



Greater Cleveland
Beekeepers
Association



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the HONEYBEE TIMES



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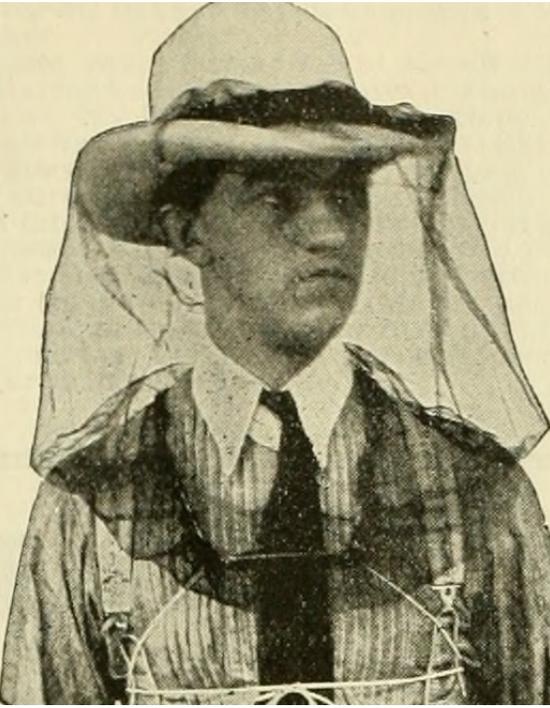
From the Vice President's Desk

Hello and Happy February, everyone!

For those of you who may not know me, I am Mike Alonso, your 2023 GCBA Vice President. This is my second year as a member of the GCBA and will be my second year of beekeeping. My wife, Sarah, and I started our beekeeping journey a year ago at the Beginner Beekeeping classes hosted annually by this association. So this month of February marks another year and another month of classes. As a board member and a fellow beekeeper, I would like to welcome our new members and learners to the captivating and fascinating world of beekeeping! To our returning members, welcome back! It is always nice to see familiar faces and hear your new stories.

February not only marks a new set of beginner beekeeping classes but also of new opportunities. Opportunities

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Inspector's Corner

Hello Everyone,
 Not much to report this month, one thing of interest is I have accepted the appointment as Cuyahoga County Apiary Inspector. It still has to be voted on by the Cuyahoga County Council and then by the State of Ohio Department of Agriculture. I will know more if I'm accepted by the County after the Council meeting on February 7th, and by the State before the end of this month.

Thanks,
Phil BARTOSH
*Cuyahoga County
 Apiary Inspector*

Vice President's Desk *continued*

to learn, to grow, to share, and to make new friends. Beginners, please learn as much as you can! Especially this month as you get flooded with all kinds of information. Don't forget to take notes and ask questions! Everyone, grow! Grow those pollinator gardens and grow those hives. Our planet depends on our little ladies keeping busy! Seasoned beekeepers, please share. Share some time, some knowledge, and some stories with the rest of us. Your experiences are valuable and our combined knowledge and experience makes us all better beekeepers. And make new friends! This is a great club with a wide assortment of personalities. There are friendships to be made everywhere. Lastly concerning our beginner beekeeping classes, we will be raffling off a beginner beekeeping kit, compliments of Queen Right Colonies. We will also have squares board for a basic 10 frame hive, compliments of Lil' Morsel Honey. And as always, we will have door prizes and our 50/50 raffle.

Just a few final messages in closing. We will be tending to some new hives in our bee yard and while we have volunteers to tend to them, we are always looking for any additional help within the yard. Whether it be with helping tend to the bees or assistance with the surrounding garden, any extra hands and smiling faces are always welcome. We are also looking for a newsletter editor. Please reach out to any board member for info on how you can get involved. Finally, spring is rapidly approaching! If you are in need of bees, please do your research and reach out to your preferred bee supplier and order your bees soon as quantities are always limited.

I look forward to seeing and meeting you all soon!

Mike

World Bee Day

I am sure you have heard that GCBA and the Cuyahoga County Fair Board are hosting the 2023 World Bee Day Event, May 19 and 20. What an honor! Now begins the planning stages.

Volunteers will be the most important part of all. In the early part of February there will be a walk through of the grounds for consideration of a best management plan for children, school buses, general public etc. We will start having WBD planning meetings soon, so keep an eye on your email box and newsletters for meeting times, etc.

Please help us make this a great event for all!



WORLD BEE DAY
fun day

Save the Bees
May 20 • World Bee Day

Celebrating the bees and other pollinators!

**Friday & Saturday,
May 19 -20, 2023
Cuyahoga County
Fairgrounds, Bldg #25**

World Bee Day celebration raises awareness on the essential role bees and other pollinators play in keeping people and the planet healthy, and on the many challenges they face today.

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Peanut Butter Cookies

INGREDIENTS

1 cup creamy peanut butter
1 cup honey
1 large egg
1½ teaspoon vanilla extract
½ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon baking soda
2 cups flour

INSTRUCTIONS

Preheat oven to 350°F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

In a large bowl or the bowl of a stand mixer, combine the peanut butter and honey. Beat until completely incorporated. Stir in egg and vanilla.

Add the salt, baking soda and flour. Mix until it comes together to form a dough.

Shape dough into small balls (about 1 tablespoon). Place balls on the prepared sheet.

Use a fork to lightly press each dough ball down.

Bake for 10-12 minutes until cookies become slightly golden brown.

Note: Be careful to not over-bake! Honey burns much more easily than sugar.

Remove from the oven and place cookies on a wire rack to cool.

By: Shana Archibald



GCBA EVENTS

Volunteer, Donate, Jump in and Give a Hand

- Monthly Member Meetings
- Field Day in May
- Picnic in July
- County Fair Booth in August
- Special Event in September
- Holiday Party in December
- Live Demonstrations Year Round



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. Advertisement Fee Schedule: 1/8th Page: \$5 month, 1/4th Page: \$7 month, Half Page: \$10 month, Full Page \$15 Please note: Information posted is a courtesy to GCBA Members and/or a paid advertisement for business entities. GCBA does not endorse or guarantee quality or pricing.

Cuyahoga County Fair 2023

Now that the New Year is before us, it is now time to start planning our Beekeeping year.

Expansion, consistency, health of bees, and the list goes on!

As we look down the calendar, we realize what a short window of opportunity we have to get a great deal done.

One of the items on our check list is to finally get some honey ready for the fair.

Enter to see what our scores might be and the quality of our exiting honey preparation.

Win a cash prize if we are so lucky to have the highest scores and possible a beautiful trophy that certainly comes with bragging rights.

Included in this newsletter, is the majority of information you will need to participate.

Each month at the regular meetings there will be a table of information regarding the fair, where you can get additional input on fair entries both specific and in general.

Start planning now and may the best beekeeper win!

See pages 6 -7 for Fair entry details and page 8 for entry form.





A Single Worker Bee Produces About .083 of a Teaspoon of Honey

For honey bees, there's power in numbers. From spring to fall, worker bees must produce about 60 pounds of honey to sustain the entire colony over the winter. At a rate of .083 (or 1/12th) of a teaspoon per bee, it takes tens of thousands of workers to get the job done.

thoughtco.com

The Pollinator Garden & Bee Yard

Spring is coming!

As of February 1, 2023 there are 47 days till Spring. Nature is very aware of this and you can see it and hear it everywhere.

Beekeepers, just like gardeners, are pacing with anticipation of what the year will bring.

GCBA is no different! Our Bee yard and Pollinator Garden await us and plans have begun to start the year off running.

Classes, bee yard events, World Bee Day, Fair, just to name a few.

Donation requests for flowering bushes or dwarf Ornamental flowering trees have been sent out. The Big pollinator sign will be placed in the garden soon.

If you have any donations such as a bird bath or large free standing decorative flower pots, let us know. Contact any of the board members.

Your input matters greatly. This is your organization, you are a part of it all!

Sheila St.Clair

Bee Yard and Barn Beautification Project 2023





**APIARY
BEES AND HONEY
DEPARTMENT 27**

BUILDING 33
DENNIS ECK
Director-At-Large

Overall Best of Show
Trophy and \$25.00 to be sponsored by
Queen Right Colonies

**Trophy for Classes
202, 203 & 204**
sponsored by Queen Right Colonies

**IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMES
BEES AND HONEY**

- Sat. before Fair - 12:00 Noon to 4:00P.M. - Entry Set-up
- Sun. before Fair - 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon - Entry Set-up
- Sun. of Fair - 8:30P.M. - 10:00P.M. - Entry Pick-up
(exhibitor tag required)

ENTRY RULES

1. Only one entry will be permitted by an exhibitor for any one premium and no two exhibits in the same class shall be made by the same person or any member of his/her family from the same apiaries, or apiary.
2. Honey judged on quality, cleanliness, color, aroma and moisture content.
3. Bees and Queen judged for evenness in color and form, general appearance and educational value to the public. Queen and her bees shown on a frame of brood in observation hive.
4. Sweetening used in baked goods and canned fruit must contain 50% honey. Recipe must be attached. Bring entry in zip-lock bag on disposable plate.
5. Sweetening used in Honey Candy must contain a minimum of one-sixth honey. Candy and baked goods must be displayed in plastic bags or well-covered with clean film.
6. Honey and honey products must be produced by the exhibitor within the past year - from fair year to fair year.
7. The judge(s) may award a lower class prize or no prize for entries that are substandard.
8. Honey may be purchased for products in Section 300.
9. Set up Saturday, Noon - 4:00 P.M. or Sunday 9:00 A.M. - Noon.
10. All exhibits/entries can be picked up on Sunday, the last day of the Fair, from 8:30 P.M. - 10:00 P.M. Exhibitor Tag required for pickup. Any exhibits not claimed will be disposed of at the discretion of the Director-At-Large or the Superintendent. Award ribbons not claimed will be available at the Fair Office the week following the Fair.

Cuyahoga County Fair & Exposition **2022**

HOME CANNING (continued)

RULES

1. Space is limited and the number of displays may be capped if the number of entries exceeds the display space available.

CLASS

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
	\$100.00	75.00	50.00	25.00
	Rosette	Rosette	Rosette	Rosette

101. Individual booth display educational and/or advertising using modern equipment and/or techniques.
102. Individual booth display demonstrating antique beekeeping practices using antique equipment, etc.
103. Individual booth display for scholarship winner using educational, advertising and equipment etc. Rosette Only

To be Judged as follows:

Educational and/or Advertising Value	35 points
Attractiveness and Arrangement	25
Quality of Product	25
Completeness of Display	15

TOTAL

100 points

**BEE and HONEY DISPLAY
SECTION 100**

SECTION 200

A trophy will be awarded to Best of Show for a single specimen in Section 200 & 300. The winner will be selected by the judge(s) of the Divisions. Honey will be judged according to the PFUND scale used in the honey industry using a jacks scale.

Class

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
201. Observation hive - <i>honey bees and queen</i>	\$35.00	25.00	15.00	10.00
202. Extracted honey - water <i>white to white, 3 lbs. in 1 lb. glass honey jars, PFUND of 0-34mm</i>	\$6.00	4.00	3.00	2.00
203. Extracted honey, extra <i>light to light amber, 3 lbs. in 1 lb. glass honey jars, PFUND of 35-85mm</i>	\$6.00	4.00	3.00	2.00
204. Extracted honey, amber <i>to dark, 3lbs. in 1 lb. glass honey jars, PFUND of 86-114mm</i>	\$6.00	4.00	3.00	2.00
205. Creamed honey <i>Plain or Flavored - Minimum 18 oz. up to 3 lb. - in 6 oz or 1 lb wide mouth uniform jar with uniform lid</i>	\$6.00	4.00	3.00	2.00
206. Chunk honey - 1/2 cut <i>comb minimum, 3 lbs. in 1 lb. uniform round wide mouthed glass honey jar with uniform lid</i>	\$6.00	4.00	3.00	2.00
207. Extracting frames - <i>deep, 2 frames (Bee-proof container)</i>	\$8.00	7.00	5.00	4.00
208. Extracting frames - <i>shallow or medium, 7 1/4" or less, 2 frames (Bee-proof container)</i>	\$8.00	7.00	5.00	4.00

Cuyahoga County Fair & Exposition **2022**

BEES & HONEY (continued)

ENTRIES IN CLASS 201, 207, 208 MUST BE DISPLAYED IN BEE-PROOF CASES WITH SIDES MADE OF TRANSPARENT MATERIALS, GLASS OR PLASTIC. Frames must be removable to be judged.

Class	1st	2nd	3rd
209. Cut comb honey - 4 containers, Ross Rounds in plastic containers	\$5.00	3.00	2.00
210. Comb honey - round sections, 4 sections, 8 oz. or more per section in transparent plastic containers	\$5.00	3.00	2.00
211. Beeswax- 1 piece, 8 oz. minimum	\$5.00	3.00	2.00
212. Specimen other than above	\$5.00	3.00	2.00

SECTION 300

301. Honey candy - 5 pieces, <i>recipe attached</i>	\$5.00	3.00	2.00
302. Honey cookies - 6 cookies, <i>recipe attached</i>	\$5.00	3.00	2.00
303. Honey loaf cake - loaf or 1 layer, <i>light or dark, not frosted, recipe attached</i>	\$5.00	3.00	2.00
304. Honey yeast bread - 1 loaf, <i>recipe attached</i>	\$5.00	3.00	2.00
305. Honey bread - non-yeast, 1 loaf, <i>recipe attached</i>	\$5.00	3.00	2.00
306. Honey/Mead in clear bottle 4/5 quart or 26 ounces, <i>straight sided bottle; will be opened and tasted</i>	\$5.00	3.00	2.00
307. Novelty honey cooking - <i>quantity of product exhibited sufficient for a comparison, may include jellies (50% honey), granola, fruit leathers, etc. Recipe attached</i>	\$5.00	3.00	2.00
308. Fruit canned with honey - 3 jars, <i>all pints or quarts, recipe attached</i>	\$5.00	3.00	2.00
309. Specimen other than above	\$5.00	3.00	2.00

SECTION 400

400. Honey gift package - total package weight 8 lbs. or less. <i>Must be honey bee related product with the exception of container, honey servers, cookbooks or decorations</i>	\$8.00	6.00	4.00
401. Hand Cream: 3-1 oz. clear containers - <i>recipe attached, % (percent) of wax - honey - other</i>	\$5.00	3.00	2.00
402. Soap products - 3 bars <i>1 oz. minimum weight each, handmade - lye - based, 3 uniform bars, recipe attached, % (percent) of wax - honey - other</i>	\$5.00	3.00	2.00
403. Honey Pot	\$5.00	3.00	2.00
404. Specimen other than above	\$5.00	3.00	2.00

PHOTOS FEATURING BEES SECTION 500

Photos must be at least 5" x 7" and be matted
Premiums provided by the GCBA

Class	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
501. Flower with Honey Bee	\$10.00	8.00	5.00	3.00
502. Honey Bee hive (manmade)	\$10.00	8.00	5.00	3.00

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BEES & HONEY (continued)

503. Honey Bee hive (natural)	\$10.00	8.00	5.00	3.00
504. Swarm - Honey Bee	\$10.00	8.00	5.00	3.00
505. All other bee-related photos	\$10.00	8.00	5.00	3.00

FLORAL DEPARTMENT DEPARTMENT 28

BUILDING 33

TOM SABREY
Director-At-Large

AMANDA HOLZMAN
Superintendent

Standard Flower Show is the official title of a flower show conforming to standards established by National Garden Clubs, Inc. National Garden Club's Standard System will be used for all competitive judging and is found in the NGC Flower Shows Handbook 2007 edition. Decisions of the judges will be final. Exhibits may not be altered after the judging. Awards will be withheld if not merited.

This flower show is sponsored by Ridgewood Garden Club of Parma and Westlake Garden Club in cooperation with the Cuyahoga County Fair under the direction of Show Chair Tom Sabrey. Ridgewood Garden Club of Parma and Westlake Garden Club are members of Garden Club of Ohio, Inc., Central Atlantic Region and the National Garden Clubs, Inc.

The classes in sections 400 - 800 are exhibits in the Standard Flower Show. The Standard Flower Show is open to all exhibitors whether or not they are affiliated with a Garden Club.

DEPT 28

FLORAL BUILDING SCHEDULE

ROSE SHOW

Exhibits should be brought in the morning of the show starting at 7:30 A.M. Judging will be 10:00 A.M. Thursday.

CONTAINER GROWN PLANTS - Blooming & Foliage

Entries are accepted Saturday and Sunday preceding the Fair from 9:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M. and Monday from 7:30 A.M.-9:00 A.M. Judging will be Monday at 10:00 A.M.

FAIRY GARDENS

Entries are accepted Saturday and Sunday preceding the Fair from 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. and Monday from 7:30 A.M. - 9:00 A.M. Judging will be Monday 10:00 A.M.

CUT SPECIMEN BLOOMS - Annuals & Perennials

Entries accepted Tuesday from 7:30 A.M. - 10:00 A.M. Judging Tuesday at 10:30 A.M.

DESIGN ARRANGEMENTS

Entries for the first show accepted Monday from 7:30 P.M. - 10:30 P.M. and Tuesday from 7:30 A.M. - 10:00 A.M. They may be picked

OFFICE USE

Fair Dates:
Aug. 9-14, 2022

Entries Close:
July 29, 2022

**NO EXCEPTIONS
FOR LATE ENTRIES!**

The Cuyahoga Couty Fair
P.O. Box 135
Berea, Ohio 44017
Telephone: (440) 243-0090
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Exhibitors Entry Form
For

Exhibitor No.: _____
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Ln No.	Dept No.	Sec No.	Class No.	No. of Entries	Description of Entry <i>as written in Premium Book</i>	* Show	
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Enter On-Line at www.cuyfair.com

Note: Please Refer to the Premium Book for Exhibitor Entry Requirements.

Make checks Payable to: **Cuyahoga County Fair**

Use Reverse Side of this Form for Additional Entries.

Unclaimed items will be donated to charity

7 days after the close of the Fair.

CREDIT CARD: VISA MC DISCOVER

Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Name on Card: _____

Check One	Fee
Exhibitor Early Entry Fee 2 Admissions - By July 15	\$10.00
Exhibitor Entry Fee 2 Admissions - By July 29	\$12.00
Exhibitor Early Entry Fee 7 Admissions - By July 29	\$35.00
Please indicate the Total Number of Entries _____	

"The Cuyahoga County Fairboard and Cuyahoga County Agricultural Society assume no responsibility for livestock and/or articles exhibited, entered and/or shown upon the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds. Exhibitor/Entrant specifically acknowledges his/her or its awareness that livestock and exhibition articles are placed upon and maintained upon the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds by them at their sole risk. Further, entrant/exhibitor agrees to hold the Cuyahoga County Agricultural Society and the Cuyahoga County Fairboard harmless from any and all claims to or resulting from their respective livestock and/or exhibits from any cause whatsoever. The aforesaid indemnification shall include injuries to the person or property of third parties resulting from the aforesaid livestock and/or exhibition articles. The Cuyahoga County Fairboard assumes no responsibility for errors or omissions in the foregoing booklet."

EXHIBITOR (PRINT) _____ FOR/BY _____ EXHIBITOR/ENTRANT _____ DATE _____

Must be signed By Parent/Guardian if Under 18

This Form May Be Duplicated as Needed!

Greater Cleveland Beekeepers Association

Beginning Beekeeping Classes



This four-part course is designed for anyone interested in becoming a backyard beekeeper, no experience is necessary. Basic honey bee biology, beekeeping techniques, required equipment, best management practices, and more will be presented.

The Greater Cleveland Beekeepers Association's mission is to promote interest in beekeeping through education, training, and community awareness.

Time: 7:00-9:00pm (doors open at 6:30pm)

Location: Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds
19201 E Bagley Road, Bldg 25
Middleburg Heights, Ohio 44130

Cost: \$50 includes 4 classes and a 1-year Family Membership

Registration: At door or download form at greaterclevelandbeekeepers.com

Class Descriptions:

- Feb. 1: Equipment
- Feb. 8: Bee Package Installation
- Feb. 15: Seasonal Inspection/Care of the Hive
- Feb. 22: Threats to the Hive and Treatments

GCBA Events held throughout the year:

- Field Day
- Picnic
- County Fair Booth
- Holiday Parties
- Live Hive Installations/Demonstrations

2023
Class Dates:
Wednesdays
February 1, 8, 15, 22

*GCBA meetings are family friendly.***

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Our Goal:

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