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Beekeepers
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the HONEYBEE TIMES



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A Message from Our President

Hello All, and happy May! By now, if you purchased a colony of bees, they should have been picked up and installed. Now is the highly anxious time of waiting for that colony to grow!

Remember to keep feeding those new colonies and keep a close eye on your feeders, as the food can be consumed rather quickly. Proper proportions for your feed are 8 lbs of sugar to 1 gallon of water at this time of year. Be sure to have a couple of clean empty jugs as the yield for this amount is around 2 gallons of feed. You will go through it!

For those who were lucky enough to have their bees overwinter, if you haven't yet, treatment for mites should be a high priority to get your colony(ies) a good head start into the season.

May is also the month of World Bee Day! We will be celebrating on May 19th (Friday) and and May 20th (Saturday) at the GCBA Bee Yard and Barn.

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President's Message *continued...*

We will have stations with all kinds of info concerning our pollinating friends. Whether new or old, we encourage beekeepers of all experience levels to help and participate if possible. You can teach those less experienced and learn something new as well.

Finally, I regretfully announce that Tom Kennish has decided to step down from his position as the 2023 GCBA President. I have been nominated by the board and have accepted the role as President for the remainder of the year. Phil Bartosh, our county inspector, is our new Vice President. We look forward to guiding our organization through the year and working with you all. Please feel free to reach out to me any time at gcbamikea@yahoo.com and I look forward to hearing from you.

Thanks and Best Wishes,

Mike Alonso
President of GCBA



Inspector's Corner

Hi everyone,

It's the start of the inspection season and the first inspections on my list are the people requesting Queen Certificates.

Please remember that we have over 350 apiaries in Cuyahoga County, so it is hard getting all of them done. According to the inspector's handbook, inspection temperatures have to be above 60 degrees.

Of the inspections done this month, I have found mites in drone cells, so remember to check your mite loads! As soon as the weather breaks it's going to be the start of early swarm season. If you ordered new packages, remember to treat early because one mite is one to many!

Everyone have a safe season, and hopefully we will see you at World Bee Day in May!

Thanks,
Phil BARTOSH
Cuyahoga County Apiary Inspector & GCBA Vice President

Pollinator Fun Facts!

- More than 100 U.S. grown crops rely on pollinators. The added revenue to crop production from pollinators is valued at \$18 Billion!
- Honeybees are America's primary commercial pollinator, although there are over 4,000 types of bees in the U.S.
- Today, there are about 2.8 million honeybee hives in the U.S.
- Major U.S. pollinated crops include almonds, non-citrus fruit trees, berries, melons, and squash

*Source: USDA Buzz on
Pollinator*



World Bee Day - May 19-20

Have you heard that GCBA and CCF are hosting their third annual World Bee Day?

This means we have an exciting May ahead of us! We will need volunteers for both days.

T-Shirts will be available for you and there will be lots of children on Friday! They will be given a Passport and be directed to learning stations about pollination, honey and agriculture. We would like some farm animals too. Maybe a calf, a couple chickens, a pet goat...

Any questions, please contact the GCBA Secretary Sarah Alonso at s.alonso@myyahoo.com

WORLD BEE DAY

Field trip

Celebrating the bees and other pollinators!

Friday
May 19, 2023
 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
 Cuyahoga County
 Fairgrounds Bldg #25
 19201 E Bagley Road
 Middleburg Heights,
 Ohio 44130

Honey Bee Passport
 Get your Honey Bee Passport stamped when you visit the Bee Observation Room and the Educational Stations.

Honey Bee Educational Day for Students
 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.

- Teaching Future Generation Importance of Honey Bees
- Learn How Honey Bees Improve Our Agricultural/Food Educational Stations; Fruits, Vegetables, and Honey
- Learn from Certified Master Gardener Lorraine Bartosa about Pollinator Gardens
- Honey Bee Observation Room

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WORLD BEE DAY

fun day

Celebrating the bees and other pollinators!

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- All Day Speakers Series about Honey Bees and Agriculture:
 - Where Our Food Comes From
 - Backyard Bees and Pollinators
 - Bee Venom Therapy
- Learn from Certified Master Gardener Lorraine Bartosa about Pollinator Gardens
- Demonstration Tables: Honey in Cuisine and Cosmetics
- Slovenia Corner
- Food Trucks
- Face Painting

Saturday
May 20, 2023
 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
 Cuyahoga County
 Fairgrounds Bldg #25
 19201 E Bagley Road
 Middleburg Heights,
 Ohio 44130

\$2 Donation
 The proceeds from this event will be donated to provide Honey Breakfast on November 17, 2023, for K-12 students in Cuyahoga County, Ohio.

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View and download the flyers from our Greater Cleveland Beekeepers Association website for more information.



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.

GCBA Events

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

- Monthly Member Meetings
- World Bee Day in May
- Picnic in July
- County Fair Booth in August
- Special event in September
- Holiday Party in December
- Live Demonstrations year round

Fair Chair '23 - Open Position

Calling all Volunteers!

Once we get to May, it seems as though the summer flies. GCBA needs YOU to step forward and lend a hand as Fair Chair 2023!

If interested in helping out, please reach out to any of the board members. Below are some of the tasks that go along with such a prestigious title.

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

This position is important and board approved. The sooner we can get started, the better.

Sheila St. Clair
Past Fair Chair 2021



Bee Yard & Barn Beautification Project



The Bee yard is a hum with the newly installed workforce - 20,000 strong and growing!

We hope to get the big Pollinator Garden sign and the Sponsorship sign hung before World Bee Day. It is certainly a goal. Plans will then be put in place to construct the fencing and gate, hoping to have it in place by August prior to the fair... another goal for sure.

A lot of what is done is primarily by donation via the Fair board and our GCBA membership. This year, Pettiti's Gardens has donated a \$100 gift card for use towards gardening needs. If you have any ideas or suggestions, we want to hear them! We are looking at options for the fencing and gate that we need to install, an ornamental flowering dwarf tree, etc. There is much to be done and we hope that you will avail your time and energy to help us accomplish this task!

We are an organization unlike most that has a home onsite at the Fairground and a great Fair board to work with. Hand in hand, we are bringing agriculture and beekeeping to the forefront. Awareness is key, one event at a time. GCBA Proud!

Kindly,
Sheila St.Clair
440-647-2602
Beyard and Garden Beautification Project

Don't Forget!
Pastries for the bakery table at our monthly meetings are always welcome, especially if they are made with honey!
Jan Petrek, GCBA Hospitality Coordinator

Cuyahoga County Fair 2023



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.

Start planning now, and may the best beekeeper win!

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





**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

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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

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.

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



Fair Dates:
Aug. 9-14, 2022

Entries Close:
July 29, 2022

**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.: _____

Processed By: _____

Entered By: _____

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Cell Phone () - _____

Name _____ Phone () - _____

Address _____ E-Mail _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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 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!



Ingredients

Shortbread Base

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup powdered sugar
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter, room temp

Filling

- 6 Tbsp unsalted butter
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup honey
- 1 cup walnuts, coarsely chopped
- 1/4 cup whipping cream
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1/2 tsp lemon zest
- pinch of salt

Honey Walnut Squares

Source: vintagekitchennotes.com

For the Shortbread Base

Preheat oven to 350F. Spray an 8-in square pan and line with a wide strip of parchment paper. In a large bowl, mix soft butter with powdered sugar. It should be creamy. Add flour and patiently incorporate it all using a spatula until you have a soft dough. Press the dough into the bottom of the pan. Prick with a fork and bake for 15-20 minutes, until starting to dry and barely color. Reserve on wire rack while making the filling.

For the Filling

Put butter, honey, and brown sugar in a medium saucepan. Cook on medium heat until it breaks a boil. Continue cooking for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat and immediately add the walnuts, cream, salt, vanilla, and lemon. Pour into the pre-baked crust and return to the oven for 20 minutes. Remove from the oven and let stand 5-10 minutes on wire rack. The filling hardens a lot when it cools down, so do not over bake. Carefully run a knife around the edges of the pan so that it doesn't stick. Once fully cooled, cut into squares and serve.



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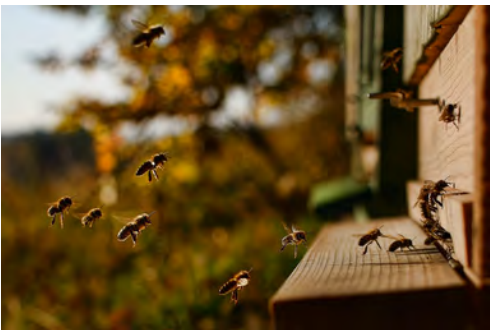


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Our Goal:

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