

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/>



2021 Northeast Ohio Pollinator Symposium

WINTER SERIES

Stay warm at home and think spring with these great winter Wednesday webinars.
They start at 7 PM.

February 3rd

- “Why Native Plants Matter to Bees and Other Wildlife”
presented by Denise Ellsworth, Program Director of Pollinator Education, OSU

February 17th

- “Invasives-Identification, Eradication, and Native Alternatives”
presented by Rees Davis, Master Gardener, and Andrew Holden, Educator, Ag & Natural Resources for CFAES Ashtabula County OSU Extension

March 3rd

- “Who are the (Non Bee) Pollinators in Your Neighborhood?”
presented by Judy Semroc, CMNH Conservation Specialist

March 17th

- “Harvesting and Planting Native Seeds”
presented by Red Beet Row, Agroecology Education Farm

March 31st

- “Our Pollinator Picks for Your Native Garden”
presented by Encie Moroski, Master Gardener
and Carol Blake, Master Gardener



Register now at go.osu.edu/neops

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

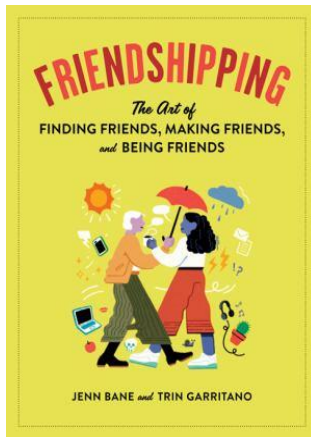
Medina County District Library (MCDL) New Book Suggestions

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



Medina County District Library

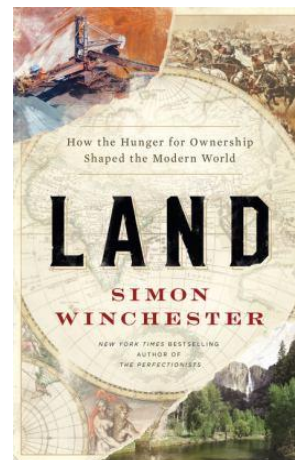
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Friendshipping: The Art of Finding Friends, Making Friends, and Being Friends

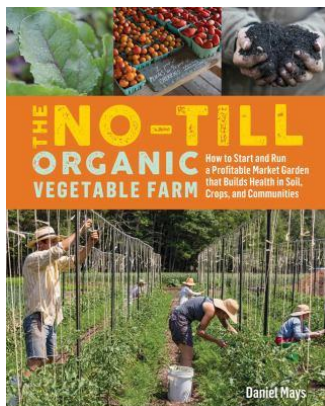
By Jenn Bane and Trin Garritano

A guide to friendship in modern, busy lives.



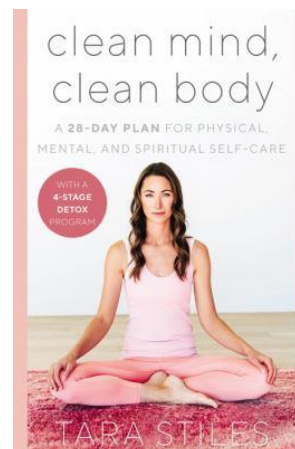
Land: How the Hunger for Ownership Shaped the Modern World

By Simon Winchester
An exploration of the earth under our feet and humanity's quest for dominion over it.



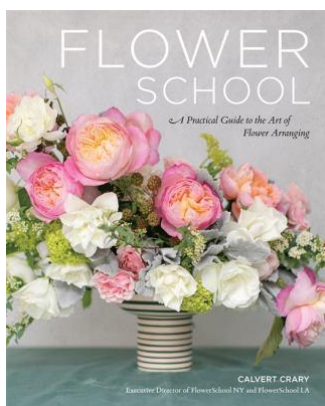
The No-Till Organic Vegetable Farm: How to Start and Run a Profitable Market Garden That Builds Health in Soil, Crops, and Communities

By Daniel Mays



Clean Mind, Clean Body: A 28-Day Plan for Physical, Mental, and Spiritual Self-Care

By Tara Stiles
Clear out toxins from mind and body and reset integrity using Stiles' straightforward approach.



Flower School: A Practical Guide to the Art of Flower Arranging

By Calvert Cray
Step-by-step instructions for beautiful designs.



Modern Comfort Food

By Ina Garten
The Barefoot Contessa returns with a warm and intimate collection of updated comfort food to prepare at home.

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 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.

THE MEDINA COUNTY BEEKEEPER'S ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 1990

VOL.1 NUM.1

What is this Newsletter?

Welcome to the first edition of the Medina County Beekeeper's Association's Newsletter. This newsletter is intended to keep our members informed and up to date with association news, events and other information pertinent to our area beekeepers.

It was decided at the February 18, 1990 meeting that paid and Honorary Lifetime members would receive these newsletters, while those whose membership dues had lapsed would only receive the meeting notice cards. However, those who had paid their 1989 dues would receive the February and March newsletters.

If you have an idea for an article or would be willing to submit a small article, news event, classified ad, or other information for members, I welcome it! This newsletter is for YOU! If you have any suggestions, please send them to me or see me at the meetings.

February 18,
1990

This overview of the association meeting is not to serve as the official meeting minutes, but to highlight the meeting's happenings and other items of general interest.

Our guest speaker was Mr. Kim Flottum, editor of *Gleanings in Bee Culture*. His presentation covered the latest industry notes and updates. Of particular interest were:

- * The Africanized Honey Bee (AHB) is now approximately 150 miles south of the Texas boarder.
- * With the advent of the AHB and the need for the increased use of pesticides within the hive to combat the Varroa and Tracheal mites, a national certification of beekeepers is on the horizon.
- * Mr. Flottum stated that areas of the West have reported 30-60% (and some greater!) losses due to the Tracheal Mite already this Winter!

If you missed this meeting, you missed an enlightening presentation! Thank you Mr. Flottum!

- Hive Hints -

Do you have Varroa Mites? Here's a quick check method. Spray a white sheet of paper with PAM and place inside hive on the bottom board. With a handful of "Prince Albert in a Can" pipe tobacco in your smoker, generously smoke entrance to the hive. Plug hive for 10 minutes. Remove plug and examine paper closely for the small varroa mite. The presence of even 1 mite will mean the hive is infested.

----- Kim Flottum

Classified Ads

- * Do you have used or unwanted equipment for sale? Let me know. We can list it in the newsletter.
- * Send in a 1 or 2 line description with the price, your name and phone number.

Next Meeting: March 18 at 2:00 pm in the A.I. Root conference room.

Tri-County Meeting at ATI in Wooster on March 3 starting at 8 am. \$4.00.

-- Jeff Ott 1189 State Rd.,
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Association Meeting: April 16, 1990

Listed below are general items of interest and are not intended to replace the official meeting minutes.

The Association President, John Muren was able to borrow from ATI in Wooster a 30 minute video tape on Honeybees and Pesticides. This video was produced in Wisconsin, where enough Honey Bee poisonings have occurred that there is a growing conflict between growers/packers and the beekeepers. The one point that the video stressed, which is common sense in any conflict between parties, is to keep a line of communications open. The beekeepers of the affected areas have an agreement with the growers to be given a 24 hour notice before spraying. The beekeepers must inform the growers the locations of their beeyards.

This has been only somewhat beneficial. The growers have an 'emergency clause' in which they can spray without giving notice to the beekeepers. According to the growers, the beekeepers are not

supplying the beeyard locations.

The important point for us to remember and try and use is to open lines of communication with our area farmers and public in general. Talk to the farmer and find out if he plans on spraying this year, and then what. Then asked to be given a call 24 hours in advance so you can try and protect your bees.

Wicwas Press is due to release a new book on Pesticides titled: **Pollinator Protection: A Bee & Pesticide Handbook.** This book promises to be beneficial in this struggle, but at last check, the book was still not released. According to a Wicwas Press spokesman, it is now scheduled for release in early June.

Walt Says...

Walter Thomas, one of our trusted long time beekeepers said that he's already seen Queen cells in some hives. With this early warm weather, and all the blooms, the hives are packed with nectar and pollen. Walter warns that the hives will all need to be supered earlier this season!

Be on the look out for early swarms.

Walter also reminds us that if you haven't already, you should reverse the two brood chambers. Put the bottom one on top. The bottom hive body is generally empty by the end of the winter and the Queen has begun laying in the upper. She won't go down to the lower, even though it is empty. The bees will 'sense' running out of room and make preparations to leave, ie: Swarm. Therefore if you do nothing else to prevent your bees from swarming, by reversing the brood chambers in the spring, you've accomplished the most for the least amount of work!

Bee Journal Discounts!

By being a member of the Medina County Beekeepers Association you are eligible for discounts on the following magazine: **Gleanings in Bee Culture**, **American Bee Journal**, and **The Speedy Bee**. Talk to Anne Pemberton at the next meeting for more information.

Future Meetings

May 22, 1990 - 7:30

NOTE: THIS IS A TUESDAY MEETING!!!

Due to a scheduling conflict on our regular Monday night room, we were forced to move the May meeting to TUESDAY.

Meeting topic: Hour long video from ATI in Wooster.

June 18, 1990 - 7:30 pm

County Administration
Building
Choral Room

Speaker: Jim Thompson -
"Displaying Honey for Fairs
and Contests."

August 20, 1990

County Administration
Building
Choral Room

Speaker: Byrl Nelson
Medina County Bee
Inspector

Field Day and Family Picnic!

June 10, 1990 (Rain Date
July 1) B.Y.O.BEE

To be held at Russ Riopelle's
home in Valley City.

Watch for more informa-
tion or attend the next
meeting.

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This-n-Thats:

ATI is conducting two 'short
courses' this summer. They
each are 2 days in length
and taught by Dr. James
Tew.

June 9 & 10 - Bee Diseases
June 29 & 30 - Basic
Beekeeping

The courses cost approxi-
mately \$100.00, but are well
worth it. The information
is up to date and the
experience is invaluable.
There will be more
information available at
the next meeting.

Remember, if you are not
on the list for swarms and
you want a swarm or two,
talk to Delos Mellert at the
next meeting!

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