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Beekeepers  
Association*



June 2023

# the HONEYBEE TIMES



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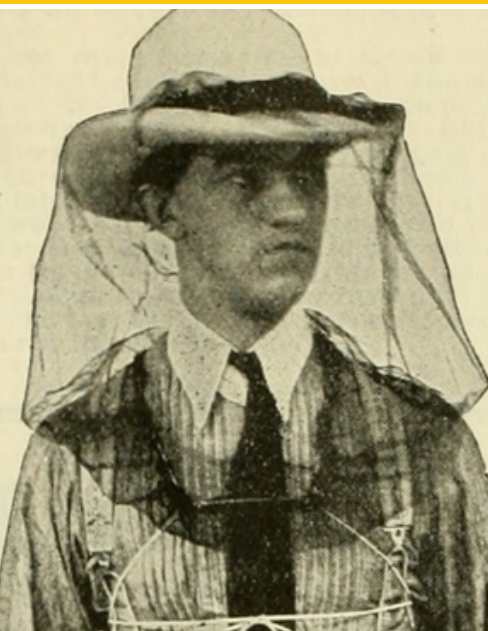
## A Message from Our President

Hello all, and welcome to June!

How quickly the year passes! Congratulations to all the parents and students completing another year or career at your respective schools! Good luck moving forward onto the next stage of your life's journey. A big message of thanks to all of you who were able to assist us in making World Bee Day a success! We could not have done it without you and we greatly appreciate everyone's efforts!

A few quick notes and I'll be on my way. For everyone who did a brand new colony install this year, you should be approaching the need to add a second box soon if you have not already done so. Just a reminder that adding the second box occurs when the first box has 7 drawn frames of comb. Remember to move a frame of honey up to that new box as well. It won't be too much longer before you may need to add your honey supers as well, so make sure you are stocked up on your supplies!

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

Also, keep feeding them as they will use that 1:1 sugar water to build out that comb. And in the style of a broken record, please make sure you are current on your mite treatments and inspections. A healthy hive is good for all parties involved. I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting and enjoy this beautiful weather we have been having!

**Mike Alonso**  
*President of GCBA*

**Pastries for the bakery table are always welcome, especially if they are made with honey!**

*Jan Petrek, GCBA Hospitality Coordinator*

## Inspector's Corner

Hello Everyone,  
Swarm season is here. I found hives that are pollen and honey bound in May. Keep doing your hive inspections every 7 to 10 days .....one thing when hives get honey bound the ladies can get a little feisty due to having nothing to do so they come out and play with the beekeeper. Make sure you have a water source close don't need your neighbors filing complaints about bees at pools, water spigots and bird baths.

Most importantly don't forget to stay up on your treatments  
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Thanks,  
Phil BARTOSH  
*Cuyahoga County Apiary  
Inspector*

## June Monthly Meeting Speaker

### **Dave Noble of Red Beard Bees LLC**

Dave Noble began breeding and keeping honey bees quite by accident just over 25 years ago when he was trying to get some extra credit for a college course while majoring in Plant Pathology at OSU. He ended up working at the University's Honey Bee Research Lab for almost a decade. There, he discovered a true passion for honey bees as well as developed a joy for teaching others how to care for, and appreciate, these magnificent little beasts. He is the owner, operator of Red Beard Bees, a business dedicated to breeding better bees and training better beekeepers.



## GCBA Events

### **Volunteer, Donate, Jump in, and Give a Hand!**

- Monthly Member Meetings on the second Wednesday of every month
- Picnic in July
- County Fair Booth in August
- Special event in September
- Holiday Party in December
- Live Demonstrations year round



# World Bee Day was May 19-20

A BIG THANK YOU to all the volunteers and participants!!





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



Here we are at the half way point of the year, my it goes fast! We start out the year pacing as we wait for weather to break and then we find our self behind when it comes to our to do list.

The Bee Yard and Barn projects are on schedule at this point. Taking care of the bees, tending the garden and grass. Cleaning up the perimeter of the barn and making plans for a few more things to add to the garden. As you are working in your garden, if you have pollinator plants too many, bring it to a meeting and we will look to incorporate it! Something else to consider as a donation....a bench, bird bath, nice ceramic flower pots, flower cart!

The fair is just around the corner - our annual chance to showcase beekeeping at its best! Mentioned in the newsletter and at meetings is the sign up sheet for volunteers to work at the GCBA booth, please sign up !

We have had a successful year to date and our fair is our biggest project yet. We are an organization that unlike a lot of others has a home with the support of the County and the Cuyahoga County Fair Board. Almost 15 years now, educating the community and working together with all beekeepers for the sustainability of Honeybees, and always looking for ways to do more.

As always, thank you to all of our members, volunteers, and Boards !

Kindly,

Sheila St.Clair

440-647-2602

Beyard and Garden Beautification Project

## Pollinator Fun Facts!

- The word 'pollen' has been used in science texts since 1760 and means "the fertilizing part of flowers." Earlier in history, it meant "dust or fine flour."
- A flower's fragrance is another way that animals are attracted to plants, especially at night when moths and bats are out.
- The color or markings on a flower helps attract and guide insects to them for pollination. Bees are often attracted to bright blue and violet colors.

*Source: Dropcopter*





## Black Locust Honey Cupcakes

### For the Chamomile Syrup

Combine sugar and water. Simmer until sugar is dissolved. Steep chamomile tea bags in the sugar:water mixture reaches the desired strength, suggested ~10 minutes.

### For the Black Locust Cupcake

Pre-heat oven to 350F. Combine flour, baking powder, and salt. In a separate mixing bowl, combine honey, syrup, and milk. In a third mixing bowl, cream together butter and sugar. Slowly add in wet and dry ingredients to the butter mixture, alternating between the two. Once mixed, add in eggs, one at a time. Scoop batter into a cupcake tray with liners. Bake for 16 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean. Allow to cool completely before icing and decorating.

### For the Black Locust Buttercream

With a handheld or stand mixer, whisk the butter until creamy. Add in sugar, milk or cream, honey, and syrup, and mix until fluffy and well combined.

### Ingredients:

#### Chamomile Syrup

- 1 cup water
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 3 chamomile tea bags

#### Black Locust Cupcake

- 1.5 cups AP Flour
- 1/2 Tbsp baking powder
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 stick unsalted butter
- 2 large eggs, room temp
- 1/4 cup + 2Tbsp black locust honey
- 1 Tbsp vanilla extract
- 1/4 cup chamomile syrup
- 1/2 cup whole milk

#### Black Locust Buttercream

- 1 cup unsalted butter, room temp
- 4.5 cups powdered sugar
- 1/4 cup whole milk or heavy cream
- 2 Tbsp black locust honey
- 4 Tbsp chamomile syrup
- Salt, to taste



**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)				

**BEEES & 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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**BEEES & 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**  
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Processed By: \_\_\_\_\_

Entered By: \_\_\_\_\_

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Enter On-Line at [www.cuyfair.com](http://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.**

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### **Our Goal:**

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

