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A Message from Our President

Hello all, and welcome to October! I hope that everyone enjoyed the pleasant weather we had at the beginning of the month, but the new cold fronts should be snapping us all into the reality that winter is right around the corner and we should be in full winter preparation mode. Thanks to Jay Hadam from the Lucky Hexagon Bee Company for his talk on his methods for over wintering his bees at our September meeting! Now we look forward to Val and Dennis Eck speaking this month. They will be discussing what is needed for you to sell your bee products at fairs, flea markets, etc.

We have a new vendor for GCBA apparel and swag and as soon as I hear that our online link is up, I will let you all know! Also, new and exciting, we will be accepting card payments. So if you don't like carrying cash or writing checks, you are in luck!

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Inspector's Corner

September was a wild month! I actually had some swarm calls - a bit odd for September.

I've seen a lot of raiding issues caused by open feeding or community feeders. Yellow jackets are a nuisance and entrance reducers should help.

Before putting on mouse guards, if you use them, open your hive and make sure there are no mice inside!

On another note, you might be able to get one last Formic pro treatment in.

Barbara Bloetscher has retired from the ODA as the State Apiary Inspector - we wish her a happy retirement!

Thanks,
Phil BARTOSH

Cuyahoga County Apiary Inspector

President's Message *continued...*

A final note! If you need to feed your bees, 2:1 sugar to water is the ratio. 8 lbs sugar to 1/2 gallon water or anything similar is what your ladies will need! I look forward to seeing you all 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 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!

All positions are open: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and one Director position. The Director position is a 3 year term, while all other positions are 1 year, with eligibility for re-election the following year.

GCBA will be featured in the Annual Ohio Fair Association Managers Meeting!

Dennis Eck has nominated the collective collaboration of World Bee Day 2023 as the Cuyahoga County Fair’s Agricultural Entry to the Annual Ohio Fair Managers Association Meeting, where it will compete with entries from the 95 other fairgrounds in the state. The meeting will be held January 4th-7th, 2024 - perhaps we will place! Below are a few words and accompanying photos from the entry.



“We are incredibly proud that Cuyahoga County Fair is the ONLY Fair registered with the State of Ohio as a working Apiary. In conjunction with the Greater Cleveland Beekeepers Association, we’ve expanded with a beautiful Bee Yard, native plants, and fauna.

What started years ago as one vendor exhibition hive demonstration, grew to a single Observation Hive in building #30, to now several hives added to the



Pollinators Garden and what is now the official Honey Extraction Showroom. Safety, first and foremost, was the goal in demonstrating the extraction of honey from the hive without posing the threat of attracting bees to members and guests. It has been a “Labor of Love” by the Cuyahoga County Agricultural Society and its many partners along the way...”



2023 OSBA Fall Conference

The OSBA Fall Conference will be held at Fisher Auditorium and Shisler Conference Center at the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center (OARDC) campus, located at 1680 Madison Ave. (at State Route 302 east and State Route 83) just south of Wooster.

Speaker topics include “Perpetual Annual Cycle of the Honey Bee Colony,” “How to Read a Hive - Inspections,” “Pollen- How to collect, store, and its uses,” and many more intriguing educational topics that are sure to deepen your overall honeybee knowledge!

Registration is \$65 for non-OSBA members. The entrance fee includes meals.



For more conference information, go to

<https://ohiostatebeekeepers.org/fall-conference/>

Registration Deadline ~ Tuesday, October 24, 2023

Come Join the Fun

Pollinator Facts

- Flies - YES FLIES, are the first to emerge in the early spring - which makes them among the first to start pollinating, way ahead of bees!
- Pollen lasts in the soil for thousands of years. Some scientists have dated pollen to 14,000 years ago!
- In order to help the bee population, plant flowers that aren't tainted with pesticides and opt for native plant species that are locally sourced.
- When planting a pollinator garden, select old-fashion varieties of flowers whenever possible. Breeding has caused some modern blooms to lose their fragrance and the nectar/pollen needed to attract and feed pollinators.



World Bee Day Recognition

Queen Right Colonies has been a proud sponsor of World Bee Day for the past three years. We had the great privilege on Saturday evening to celebrate Mrs. Alenka Jerak's work with Slovenia as Ambassador and all the work with World Bee Day.

We enjoyed an evening of laughs and great conversation with President and Secretary of GCBA, Mike and Sarah Alonso, GCBA Board member Laura Brown and her husband, Dwight, and GCBA Past President, Denzil St. Clair. LCBA board member, Sheila St. Clair and OSBA Western Reserve Director, Dale Olsen and his wife, Nancy, were also in attendance. The Collaborative Chambers Alliance was represented as well, along with many supporters, donors, and friends of Slovenia and beekeeping Education.

Pictured with Nicky Suladary is Su He, Immigration Attorney with Buckley King, who is also the Executive Director of Greater Cleveland Chinese Chamber. She also serves on the board of Cleveland Council or World Affair CCWA. Her husband, Yuxin is a scientist at the Cleveland Clinic.

Thank you everyone for your commitment to the sustainability and education of honeybees and their vital importance.

World Bee Day 2024 is scheduled for May 17th and 18th at the Cuyahoga County Fair Grounds. Contact Your GCBA Board about getting involved - we need your Support!

Thank you,
Sheila St.Clair





Honey Glazed Asian Chicken Wings

Recipe from Phil Bartosh, adapted by Charles Heaton

Instructions:

1. Pour oil in a sauté pan with a lid. Heat pan to Medium heat.
2. Add chicken thighs to pan and toss to coat.
3. Add honey and toss to coat.
4. Cover and simmer for 2-3 minutes.
5. Toss thighs again in pan mixture, and add garlic, paprika, black pepper, and salt. Ensure ingredients and spices are evenly covering the thighs.
6. Cover and simmer on medium high for approximately 10 minutes.
7. Add soy sauce and water, toss to coat.
8. Continue to simmer on medium high heat, tossing frequently, until the thighs reach an internal temperature of 165°F.
9. Remove from pan, top with chopped cilantro, and enjoy!

Ingredients:

- 6 ea. Chicken thighs
- 1 Tbsp. Vegetable oil
- 5 Tbsp. Honey
- 4 Cloves fresh garlic, minced
- 1 Tbsp. Salt
- 1 tsp. Paprika
- 1 tsp. Ground black pepper
- 5 oz. Water
- 2 Tbsp. Soy sauce
- Fresh cilantro, chopped



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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.

