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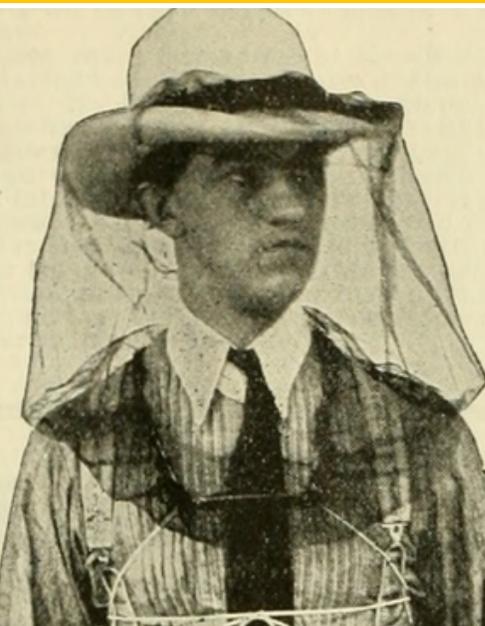
A Message from Our President

Hello, and welcome to Fair Week! Just a short note as we head into August and autumn. First off, a **GIANT THANK YOU** to all our volunteers for our booth at the 2023 Cuyahoga County Fair. Another **GIANT THANK YOU** to all other volunteers. Whether it is for helping beautify the Bee Yard, manning an info table at a festival, or everything in between, you and your efforts are very much appreciated, and we would not be successful without you.

For all those volunteers for the Fair, you can either pick up your tickets from me Wednesday or, if you are volunteering before then, your tickets will be left for you at gate 3. See below for the location of gate 3.

Finally, we will be having a meeting during the Fair in the Bee Barn. Our own Charles Heaton will be our presenter sharing some delicious recipes made with honey.

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Inspector's Corner

Hello Everyone,

It's been a long, hot month. I found a lot of mites in hives this last month, you need to treat or you could lose your hives! Make sure you have water for the girls, your neighbors will thank you! Remember to help with ventilation of your hives, maybe by pulling white boards or propping the top cover open a bit. When it's toasty outside your bees might be a little aggressive, so always wear your veil - better safe than sorry!

Thanks,
Phil BARTOSH
Cuyahoga County Apiary Inspector

President's Message *continued...*

Access to the meeting and the Fair is complementary starting at 6pm. You **MUST** enter at gate 3 which is the parking lot off Eastland Rd at E. Center St. We will have a membership list at that gate for verification into the Fair. Feel free to wander the Fair prior to and after our meeting.

I look forward to seeing you all and good luck to all who are getting ready for Back-to-School like me!

Mike Alonso
President of GCBA



Cuyahoga County Fair 2023

Events to look forward to!

- GCBA's table and related events will be located in barn #30!
- Fair entry judging results are on display every day! Come see the winning entries for honey, beeswax, extracting frames, recipes, and much more!
- 1:30pm daily: beekeeping Q&A hosted by our own GCBA volunteers!
- 5:00pm daily Wednesday - Saturday: honey extraction demonstrations
- Wednesday 7-9pm member meeting, including a honey drink and granola recipe demonstration by Charles Heaton

Bee Yard & Barn Beautification Project



The Bee Yard and Barn Beautification project has been a goal for close to 2 years now. As of yesterday, the crowning touch was finally in place - the black aluminum fencing and gate, made possible by Superior Fence and Rail in Middleburg Heights! They generously donated the entire fence for the project.

We really appreciate the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds and its directors for providing us with all the opportunities we have to promote and educate everyone about the necessity of Honeybees and pollinators, including the importance of good environments and resources for them all to flourish in.

Opening day of the Cuyahoga Country Fair is August 8th, please be sure to come visit building #30 to see all the new additions to the Garden and Barn! We can truly be proud of our home at Gate 3.

Special Thanks to Dennis Eck, Fair board director, Wayne Shook, Belmont Correctional institute, and to all the members and Friends of GCBA. Working with the GCBA Board of Directors has been a lot of fun. The membership's enthusiasm is unmatched and I have appreciated the opportunity be a part of this.

Kindly,
Sheila St.Clair
Bee yard and Barn Beautification Director

Honeybee Facts

- Bees have 5 eyes! Two you are able to see. The other 3 are much smaller and are in the center of their forehead.
- Bees know the polarity of the sun, even when it is cloudy out and it is how they set their internal GPS.
- A bee's brain is about the size of a sesame seed, but they have remarkable memories and are quick to learn things!
- Bees have 2 stomachs! One is used to digest food and the other is for the nectar they collect and bring back to the hive.
- Bees have heightened senses. Their sense of smell is 100x more powerful than a human to help them detect nectar and pollen.

Before



After





Honey & Cola Pull-Apart Cake

In memory of Gayle Bartosh - Best of Show Cuyahoga County Fair 2016

Instructions:

- Preheat oven to 375 ° Fahrenheit
- Grease pan with canola oil.
- Combine flour, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon, allspice and salt.
- Combine honey and sugar.
- Wisk honey/sugar blend with eggs, two at a time, and mix in cola and vanilla. Mix until smooth.
- Fold in blended dry ingredients.
- Pour into prepared baking pan.
- Bake for ~45 minutes, until cake is springy to touch and pulls away slightly from edge of pan.
- Allow to cool in pan 30 min.
- Remove from pan, allow to cool. Brush with honey to glaze.

Ingredients:

- 3-1/2 cups AP Flour
- 2 tsp Baking Powder
- 1/2 tsp Baking Soda
- 1 tsp Cinnamon
- 1 tsp Allspice
- 1/2 tsp Kosher Salt
- 2 cups Honey
- 1 cup Sugar
- 4 Eggs
- 1/2 cup Flat Cola
- 1 tsp Vanilla Extract

Yield:

- 1 Bundt Pan or 2 Loaf Pans
- If using honeycomb pull-apart pan, use 3/4 recipe



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The Greater Cleveland Beekeepers Association supports, educates, and connects both beekeepers and aspiring beekeepers alike through classes and monthly meetings.

