, will outline how to create an overall 'plan' for the year; how to use that plan to make monthly and even weekly plans. He will also discuss at how to change and adapt your plan based on climate, weather and other conditions.

Rocky River Nature Center

6:30pm – 9:00pm

**April Membership Meeting**

April 8th

Allyson May will cover splits and swarms. What to look for as a new beekeeper and options with an overwintered hive.

Rocky River Nature Center

6:30pm – 9:00pm

**Other Meeting and Events**

**November 18, 2019      Medina County Beekeepers Association Monthly Meeting**

Monday, 7:00 – 9:00 pm (Q & A Session 6:30 to 7:00 pm)

Speaker - Dwight Wells - Preserving Honey Bees in Ohio

<https://medinabeekeepers.com/>

## Classified Ads

Any member in good standing may place an ad for beekeeping related items for sale or trade once a quarter free of charge. This ad will not exceed 1/8<sup>th</sup> of a page in size. Additional ads will be subject to advertisement fees.

Advertisement Fee Schedule:

1/8<sup>th</sup> Page: \$5 month, 1/4<sup>th</sup> Page: \$7 month, Half Page: \$10 month, Full Page \$15

Please note: Information posted is a courtesy to GCBA Members and/or a paid advertisement for business entities. GCBA does not endorse or guarantee quality or pricing. Used foundation should not be sold and will not be advertised. Used woodenware cannot be certified free of some diseases like American Foulbrood. Be very cautious when purchasing any used woodenware products. Please, contact the individual or business for details.