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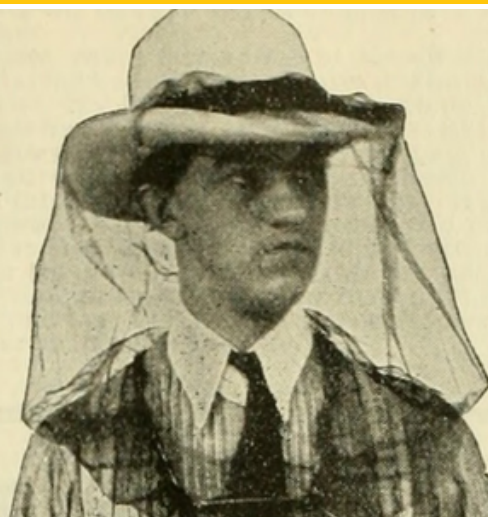
GCBA Officers

A Message from Our President

Hello everyone, and welcome to November! As the year winds down, I want to congratulate all of you that have started your journey with us this year and have made it this far! But know that, while these first few months may have been stressful and full of uncertainty, now begins the stretch of high anxiety.

Now is the time of the age old question, "Will my bees make it through the winter?" Unfortunately, only time will tell. Just remember, keep an eye on the forecast and use it to your advantage! Supplement feed when possible and make sure to arrange your frames to ensure food is surrounding the brood comb if there is any present. Also, there is more than one way to wrap a hive to protect it from cold winter winds. Whether you use tar paper, insulation board, or any other form, any protection is better than none. My last tip, don't forget to use the entrance reducer with the hole placed up.

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Inspector's Corner

Inspection season has come to a end and my state commission ended Oct 31st. I'm excited and sad at the same time - excited about having free time again, but sad because I love working with bees! My county commission expires at the end of March. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or text me.

Yellow jackets in October were a real problem due to the warm weather, but the colder temperatures coming should put a stop to them.

It's time to really do your winterization, and make sure you have enough stores for the ladies.

It has been a fun year!

Thanks,

Phil BARTOSH

Cuyahoga County Apiary Inspector

President's Message *continued...*

Moving on to a few announcements. We will be having GCBA Board elections during December's members meeting. If you would like to be more involved, please consider running for any position, as most of them are up for election. The December member's meeting will also be our Winter Holiday Party. It is a potluck so please feel free to share your favorite holiday dish, side, or dessert. We will be in building 25 with games, music, and fun. I hope everyone had a Happy Halloween and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Mike Alonso

President of GCBA

Open Board Positions - 2024

GCBA Bylaws - General Responsibilities and Duties of Board Members

“The Board Members will have overall responsibility for the management of the association. They will:

- Ensure GCBA remains faithful to its purpose
- Develop strategies and goals for GCBA
- Seek input from the General Membership of strategy and goals
- Determine appropriate uses of GCBA funds”

Elections for GCBA board positions will be held in December. If you are interested, the positions and their responsibilities are available in the Bylaws on our GCBA website. In addition, feel free to reach out to any of our current board members with any questions, and let us know if you are interested in running!



November Honey Breakfasts



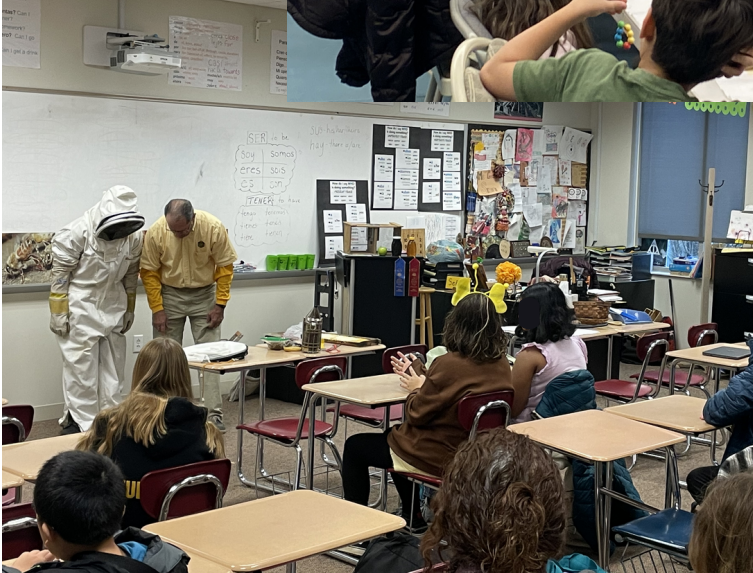
During the month of November, GCBA members support the annual Honey Breakfasts. Over the course of a few weeks, beekeepers will visit local schools and organizations to share their knowledge, alongside a provided breakfast that includes apples, bread, and of course, honey!

This is a great opportunity for us to live out our GCBA goal of supporting, educating, and connecting with our local communities. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Nicky Sulandari at nicky.sulandari@edwardjones.com for more information on dates and times!

Pollinator Facts

We all know that it is getting chiller outside everyday. We are not the only one's feeling the dip in temperatures - so are our pollinating friends. So what can you do to help those pollinators make it through the winter?

- **LEAVE THE LEAVES!!!**
Leaves provide nutrients, insulation and important cover for overwintering caterpillars and eggs
- **See the soil!** A sunny spot of bare, mulch-free soil can host ground-nesting pollinators such as bumblebees. Leave some soil uncovered.
- **Aim for early & late blooming plants** in your garden that help ensure food for pollinators when other sources are scarce. Grow them in clusters so pollinators can conserve energy in gathering food.
- **Save the stems.** Stems and twigs provide nesting sites for solitary bees and other insects. Hold off on pruning until late spring.
- **Logs and stumps** provide burrowing chambers for insects. They also attract winter birds!





Chewy Salted Honey Pumpkin Cookies

Recipe and photo from cookiesandcups.com

Instructions:

1. Preheat the oven to 350F and line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
2. In a large saucepan over medium-low heat, melt the butter, stirring constantly. Cook until it reaches a deep amber color. Remove from heat and allow to cool.
3. While the butter is cooling, stir together the honey and salt in a small bowl.
4. Add the brown sugar and salted honey into the cooled butter (including the brown bits!) and mix together. Add in egg yolk, vanilla, pumpkin, baking soda, and pumpkin pie spice. Mix until smooth.
5. Stir in the flour until combined.
6. In a small bowl, mix together the granulated sugar and cinnamon. Roll the cookie dough into 1-2 Tbsp sized balls and coat by rolling them in the cinnamon sugar.
7. Place onto prepared baking sheet and bake for 9-11 minutes until the edges are golden.
8. As soon as the cookies come out of the oven, drop the pan down onto a flat surface about 5 times to flatten.
9. Allow to cool on baking sheet for 5 minutes, then transfer to wire rack to cool completely

Ingredients:

- 1 cup butter
- 3 Tbsp honey
- 1 tsp. kosher salt
- 1 1/2 cups dark brown sugar
- 1 egg yolk
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1/3 cup pumpkin puree
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 2 tsp pumpkin pie spice
- 2 1/4 cups AP flour
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 tsp cinnamon



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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.

