



*Greater Cleveland  
Beekeepers  
Association*



December 2023

## the HONEYBEE TIMES



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### **A Message from Our President**

Season's Greetings and Happy Holidays,

It is crazy to think the year is almost over! I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and have an even better holiday season. As we wrap up the year, I'd like to remind everyone of the upcoming board elections at the **Holiday Party on December 13th**. Please remember access to parking and Building 25 will be limited to the small driveway located on University St. just west of Pleasant Ave. I hope to see you all there.

I also have good news for those of you who would like to enthusiastically display your membership and affiliation with our organization.

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## Winter Honeybee Facts

- Honeybees keep the inside temperature of their winter cluster at 95 degrees.
- Wind-driven cold is the most harmful factor that results in bee deaths in cold climates.
- A bee will not die until its body temperature reaches 41 degrees or lower.
- Winter bees have a completely different make-up than summer bees and can live up to 6 months!
- The only time a bee leaves the hive in the winter is when the temperature climbs to 55 or higher for a cleansing flight (in other words, to go to the bathroom).

## President's Message *continued...*

The link for our spirit wear is now up! Please head to the following link to check out our initial selection of apparel. [Greater Cleveland Bee Keepers Association](#)

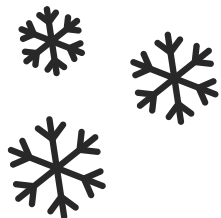
Our selections are currently limited but we can always change things or add more. If there are any suggestions or requests, please message me and I will see what we can do!

Finally, some bee talk. As we head into these times of extended low temperatures, please make sure your bees have their supplemental feed. A candy board, winter patty, fondant, whatever you add will greatly increase your colonies' chances of survival through these winter months. Make sure your your hives are protected from the wind as much as possible. Lastly, keep an eye on the weather forecast and utilize those rare, warm weather days to check, treat, add feed, etc.

I wish you, your families, and your colonies a happy and healthy holiday season and I look forward to seeing you all soon!

**Mike Alonso**  
*President of GCBA*





## December Member Meeting & Holiday Party

**When:** Wednesday, December 13th - 6:30pm

**Where:** Building 25 - Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds

**Elections:** Come cast your vote for the 2024 GCBA Board members

**Food:** Please bring a side dish or dessert to share!

**What:** Music, games, raffles, and prizes!

**White Elephant:** Bring a white elephant gift to exchange if you would like. You have to give a gift to get a gift.

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 1/8th of a page in size.

Additional ads will be subject to advertisement fees.

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Schedule:

1/8th Page: \$5 month,

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Half Page: \$10 month,

Full Page: \$15 month

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Happy Holidays!





## Sweet Honey Mulled Wine

Recipe by Chef Charles Heaton

### Instructions:

- Combine ingredients in an appropriate sized saucepan.
- Heat to approximately 150F to 160F, stirring occasionally to dissolve the honey.
- Allow to steep and serve with desired garnishes.

### Garnish suggestions:

- Orange slices
- Cranberries
- Raisins
- Apple slices

### Ingredients:

- 750ml Bottle of full-bodied red wine
- 3/4 cup Honey
- 3/4 cup Water
- 1 Fresh Cinnamon stick (or two)
- 3 Whole Cloves
- 3 Strips of Orange Zest
- Other potential spices: cardamom pods, star anise, black peppercorns, allspice berries



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