

# THE BEE HERDER

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Join the MCBA to take advantage of a great lineup of virtual speakers. Start or renew your membership [online here](#) or by sending in the membership form included later in this newsletter.

## ***January 18, 7:00 PM - virtual Zoom Meeting – Emily Mueller, Beekeeping in the City***

Emily Mueller started Mueller Honey Bee Rescue in 2013 after seeing a need to publicize the importance of rescuing swarms within cities. Advocating for beekeepers, Emily has assisted several local zoning and council boards in developing safe beekeeping ordinances to allow for hives for hobbyists.

Focusing on education and teaching new beekeepers, Emily served as the Medina County and Summit County Apiary Inspector to expand her own education. Having served on the board of Summit County Beekeeper's Association in different positions for several years, she still teaches and works with many local programs and educational centers. Emily has advocated for beekeeping within cities for several Ordinance cases, allowing apiary practices to teach students through her YouTube channel as well as her Facebook and Instagram accounts. Her desire is to educate the public on the importance of honey bees through advocacy and public demonstration.

Learn more at <https://www.muellerhoneybee.org/>



## **The Northeast Ohio Bee Yard – January**

- When temperatures are 50 degrees or warmer, peek under the inner cover. If the bees are clustered at the top, it might mean that they have eaten through the bottom box and could run short on stores. Consider putting on a winter patty, fondant, or other emergency food. Prepare the emergency food and all equipment that you will need so that you can quickly add the food without letting in too much cool air and disturbing the cluster.
- This time of year, when there is very little brood, is a good time to treat with vaporized oxalic acid. Vaporize monthly through the winter. As days have been lengthening after December 21, the queen has been slowly starting to build out the brood nest. Mites in the hive will begin to reproduce under the capped brood. Act now so that your colony comes into the spring with as few mites as possible.
- Protect your hives from the winter elements: wrap your hives with tar paper or insulation board, place a piece of insulation board between the inner cover and top cover, and place a heavy rock or brick on top of hives to keep the lid from flying off in a heavy wind.

## **Medina County Soil and Water Conservation District Seedling Sale**

Visit <https://medinaswcd.org/seedlings/> to see this year's offerings, which include trees, garden kits, bluebird houses, wildflower and cover crop seeds, and mushroom kits. Deadline for orders is April 2, 2021, but often seedlings sell out before that date.

## **Learning Opportunities**

### *Ohio State Beekeeping Association (OSBA) Live Webinar Training*

The Ohio State Beekeeper's Association holds free, live Zoom conference calls on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month from 7:00-8:30 pm. [Information about the webinar series can be found at this link.](#) Upcoming speakers include Mrs. Jennifer Berry – Oxalic Treatment **January 24, 2021.**

### *Ohio State University Living Landscape Speaker Series*

Join fellow gardeners and nature enthusiasts to learn to transform your landscape for beauty and nature.

- January 22<sup>nd</sup>. 1PM Marne Titchenell: Enhancing Your Landscape for Birds and Other Wildlife
- January 29<sup>th</sup>. 10AM Debra Knapke: Eco-Conscious Gardening: From Concept to Design
- February 6<sup>th</sup>, 10AM Rick Darke: Dynamic Design and The Art of Observation

All sessions are free via Zoom, but preregistration is required: <https://u.osu.edu/certify/living-landscape-speaker-series/>

## **Medina County District Library (MCDL) New Book Suggestions**

Enjoy a set of book selections chosen for our members by the MCDL.

## **2021 MCBA Membership Application / Renewal**

It's time to update your 2021 memberships. MCBA offers members webinars and lectures by local and national beekeeping experts organized by the MCBA and other bee clubs, a monthly newsletter, and email updates with timely information. Membership is \$20 for emailed newsletters or \$25 for a printed newsletter mailed to your postal address. Membership provides one vote in MCBA club matters and 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.

**Membership Form** - Please complete so that we have current roster information for the newsletters!

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail: (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ (Optional) # of colonies: \_\_\_\_\_

## **MCBA's 2021 Beginner Beekeeping Class**

The 2021 beginner beekeeping class starts soon. Classes will be held primarily virtually, using Zoom, combined with some videos where applicable. Class sessions will be February 13, 20, and 27; March 13 and 20; and June 6, 2021. Learn more and register on the website: [www.medinabeekeepers.com](http://www.medinabeekeepers.com) Tell all your friends!

## **Club History – First Issues of the Bee Herder**

The first two issues of the MCBA newsletter- February 1990 and May 1990 follow. Much thanks to Jeff Ott to finding them and sharing them with the club. Catch up with Jeff, the first newsletter editor, on the Beekeeping Today podcast, which he co-hosts with Kim Flottum.