



**Greater Cleveland
Beekeepers Association**
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THE HONEYBEE TIMES

President's Message

Hello to all GCBA:

Christmas and New Year's 2021 has become history, and the GCBA board has great plans for the new year, and we hope you plan to be part of it. Comb honey production has always been a mystery to some, but this month it will be made easy for anyone interested in producing cross rounds, section, cut comb and lastly comb honey in the jar. Comb honey in any of its forms brings a premium price to any beekeeper willing to produce it, and it is not made by any commercial producer nationwide, and by few beekeepers in general. If this is of interest to you, or you think it may be of interest sometime in the future, make sure you attend the January 12th meeting starting at 7:00 P.M. at the Great Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds to receive all the information to start your own comb honey production, you can make this your NY's resolution doors open at 6:30. Don't forget February is beginner classes and we invite you to come out and support the new members every Wednesday in the month of February 2, 9, 16, and the 23rd or you can use this opportunity to refresh your memory of what needs to be done for this coming spring at no charge to existing members. Speaking of members all memberships are up for renewal starting this month. See you there Denzil

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January Meeting

01/12/2022

Cuyahoga County Fair Grounds

Building #25

Doors open at 6:30pm

Meeting begins at 7:00pm

Board Meeting 01/19/2022

@ 6:30pm (all are welcome)

The 2022 Beginner Beekeeping Class Begin in February



We expect and will welcome more than 50 “New to Beekeeping” members to our association.

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. 2: Equipment
- Feb. 9: Bee Package Installation
- Feb. 16: Seasonal Inspection/Care of the Hive
- Feb. 23: Threats to the Hive and Treatments

GCBA Events held throughout the year:

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

2022
Class Dates:
Wednesdays
February 2, 9, 16, 23

*GCBA meetings are family friendly.***

*"Beekeeping for Dummies" guidebook available for purchase. ***

Visit our website to download the Class Registration Form
greaterclevelandbeekeepers.com



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Beginning Beekeeper Class Registration

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

The course costs \$50.00 which includes: 4 classroom sessions and a 1-year family membership to GCBA. 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.

Classes will be held on Wednesday evenings (February 2, 9, 16, & 23) at the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds Building #25, 19201 East Bagley Road, Middleburgh Heights, Ohio 44130. Doors open at 6:30 PM for check-in. Instruction is from 7:00 to 9:00 PM.

Beekeeping for Dummies, 5th Edition is available for purchase, \$25.00.

Register at a GCBA monthly meeting or see more options on our website.

Your personal information is for club use only and will not be shared with anyone.

*People can either mail registration checks to:
GCBA Or bring to meeting/1st class
C/O Shannon Warder
1110 Wilbert Rd
Lakewood, OH 44107*

I acknowledge the risks involved in beekeeping activities which include and not limited to: stings, falls, shock, allergic reactions and personal injury. I agree to hold harmless the Greater Cleveland Beekeepers Association free from any liability, including financial responsibility for injuries or property damages, regardless of whether injuries are caused by negligence in the State of Ohio.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

For Office Use:

Payment Received By: _____	Payment Type: Cash _____ Check # _____
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Renew your GCBA membership today!



GCBA Membership Registration

New Renewal

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Annual Membership cost is \$20.00 per family. Membership in Greater Cleveland Beekeepers Association means you can learn and enjoy a new hobby, keep current with beekeeping, and meet other beekeeping members who live in the Greater Cleveland area.

GCBA monthly meetings are focused on educational topics including beekeeping best management practices, current events in beekeeping, research, and hive health.

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The Holiday Party was great! If you weren't able to make it, take a look and plan to join us December 2022. Special Thank You to Sarah Marie Santa, and her crew for a very yummy, fun, and organized event!



& Happy New Year



The Inspector's Corner

Hi everyone just a few reminders,

Just a little information on the Inspection Program, My State of Ohio commission expired on October 31st. I'm still the County Inspector but not authorized by the State to do inspections until April 1st.

Please make sure if you're going to buy Nuc's this year that they have been inspected for the 2022 season, ask questions are they over wintered, how old the Queen is, and what race.

All apiaries need to be registered

The link below contains registration forms

https://agri.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/oda/divisions/plant-health/forms/plnt_4201-002

Who Needs This License? Any person keeping one or more colonies of bees.

Licensing Period: June 1 through May 31 Annually

Annual Fee: \$5.00 per apiary (yard with one or more beehives)

Requirements: Complete application for registration annually and submit required fee.

Phil Bartosh

Cuyahoga County Apiary Inspector

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From the State of Ohio website

Annual apiary registration is required for all active apiaries in Ohio, both permanent and temporary, both commercial and hobbyist.

This application will let you renew a previous registration, add new apiaries, or create a new registration for new beekeepers. The registration fee is \$5.00 per apiary; both the application and fee is due by June 1 each year. There is a \$10 late fee if filing after June 1 (the late fee is a total charge of \$10, not \$10 per apiary). Payments can be made by check or money order only, no credit cards or cash are accepted.



APPLICATION FOR APIARY REGISTRATION

PLEASE INCLUDE PAYMENT WITH APPLICATION ON OR BEFORE JUNE 1

THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY APIARY PROGRAM OFFICE
IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: CERTIFICATE NUMBER:
COMPANY:
NAME:
ADDRESS:
CITY, STATE, ZIP: PHONE:
EMAIL: COUNTY:
Check applicable box: [] Registered previously [] Additional Locations [] New beekeeper

Payment is required with application. Applications postmarked after June 1st are subject to a \$10.00 late filing fee.
Exceptions to late fee after June 1: New Beekeepers or registering additional locations.
Fee of \$5.00 per apiary location (property address) made payable to the "Ohio Department of Agriculture"

Number of Locations: [] @ \$5.00 each = Total Amount Due \$ [] .00

Payment by check or money order only; Payment Method: [] Check # [] Money Order # []

PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH

Table with 7 columns: Hive Location, # of Colonies, County, Township, Location Information (Address, City, Zip Code), Property Owner's Name, Beekeepers: if you Sell Queens or Nucs from or at this location, Check 'YES' or 'NO'. Rows 1-5.

*Please write on back of form to provide inspector with additional directions and/or hive location information, if needed. (GPS Coordinates are helpful and appreciated; please indicate by Longitude and Latitude, in Decimal Degrees.)

My signature below certifies that the information provided above is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

SIGNATURE: [] DATE: []

Happy Birthday
GCBA #13



There will be cake!

Is it too early to start planning Fair week? No!

Fair Chair needed for 2022

The 2021 fair was an exciting event. As the Fair Chair I was so pleased to see all things come together. Members and friends volunteered their time to help set up teardown and greet fairgoers at the GCBA booth and displays. A new fresh look, great design and input by all. Our "first" ever GCBA bee meeting on Wednesday night in the Fair barn. The night of the big storm if you recall! A good turnout. An Inspection map created by Phil Bartosh was readily available to all fairgoers, a great conversation piece and teaching tool. A yearly Quote in a banner form to remind us of what our focus should be. Last year we shared the quote from Helen Keller "Alone we can do so little: together we can do so much" 2021. There are so many good ideas! Now with some of the foundation in place we need good direction and a plan for 2022. Please consider the opportunity of Fair Chair, I will work with you and help in any way I can.

I did not do this by myself, If I had it would not have been the success it was.

If willing to volunteer please contact anyone on the Board or simply give me a call at 440-647-2602

Thank You,
Sheila St. Clair,
2021 Fair Chair



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A message from our First Lady

Friends of the Cuyahoga County Fair....

GCBA has a great deal to be thankful for. Our meetings were held at the Rocky River Nature Center for many years and now since 2020 we have been graciously given the opportunity to meet at the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds, for all of our meetings. Membership meetings, planning meetings, Board meetings, and Field Day. Both RRNC and CCF have been very kind to the organization to have provided us with the meeting places that we have needed. Many organizations have a difficult time with locations for meetings.

As Past Fair Chair, I accomplished one goal in 2021 with the help of many. But I had so many ideas! As we go forward, we could work more with the building (there is lots of room), the Bee Yard (At Gate 3 Landscaping, plantings etc.), and of course improving the GCBA Booth yet again. It's only a starting point, just in the talking stages, but we can dream, right?

In the next month or so I will meet with the CCF Board and will bring back the thoughts from our meeting.

The Fairgrounds is a great BIG canvas and the opportunities endless for all things agricultural. Beekeeping is in the forefront of our very existence, and I am sure our CCF Board is aware. Gardening, sustainability, and being good stewards of this world, we are given should be important to all.

I know we have a membership that is diverse in many talents and skills. Let's volunteer and do what we can to support our Cuyahoga County Agricultural Society in any way we can. It is a win, win for all!

I'll keep you posted!

Sheila St. Clair

Don't forget to get yours at the beginning of every meeting.

Congratulations to our 50/50 Raffle Winner!!!

WINNER: Bob Kostya

Collected: \$100.00; Split \$50.00



As the Club is providing Coffee at our Meetings, we thank the Members who have brought pastry and candy each month. It is greatly appreciated!



THANK YOU

Craft Recipe Submitted by Shannon Warder

Beeswax Products

Keeping honeybees is a rewarding hobby. There is the satisfaction of helping to provide a healthy and monitored home for these fantastic pollinators. It is a calming experience to work a hive and witness the inner workings of a truly amazing social and communal insect. Then of course, there is the tangible reward of collecting surplus honey at the end of a season. Pollen and propolis are also available for harvesting from a honeybee hive, both are thought to have value for their health benefits. Second to honey, beeswax is a reward usually most appreciated by backyard beekeepers. With a little bit of processing beeswax can be used to make several practical products: lip balm, candles, soap, furniture polish, body lotions, and crayons. It can be used as a tool lubricant and an ingredient in cooking. Beeswax is all natural and edible. It is a relatively easy and forgiving substance to work with as well. Here are a few recipes that have been successful for me:

<https://www.blessthismessplease.com/homemade-beeswax-lip-balm-homemade-pink-grapefruit-burts-bees/>

<https://mommypotamus.com/beeswax-candles/>





Do you have a question for Buzz the Beekeeper?
Ask anything!

Send your questions to our “contact” button on our website.

Questions will be chosen, answered, and published in next month’s edition.

<https://www.greaterclevelandbeekeepers.com/contact/>





Dear Buzz the Beekeeper, I have a question.

Question: I am undecided on whether or not to do an 8- or 10- frame hive. In your experience, do you prefer one over the other? Why?

This is a great question on several levels, mostly because it is pertinent to today's beekeeping; plus it can greatly effect one's outcome or view of beekeeping for years to come.

First, let me state, we all have biases, and in giving any presentation we must recognize that fact and not allow it to negatively slant any outcome. That being said, here goes!

First, let us address the pros of 8-frame equipment:

Overall, the boxes weigh less and are 10-14 pounds lighter with honey in the frame. This can be very advantageous to a select group such as the elderly, petite individuals, people with possible back problems or concerns, or individuals who move bees a lot, such as pollinators.

Second, bees sometimes tend to underutilize/fill all 10 frames in 10-frame equipment, especially the 2 frames at either end of 10-frame equipment; this never happens in 8-frame equipment. In other words, the whole 8-frame box is better used.

That is about it for the pros. Now, for the cons:

First, let's address cost. The box for 8-frame equipment is the same price as 10-frame equipment. I know you're thinking - *but it is smaller and therefore should be less*. You thought the same thing when purchasing children's clothes and shoes but

Second, availability of nonstandard 8-frame equipment can be a problem with some suppliers. Even if they have boxes, they may not have slatted racks, queen excluders, quilt boxes, etc.

Third, it just stands to reason if beekeepers have difficulty keeping swarms under control in 10-frame equipment, it can only be more complicated/difficult with any smaller box configurations.

Fourth, smaller boxes require more maintenance. I have often stated, to keep bees in mini nucs, nucs, or 8-frame equipment, you, of necessity, must be better at beekeeping than anyone using standard beekeeping equipment. You will, of necessity, need to pay closer attention to the brood nest, as stated above, to prevent swarms and all the problems associated with them: overcrowding, maintain good honey production, loss of a purchased (select) queen, brood production, income loss, etc.

Fifth, one size does not fit all in beekeeping. Almost all classes/discussions, in general, deal exclusively with 10-frame equipment, and an inexperienced beekeeper may assume the discussion/topic may be appropriate or 8 frame as well when it is not. For example, in 10-frame equipment, it is often stated two deeps are adequate for winter survival, when in reality this is 4 frames less when using 8-frame equipment.

There is really no good reason to keep bees in 8-frame equipment; for example, if lifting boxes of any size is a problem, frames can be removed from the colony and placed into an empty box next to the colony being worked on until the colony being worked on is light enough to be moved. Plus, anytime bees refuse to utilize outside frames in 10 frame equipment, the outside frames can be moved to the middle - problem solved.

~ Buzz the Beekeeper

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GCBA events held throughout the year:

- Field Day in May
- Picnic in July
- County Fair Booth in August
- Holiday Party in December
- Live Demonstrations

Thank You From All Of Us

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