



Greater Cleveland Beekeepers Association



January 2023

the HONEYBEE TIMES



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From the President's Desk

Happy New Year to everyone. My name is Tom Kennish, I am the incoming President. I consider it an honor and privilege to represent the club. This will be my fourth year of keeping honey bees in my backyard.

With day getting longer, it's that time of year that all good beekeepers start getting there equipment ready for spring.

Sure, we have some cold weather to shovel through yet. But with these warm weather days I hope you had time to give a quick check on winter food stores in the hives.

This month's meeting, we will be reviewing the best practices for reclaiming wax. This is an excellent time to learn about what to do with wax capping.

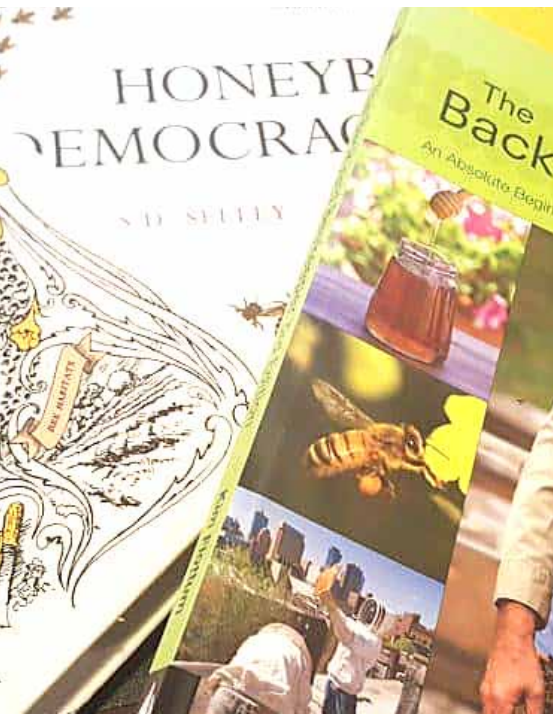
I saw quotes from sources saying that the wax is worth more than the honey. Repurposing the wax is worthwhile and another way to display the hard work of your bees.

Through my own experiences, I have learned a lot of what to do and not to do. With Sheila St. Clair who will bring a wealth of knowledge and experience, I know we will have an informative and illuminating meeting.

The club is needing a few good people to help in various capacities, we will need a 2023 Cuyahoga County Fair Chairperson and people to help with grounds keeping. More to come as we approach spring.

To a great new year!

Tom Kennish
GCBA President



The Four Seasons of Beekeeping Calendar

The Dead Season: December, January, February

By Queen Right Colonies, Ltd.

DECEMBER:

1. Mite treatment if needed, with Oxalic - 50 plus degrees.
Clean bottom board of dead bees with hook of sorts - like a cloths hanger, watch entrances for blockage of snow and ice as well.

JANUARY:

1. Mite treatment if needed, with Oxalic - 50 degrees plus.
Clean bottom board of dead bees. Look at bottom board five days after each treatment during winter to determine if mites are still falling, if not skip a month's treatment.

FEBRUARY:

1. Mite treatment, if needed, possible feeding, if needed of pollen substitute or sugar syrup.
2. Spring management starts here with checking honey reserves and possibly moving frames of honey from periphery of hive close to cluster as weather permits.
3. Late February, feed pollen substitute and stimulus feeding of syrup. Clean bottom board as needed. Watch entrances for blockage. Open colonies as needed weather permitting.

Inspector's Corner

Happy Holidays everyone, Not much to report on at this time of year. Just some things as a reminder; do not put pollen patties on your hive until late March, make sure you clean out the dead bee's from the hive entrance, and during warm spells see if your bee's are flying. Also, just remove the lid and take a look, if the bee's are all the way to the top you might want to consider feeding. It's not to late to start and catch up on your reading and making plans for the upcoming year. Hope to see everyone this spring.

Phil BARTOSH

Cuyahoga County Apiary Inspector



January Meeting

The January meeting will focus on rendering the wax cappings you have tucked away in a bucket or maybe in the freezer, from start to finish. We also want to discuss many of the things we use our beeswax for and the all-natural products we can make. Bring your ideas and or products.

Have more input or ideas regarding the topic for January please notify our Secretary Sarah Alonso s.alonso@myyahoo.com and she will get you the information you need.



Honey-Butter Skillet Corn

INGREDIENTS

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1 bag (16 oz.) frozen corn
- 2 ounces cream cheese cut into chunks
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon black pepper

INSTRUCTIONS

In a skillet pan, over medium-high heat, melt the butter and honey. Once melted add the frozen corn and cook for 5-8 minutes, stirring occasionally, until cooked through.

Add cream cheese, salt, and pepper. Stir together and let it cook, about 3-5 minutes, while stirring occasionally.

Serve immediately. Leftovers keep well, covered in a container, and stored in the fridge.

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WORLD BEE DAY
fun 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. The United Nations designated May 20 as World Bee Day thanks to the efforts of the Government of Slovenia with the support of Apimondia.



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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.



Beeswax Comes From Special Glands on a Bee's Abdomen

The youngest worker bees make the beeswax, from which workers construct the honeycomb. There are 4 pairs of glands (for a total of 8) on the underside of the abdomen that can secrete wax. Using their legs with knee-like structures and mouth parts, workers shape the soft wax flakes into what we know as honeycomb.

The Pollinator Garden & Bee Yard

The Pollinator Garden and Bee Yard will begin to start flourishing in just a few short months.

We have the entry signage to put in place, more donations of Perennials that we hope to acquire through our Garden Sponsors, Pettiti's and Hooks Greenhouses. We will also need a new sign in the Garden for Belmont Correctional, Pettitis and Hooks Greenhouse, as sponsors of our garden.

Getting our equipment ready for bees, looking at what we have, painting, and scrapping, inventory, etc.

A committee which will take care of the bee Yard and its needs. I am told we have an offering of bees for the hives this year from a member, now that's exciting.

Please come and join us at the upcoming Board meetings and become involved.

Email or call a board member and let them know you're coming, so they can allow extra time in the agenda.

We have every intention of fully utilizing this bee yard to our memberships advantage, to its fullest potential.

Get involved! See you there.....

Sheila St.Clair

Bee Yard and Barn Beautification Project





**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
Fax: (440) 243-0344
Exhibitors Entry Form
For

Exhibitor No.: _____

Receipt No.: _____

Processed By: _____

Entered By: _____

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Cell Phone () - _____

Name _____ Phone () - _____

Address _____ E-Mail _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Enter On-Line at www.cuyfair.com

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 _____

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: _____

"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.***

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

Visit our website to download the Class Registration Form
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January 2023

Happy New Year!!



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We're in need of a
volunteer for Newsletter
Editor. Help out today!
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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.*