

THE BEE HERDER

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Monday, November 21

WILLIAMS ON THE LAKE

787 Lafayette Road Medina OH 44256

Topic: Four Corner Demonstrations

Question and answer period begins at 6:30PM

Workstations 7PM-8:30 PM

John Vrchatnik and **Kate Reusch** will demonstrate how to make a Candy Board and Candy Bricks for supplemental feeding of your hives over the winter.



Peggy will setup several microscopes to view Varroa Mites. Up close and personal to view the varmint that are hurting your bees. See any with chewed legs? If you can bring a few mites you can check some of your own. Also, if you have had some dead bees or a hive that died recently, bring a small bag of the dead bees and Peggy will do a wash to check for mites.



Tim Moore will demonstrate how to treat your hives with Oxalic Acid. He will explain both methods – Vaporizing and the Drizzle Method, including the steps involved and the best time to treat with Oxalic Acid.



The **4th Station** will demonstrate how to prepare your hives for winter. This demo will include wrapping your hive, checking food supplies, and tips on winter feeding.



Ten Minutes with the Bees

by *Paul Kosmos, MCBA President*

The Bee Yard in November

November is a fairly quiet month, so I thought I'd talk about some fun stuff with the bees. Ever read about or see a nurse bee walking around with large white clumps on her side? That's a good nurse bee producing the wax the bees will use to build their comb.



Nurse Bee with Wax

Come winter when you walk out to check your bees, do you ever see yellow spots on the snow? It's bees taking a potty break. It's also why some wise beekeepers tell you not to hang out your laundry near your hives. Same thing can happen to your car if parked too close.



Don't Eat Yellow Snow!

Wondering if or when you will get honey from your bees? If you stay at it one day you will be rewarded, and chances are you won't know why it happened. Years ago, I had a nice hive that took off and never stopped. The hive produced 224 lbs. of honey. I needed five supers. Didn't do anything different (on purpose?), it just happened. Sure was fun!



Five Supers and a Step Stool!

One time I was feeding bees a little SS. Got to thinking about beekeepers who tell you SS is better for bees than honey in the winter (less waste material). So, I decided to dribble a little honey on top the inner cover about 4 inches from the feeding bees to test the theory.

It took only 11 seconds for **ALL** the bees to leave the SS and walk over to the honey. I rest my case!

Sometimes it's just watching the bees and noting what they are doing that is the most fun.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Burgh Bees Meet-Up

Monday, November 14, 2022

Hop Farm Brewery

7PM-8:30 PM

5601 Butler St. Pittsburgh, PA 15201

Topic: Spotted Lanternfly Discussion

For the past two beekeeping seasons, the presence of the Spotted Lanternfly (*Lycorma delicatula*) has rapidly increased in the greater Pittsburgh area, affecting the local beekeeping community in a number of ways. Join Burgh Bees Director and Certified Master Beekeeper Christina Neumann at Hop Farm in Lawrenceville for an open discussion on SLF's impact, from both horticultural and apicultural perspectives. Bring a 1-1.5 ounce jar of your fall honey reserves to be included in the honey swap.

To Register send an email to
jeff@burghbees.com

MCBA November Meeting

Monday, November 21

Williams on the Lake

7PM-8:30 PM

787 Lafayette Rd, Medina OH 44256

Topic: Four Corner Demonstrations

MBCA Christmas Party

Monday, December 19, 2022

6PM-8:30 PM

Location TBD

MBCA January Meeting

Monday, January 16, 2023

Williams on the Lake

7PM-8:30 PM

787 Lafayette Rd, Medina OH 44256

Topic: TBD

Western Pennsylvania Beekeeping Seminar

February 10-11, 2023

Gateway High School

3000 Gateway Campus Blvd, Monroeville PA 15146

Featured speakers include

- Dr. Thomas Seeley – biologist, professor, and author
- Dr. Jay Hosler – biologist, cartoonist
- Dr. David Peck – Director of Research at Betterbee
- Dr. Robyn Underwood – Penn State Extension Educator
- Joe Zgurzynski – Master Beekeeper, Educator
- Randy McCracken – Owner, Red Diamond Honeybees
- Roxanne Swan – Botanist, horticulturist

[Click here for registration information](#)

Ag Day

We received several thank you notes from our friends at the OSU Extension. Thank you to those who took time to volunteer – we are already looking forward to helping out next year!

October Meeting Recap

The Club was fortunate to have **Joe Kovalsky** deliver an excellent talk on Comb Management at the October meeting. Joe covered a number of topics, including a general timeline for cycling out comb (every three to five years to combat pesticide buildup), how to encourage the bees to continue building comb, frame rotation, and wax moth management. Joe is an excellent speaker, well-prepared, and always entertaining!



Honeybee Behavior

MCBA Member **Kim Lucas** shared this interesting article about honeybee flight.

The remarkable distance honeybees actually fly from [Honey Bee Suite](#)

Coldbuster Tea Recipe

It's that time of year, when colds start making the rounds. When I hear my husband or kids start coughing, I mix up a double batch of this tea. – **Deanna Rasch**

3 cups water

3 garlic cloves, peeled and cut in half

1/2 cup honey

1/2 cup fresh lemon juice

In a saucepan, bring the water and garlic to a boil. While the water heats, juice the lemons and strain the seeds. When the water boils, turn off the heat and add the honey, stirring to dissolve. Strain the honey/garlic/water mixture into a glass jar and add the lemon juice. Cover and refrigerate. Reheat and sip 4-6 ounces several times a day.



Do you have a recipe to share? Please email to president@medinabeekeepers.com or deanna.rasch@proton.me

2022 MCBA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL

MCBA offers webinars and lectures, a monthly newsletter, the opportunity to sell honey at the county fair, and email updates. \$20 for emailed or \$25 for a printed, mailed newsletter. Membership includes one family member in activities other than voting.

Renew your membership [online here](#) or complete the form below, make a check payable to **Medina County Beekeepers Association**, and mail to Medina Beekeepers, PO BOX 1353, Medina, Ohio 44258.

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