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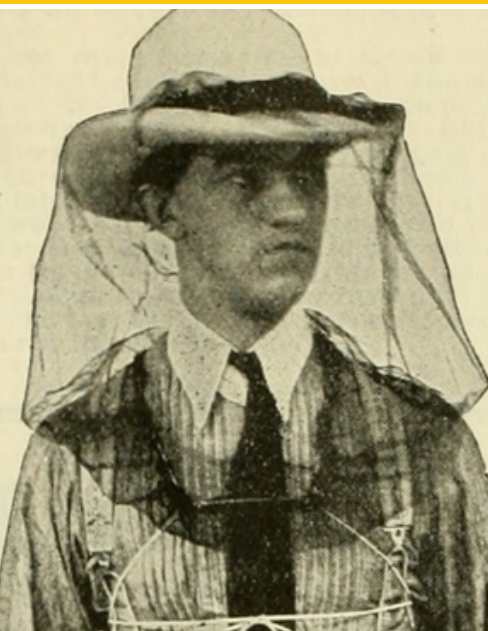
A Message from Our President

Hello all, and welcome to July!

I hope everyone had an enjoyable July 4th holiday! Thankfully, we have been having some bright, sunny weather along with some showers to keep our grass and gardens growing. We are in the full swing of our beekeeping season now. For all those colonies which started from scratch, you should be ready to add your third box now if you haven't already. For all those older colonies, I hope your hives decided to stay home with you and did not look for new residence! As always, remember your inspections and mite treatment schedules.

A reminder that the Cuyahoga County Fair is rapidly approaching. We are always looking for volunteers to donate some time to welcome guests to our table and answer questions. Please reach out to Sarah if you are available to volunteer. Any volunteers get free entrance to the fair on the days they volunteer. Also, we ask anyone who is willing to submit honey for judging at the fair, please do so.

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President's Message *continued...*

On to more festive things. I look forward to seeing you all at our July potluck picnic. Just a reminder that it will be at the small pavilion behind the office. Please enter through the Eastland Road entrance and park behind the office as there will be a setup going on for a festival that week. Food and games and prizes and fun! And maybe some talk about bees. Again, I look forward to seeing you all and please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

Mike Alonso
President of GCBA

Inspector's Corner

Hello Everyone,

Just a few things - if you're adding honey supers you should stop feeding your bees. Also, with hot weather, make sure you have ample water in your apiary. Nothing worse than having your bees getting water from the neighbor's pool or bird bath! Please respect your neighbors.

Do your mite counts and treat accordingly. Follow the instructions on the labels and packaging. I personally don't do mite counts, I just treat then check the mite drop, but that's just me. Remember, inspect your hive every 7 to 10 days. This helps catch problems before they get too bad and you can't correct the problem. Be careful with the heat!

Thanks,
Phil BARTOSH
Cuyahoga County Apiary Inspector

Annual GCBA Picnic!

July 12th 6-8pm

This month we are hosting a picnic for all GCBA members and their families during our normal monthly member meeting day/time! Don't miss out on this opportunity to mingle with your fellow Cleveland beekeepers and have some fun while doing it!

- Hot dogs, hamburgers, condiments, water, and pop are provided. We unfortunately cannot accommodate any specific dietary restrictions.
- Please bring a side dish or dessert to share! Making note of any major allergens is greatly appreciated.
- We have planned some fun bee-related activities and games with prizes!
- Eric will host a demonstration of an alcohol wash for mite management at the bee yard at 5:30pm for those interested in learning more about this technique before the picnic begins.



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 month

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

Premium Book now available online!

One of the items on our annual beekeeping calendar is to get some honey ready for the fair! 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.

See pages 7-8 for fair entry details and page 9 for entry form.

Download CFF Official Premium Book:

<https://cuyfair.com/pdf/2023/CCF%202023-Premium%20book-v5%20FINAL.pdf>

Fair Chair '23 - Open Position

Calling all Volunteers!

If you are interested in getting more involved in the GCBA community, consider the Fair Chair 2023 position! This position is important and board approved, and the sooner we can get started, the better! Below are some of the tasks that go along with the title.

- Available the week of August 6th-13th - setup through tear down
- Organize Volunteers for the GCBA Booth
- Help with the Wednesday evening regular monthly member meeting held during fair week
- Design a new banner "Motto" for 2023
- Work closely with the board and Cuyahoga County Fair Director to make it the best experience ever!

Please reach out to any of the board members for more information.

Bee Yard & Barn Beautification Project



The Bee Yard is booming with productivity. Two Deeps and a super per hive and things look great. Eric will be in the Bee Yard at the next meeting (Picnic) at 5:30, checking on things and plans to demonstrate an alcohol wash for those who might be interested. If you have questions about your hive please bring those to discuss at the bee yard. Bring your veil!

We have been in contact with Superior fence to see what kind of fencing might be available. Also in the search is the opportunity to work with a salvage yard that may have 20+ feet of ornate fencing that we might recycle. We are always looking for leads and input. Do you know someone who might be help us with the final phase of the Bee yard and Barn project? If so please have them contact us and we will discuss the program.

See you at the picnic!

Kindly,
Sheila St.Clair
440-647-2602

Honeybee Facts - effects of pesticides

- Pesticide neonicotinoids permeate the tissue of plants and can eventually show up in nectar and pollen.
- Exposure to pesticides containing neonicotinoids can disrupt learning and memory in honeybees
- Studies have recently found that fungicides in pollen can inhibit the growth of beneficial fungi in the digestive tracts of bees, making it harder for larvae to get the full nutritional value from pollen they digest.
- When possible, use treatment alternatives such as neem oil, vinegar, castile soap, or Epsom salt.





Poppin' Honey Citrus Mocktails

For the Chamomile Infusion

- Bring water to a boil and add the 2 chamomile tea bags. Steep for 10 minutes. Remove teabags and allow to cool.

For the Mocktail

- Combine chamomile infusion and honey. Mix well to dissolve.
- Add orange juice concentrate, lemon juice, and cayenne pepper to taste.
- Pour over ice and top with a splash of soda water as desired.
- Garnish with fresh mint sprig.
- Enjoy!

Ingredients:

Chamomile Infusion

- 2 cups boiling water
- 2 chamomile tea bags

Mocktail

- 2 cups chamomile infusion, above
- 1/2 cup Clover Honey
- 1/3 cup Orange Juice Concentrate
- 1/3 cup Lemon Juice
- ~5oz Soda Water
- Pinch Cayenne pepper, to taste
- Ice
- Mint to garnish



HOME CANNING *(continued)*

- G. Scarecrows must be assembled by the exhibitor, but they may have help.

Premiums: 1st - \$7.00 & Rosette; 2nd - \$5.00 & Rosette; 3rd - \$3.00 & Rosette; 4th - \$2.00; 5th - \$1.00

Class

- 1. Scarecrows

**GARDEN GROWING
WHEELBARROW
SECTION 700**

ENTRY RULES

- A. Growing area: Maximum 4'x4'.
- B. Plants need to be established.
- C. Minimum of 3 different fruit/vegetable/herb plants. (May contain flowers but do not count as the 3 plants required).

Premiums: 1st - \$7.00; 2nd - \$5.00; 3rd - \$3.00; 4th - \$1.00

Class

- 1. Garden Growing Wheelbarrow

**SENIOR CITIZEN
GARDENER
SECTION 800**

Open to exhibitors 65 years or older
A trophy and rosette will be awarded to best of show for a single entry selected by the judge(s) for each show.

ENTRY RULES

- 1. Entrants MUST be 65 years of age or older at time of entry.
- 2. All items exhibited MUST be cared for and/or grown by the exhibitor.
- 3. No first show trophy, rosette, or blue ribbon winning entry is eligible for entry in second show.
- 4. For pick up times see Entry Rule #8.

VEGETABLE SPECIMENS*

Premiums: 1st - \$3.00; 2nd - \$2.00; 3rd - \$1.00

Class

- 1. Beans, any variety - 8 pods
- 2. Beets - 2 specimens, leaves removed to 2"
- 3. Cabbage - 1 specimen, open leaves left on
- 4. Cucumbers - 2 specimens
- 5. Garlic - 3 specimens with 1" stem
- 6. Onion, any variety - 3 specimen with 1" stem
- 7. Pepper, any variety - 2 specimens
- 8. Potato - 3 specimens
- 9. Pumpkins - 1 specimen with stem
- 10. Sweet corn - 3 ears with husks on and 1 inch strip pulled down
- 11. Squash, zucchini - 1 specimen
- 12. Tomato, any variety - 3 specimens
- 13. Tomato, cherry - 10 specimens
- 14. Vegetable, any other - 3 specimens (3 of the same kind)
- 15. Vegetable basket - 5 or more different FRESH specimens. Basket size: Length, width or height not to exceed 2 ft.

**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.

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HOME CANNING (continued)

RULES

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

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, recipe attached	\$5.00	3.00	2.00
302. Honey cookies - 6 cookies, recipe attached	\$5.00	3.00	2.00
303. Honey loaf cake - loaf or 1 layer, light or dark, not frosted, recipe attached	\$5.00	3.00	2.00
304. Honey yeast bread - 1 loaf, recipe attached	\$5.00	3.00	2.00
305. Honey bread - non-yeast, 1 loaf, recipe attached	\$5.00	3.00	2.00
306. Honey/Mead in clear bottle 4/5 quart or 26 ounces, straight sided bottle; will be opened and tasted	\$5.00	3.00	2.00
307. Novelty honey cooking - quantity of product exhibited sufficient for a comparison, may include jellies (50% honey), granola, fruit leathers, etc. Recipe attached	\$5.00	3.00	2.00
308. Fruit canned with honey - 3 jars, all pints or quarts, recipe attached	\$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. Must be honey bee related product with the exception of container, honey servers, cookbooks or decorations	\$8.00	6.00	4.00
401. Hand Cream: 3-1 oz. clear containers - recipe attached, % (percent) of wax - honey - other	\$5.00	3.00	2.00
402. Soap products - 3 bars 1 oz. minimum weight each, handmade - lye - based, 3 uniform bars, recipe attached, % (percent) of wax - honey - other	\$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



Fair Dates:
Aug. 8-13, 2023

Entries Close:
July 28, 2023

**NO EXCEPTIONS
FOR LATE ENTRIES!**

The Cuyahoga County Fair
P.O. Box 135
Berea, Ohio 44017
Telephone: (440) 243-0090
Fax: (440) 243-0344
Exhibitors Entry Form
For

OFFICE USE

Exhibitor No.: _____

Receipt 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

Check One	Fee
Exhibitor Early Entry Fee 2 Admissions - By July 14	\$10.00
Exhibitor Entry Fee 2 Admissions - By July 28	\$12.00
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: _____

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

