



*Greater Cleveland  
Beekeepers  
Association*



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## the HONEYBEE TIMES



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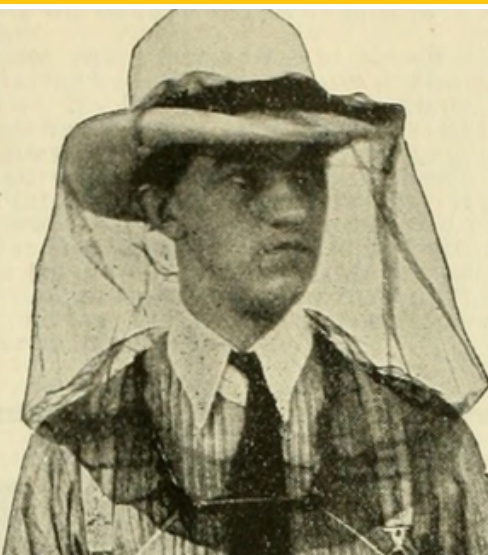
GCBA Officers

## A Message from Our President

A belated Happy Labor Day to everyone! I hope everyone had a relaxing holiday weekend. It is crazy to think we are rapidly heading towards the end of the season. We will soon be talking winter prep, and then winter chores and spring prep. Hopefully you were able to harvest honey this season, but for the new colonies this year, have no fear, as it is common for new hives to not have enough to harvest.

Another "Thank you!" to all our Fair volunteers. Your time and help is greatly appreciated! Thank you to Superior Fence and Rail for our new fence and gate to the Bee Yard, and the final thank you to Petitti's Garden Center for their donation to help supplement and beautify the Pollinator Garden! These gifts are amazing additions and improvements to the Bee Yard and Garden.

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

A Notice to all who want to be more involved: elections for GCBA board positions will be in December. If you are interested, the positions and their responsibilities are posted on our website. More announcements to come at our next meeting. I hope to see you there.

**Mike Alonso**  
*President of GCBA*

### Inspector's Corner

- Yellow Jackets are out in full force! If you're going to use yellow jacket traps, place them as far away from your hives as possible.
- Don't community feed - open feeders promote robbing and draw yellow jackets to your hive area.
- Keep inspecting your hive's every week. It takes 4 - 5 weeks for a hive to collapse, so that gives you 3 - 4 weeks to work on the problem.
- On a side note, Barb Bloetscher is retiring at the end of the month after 25 years, good luck in your retirement.

Thanks,  
Phil BARTOSH  
*Cuyahoga County Apiary Inspector*

## Sept. Membership Meeting - Speaker Bio

Jay Hadam is a second generation beekeeper with over a decade of experience. He tends his colonies at multiple locations throughout Northeast Ohio. His expertise and openness to sharing his love of bees and beekeeping has led to speaking engagements at local county beekeeping association meetings and even mentorships with individuals hoping to work with bees themselves. He tends bees with the help of his mentees and his wife and two sons. Focus is not only on what the bees can provide but also on true hive management to further sustainable, hearty bees that can survive Northeast Ohio winters.

## Bee Yard & Barn Beautification Project

September 1st was treatment time, varroa was present. Honey was taken off and will be bottled soon! Everything seems to be going well!

As a reminder, Eric will be in the Bee Yard at 6:30pm on September 13th before our monthly membership meeting, so come a bit early and stop in. If you have questions, bring them with you!

Thank you!  
Eric



## Open Board Positions - 2024

### GCBA By-Laws - 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

### Open Positions and General Duties

#### President

- Preside at all meetings of GCBA and of the Board
- Subject to the direction of the Board and GCBA and direct the activities of the association
- Establish and appoint committees for both the Board and the association
- Implement decisions of the Board and of the association via committees or otherwise

#### Vice President

- Perform all the duties of the President during the latter's absence or disability

#### Secretary

- Record minutes of all the meetings, including General Membership Meetings and Board Meetings
- Receive and forward mail to the Board for action and respond to such mail at the direction of the Board.
- Give all notices required by law or provided for by the By-Laws
- Prepare election ballots and distribute ballots to members in good standing at the annual meeting
- Has custody of the official records of GCBA

#### Director

- Carry out general responsibilities and duties of board members as outlined above

### Honeybee Facts

- Even though there have been colony losses with honeybees, they are not at risk for extinction
- It is estimated that there are more honeybees on the planet than any time in human history!
- There are more than 3,600 bee species native to North America, some of which are facing real risk of extinction.
- 28% of bumble bee species in North America are considered threatened.
- 40% of pollinator species, particularly bees and butterflies, face extinction in the coming decades.

Source: [xerces.org/blog/want-to-save-bees-focus-on-habitat-not-honey-bees](https://xerces.org/blog/want-to-save-bees-focus-on-habitat-not-honey-bees)





# Cuyahoga County Fair Winners!

The fair is over and the Big Winners have been announced! There were a lot of nice entries this year, but plenty of room for more in 2024.

As I write this update, I have realized that those who took First or Best of Show seem to consistently do very well. Having said that, we should have a class this fall with these talented beekeepers so they can teach us the how to show at the fair and place! I am thinking this would accomplish two great things: more entries and more friendly competition, right?

Below you will find list of Winners in the 202, 203, 204 class and the Best of Show for 2023. Congratulations to you all! Trophies and cash award presented by Queen Right Colonies.

- Class 202 Extracted Water White: Andy Kawac
- Class 203 Extra Light to Light Amber: Jeremy Workman
- Class 204 Amber to Dark: Jeremy Workman
- Class 301 Best of Show: Iulia Cujba - Honey Candy

Congratulations Everyone!  
Sheila St.Clair





## Honey Cornflake Crunch Granola

Recipe by Chef Charles Heaton; Peaberry Culinary

### Instructions:

#### Tosi's Cornflake Crunch

- Preheat oven to 275° Fahrenheit
- Combine sugar, salt and milk powder.
- Toss with cornflakes.
- Toss dry ingredients thoroughly with melted butter.
- Place on sheet pan with parchment paper liner.
- Bake for ~20 minutes, until golden brown and crunchy. Tossing gently halfway through baking.
- Allow to cool completely.

#### Granola

- Preheat oven to 300° Fahrenheit
- Toss oats thoroughly with honey and oil
- Place on sheet pan with parchment paper liner
- Bake for ~20 min, or until golden brown and crunchy, tossing halfway through baking
- Remove from oven
- Toss oat mixutre with remaining ingredients, adding prepared Tosi's cornflake crunch last
- Allow to cool completely

### Ingredients:

#### Tosi's Cornflake Crunch

- 3 cups Cornflakes
- 1/3 cup Milk Powder
- 2 Tbsp sugar
- 1 tsp Kosher salt
- 6 Tbsp butter, melted

#### Granola

- 3 cups Tosi's Cornflake Crunch
- 3 cups old fashioned oats
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp vanilla
- 1/2 cup canola oil
- 1/2 cup clover honey
- 1 cup roasted pumpkin seeds
- 1 cup raisins



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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.*

