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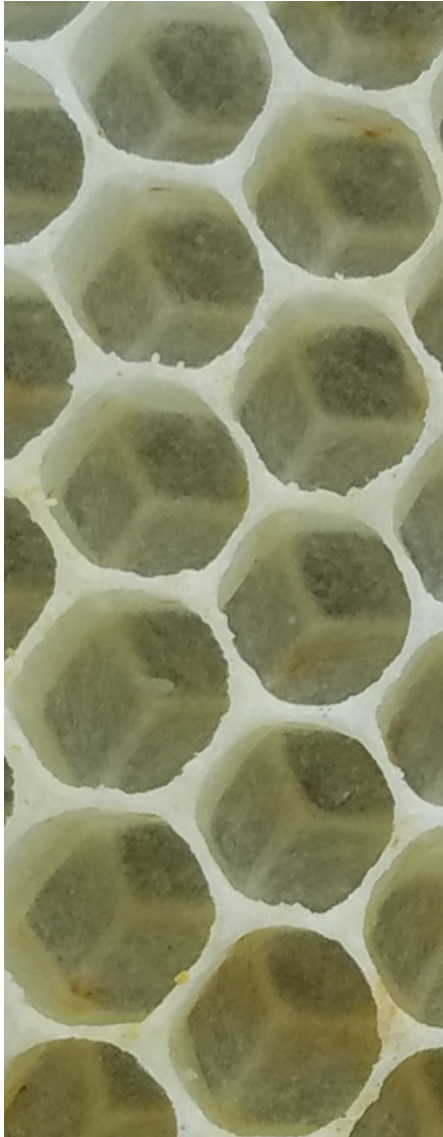
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President's Message October

October is here and the National Weather Service predicts 83 degrees tomorrow! This does not encourage me to think about getting hives ready for winter, but now is the time to make a plan.

What are your varroa counts?

Now is an important time to be sure varroa is under control. Fall can bring extreme increases in varroa counts and your lack of attention to this pest can become a problem for all your neighbors hives as well. What are your options? Learn more here:

https://honeybeehealthcoalition.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/HBHC-Guide_Varroa_Interactive_7thEdition_June2018.pdf

The link below is an article by Toni Burnham who I had the pleasure to meet and spend some time with at the Eastern Apiculture Conference in Galloway, NJ. Toni has roof top apiaries in Washington, DC. I am going to borrow her comment:

“Please test, treat, know, and care for your bees.”

<https://www.beeculture.com/downtown-3/>

Honeybees would likely never choose to live in a very large rectangular box 2 feet off the ground. If we choose to keep honeybees in this unnatural environment we must choose to care for their needs.

Beyond Enemy #1 [varroa mites] Fall brings other considerations for increasing your hives winter survival rate.

1. Sufficient food stores [it is not too late to feed sugar syrup, fondant, etc.]
2. Mouse guards
3. Reduced entrance
4. Wind breaks
5. Ventilation
6. Upper entrance [winter cleansing flights]
7. Bottom board

Go back and reread your beekeeping books on the topic of wintering in cold climates. Make a check list. Watch the long term weather patterns. Execute.

Our county inspector shared that newbees often wrap their hives for winter too early. Keep an eye on the temperature.

As a beekeeper, I have become more conscious of plants I choose for my gardens to support pollinator nutrition for health. I have found these links helpful when considering additions.

<http://www.gardenscapesbyjoanna.com/ohionativeperennials.html>

http://www.wcparks.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Ohio_Trees_forBees-Ohionline.pdf

I also like this quick list for Spring blooming perennials from Stephanie Hughes an OSU Extension master gardener volunteer.

Bulbs: Scilla, hyacinth, daffodil, snowdrops, winter aconite, crocus, grape hyacinth.

Shrubs and trees: Pussy willow, witch hazel, star magnolia, saucer magnolia, forsythia, cherry, dogwood, maple, crabapple, serviceberry, ninebark, spice bush.

Native “spring” plants: skunk cabbage, white trout lily, yellow trout lily, violets, Dutchmen’s breeches, Virginia bluebells, purple dead nettle, round lobed hepatica, spring beauty, common chickweed, ajuga, hellebores,

This month Denise Elsworth will be talking about bee nutrition and citizen science. I look forward to learning more!

[See you all at the next GCBA meeting October 10th!](#)

Annette

[Check out our Facebook Page!](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/greaterclevelandbeekeepers/>

GCBA Happenings

For the end of 2018 GCBA Board meetings will be held at the Berea Library on October 24th, November 28th and December 19th and begin at 7:00pm. Stop in with any ideas or to see what the board is proposing and deciding for the future of GCBA. We welcome all members.

Reminder that GCBA has logo wear available through a local small business, Hometown Threads in North Olmsted, Ohio.

<https://hometownthreadscleveland.com/product-category/gcba/> You can also be directed to this link from the GCBA website under the "Resources and Ed" tab.

Members may also select additional items from the Hometown Threads catalog to have the GCBA logo applied. You can visit their store located at 4636 Great Northern Boulevard North Olmsted, OH 44070 or contact them directly at 440-779-6053.

Club elections are right around the corner. Board members will be looking for new folks to step up and help out GCBA for a term. We are also looking for members to take on leadership roles for individual events or projects. When many folks help out no one person is overwhelmed with the tasks to keep the club buzzing along.

The GCBA Lending Library was launched at the September meeting! Please, thank Laura Brown, Carol Lanigan, Dan Mikoch and Dolores Watson for stepping up to help GCBA supply valuable resources for the membership books and videos will be on loan to any member in good standing for one month. The library items will be available on one of the tables at the rear of the meeting room. Donations of new or gently used beekeeping or pollinator friendly gardening books are welcome. Please, bring them to any meeting and give them to GCBA Library team.

Social media is an important outreach of GCBA. Please, be sure to thank Brenda Theurer when you see her at a meeting for loads of great postings. Brenda, just about single handedly, has been managing the GCBA Facebook page and doing a terrific job!

Carl Schiller will be representing GCBA at the Cleveland Public Library and needs one or two more members to help out for this event on November 3, 2018. Please, talk to Carl for details and to sign up.

[Cleveland Mini Maker Faire 2018](#)

Snack contributions for our meetings appreciated.
Sweet or savory snacks always welcome.

Anytime is a great time to catch up on educational materials to sharpen and hone your beekeeping skills.

New Do you know about the healthy hives 2020 program?

<https://beehealth.bayer.us/what-is-bayer-doing/bayer-research/healthy-hives-2020>

Thinking about planting more pollinator habitat? This may help you choose your plants. <http://www.pollinator.org/bee-smart-app>

Research based information from America's land-grant universities. This is a national bee health website.

http://articles.extension.org/bee_health

The Ohio State University Bee Lab has articles and webinars available, at your convenience, and is a great resource for new and experienced beekeepers.

<mailto:https://u.osu.edu/beelab/>

For anyone who takes pictures, shares pictures, likes to look at pictures of nature. Use it on your computer or smartphone.

<https://www.inaturalist.org/>

The Honey Bee Health Coalition has a complete guide to options for varroa treatments. Copy of the monitoring and tracking chart located later in newsletter.

<http://honeybeehealthcoalition.org/varroa/>

Dr. Meghan Milbrath also has a very good article to help you make a plan for varroa management posted on her site Sand Hill Bees.

https://static1.squarespace.com/static/56818659c21b86470317d96e/t/5900c9798419c2db7622e85b/1493223802902/MakingAPlanforVarroa_2017.pdf

Bee Culture Magazine's Kim and Jim Show brings current technology, science and information to beekeepers with webinars. You can watch live and submit questions in real time, or watch later from their archives. <http://www.beeeculture.com/kimandjimshow/>

If you come across any educational material you would like to share with the club, please let us know! gcbaeditor@gmail.com

Upcoming Meetings and Events

GCBA

October 10, 2018

Topic: Bee Nutrition and
Citizen Science

Speaker: Denise Ellsworth
Department of Entomology Program Director
The Ohio State University

Learn about nutritional resources for bees at different times of the year. Get information on the Ohio Bee Atlas and the new Ohio Bee Advocates Program.

November 14, 2018

Topic: American Foulbrood

Speaker: Leo Schirokauer
Leo Schirokauer, Recipient of the 2018 GCBA Youth Research Grant and the 2018 Winner of the [Bayer Bee Care Young Beekeeper Award](#).

American Foulbrood (AFB) is a devastating and incurable disease afflicting honeybees nationwide. There is a desperate need for new treatment options. Leo will discuss his research

and development using a novel treatment for AFB which harnesses the power of probiotic honeybee gut bacteria to kill the AFB pathogen.

December 12, 2018

Topic: Year End Wrap up and Potluck Dinner

Other Upcoming Meetings and Events

October 15, 2018

Monthly meeting

Jeannie Saum owner of Beepothecary

<https://beepothecary.wordpress.com/about/>

Williams on the Lake in Medina 6:30 – 9:30pm

Medina County Beekeepers

Topic: "Propolis: Miracle of the

November 3, 2018

Ohio State Beekeepers Association

Fall Conference, Plain City, OH

[2018 OSBA Fall Conference and Business Meeting](#)

November 9, 2018

Lorain County Beekeepers Association

Monthly Meeting

"How to collect, process, clean, and store propolis, pollen, beeswax" Presented by Jeannie Saum

Stay up on

[GCBA Website](#)

Recipe of the Month – Pumpkin Muffins

YIELD: Makes 12 muffins

INGREDIENTS

2 cups all-purpose flour
1 1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon
1 tsp. baking soda
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 cup chopped walnuts
1 cup solid-pack pumpkin
1 cup honey
1/4 cup vegetable oil
2 eggs at room temperature, slightly beaten
1/4 cup low-fat buttermilk
1 tsp. vanilla extract

DIRECTIONS

In a large bowl, stir together flour, cinnamon, baking soda and salt. Stir in walnuts.

In a separate bowl, blend pumpkin, honey, oil, eggs, buttermilk and vanilla until smooth. Pour pumpkin mixture over dry ingredients. Stir just until mixed.

Spoon batter into paper lined muffin cups, filling each to just below the rim. Bake at 350°F for about 25 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the center of muffins comes out clean.

Let pan cool on rack for 5 minutes. Remove muffins from pan and let cool on rack completely.

Frost with Cream Cheese Frosting, if desired.

Cream Cheese Frosting:

In a small bowl, with electric mixer, beat 8 ounces cream cheese (softened to room temperature) with 1/3 cup honey, until fluffy.

Recipe Courtesy of the National Honey Board

Try out the recipe and bring some to the meeting to share :)



A flow hive frames releasing honey directly into jar

Varroa Monitoring Tracking Form from HBHC



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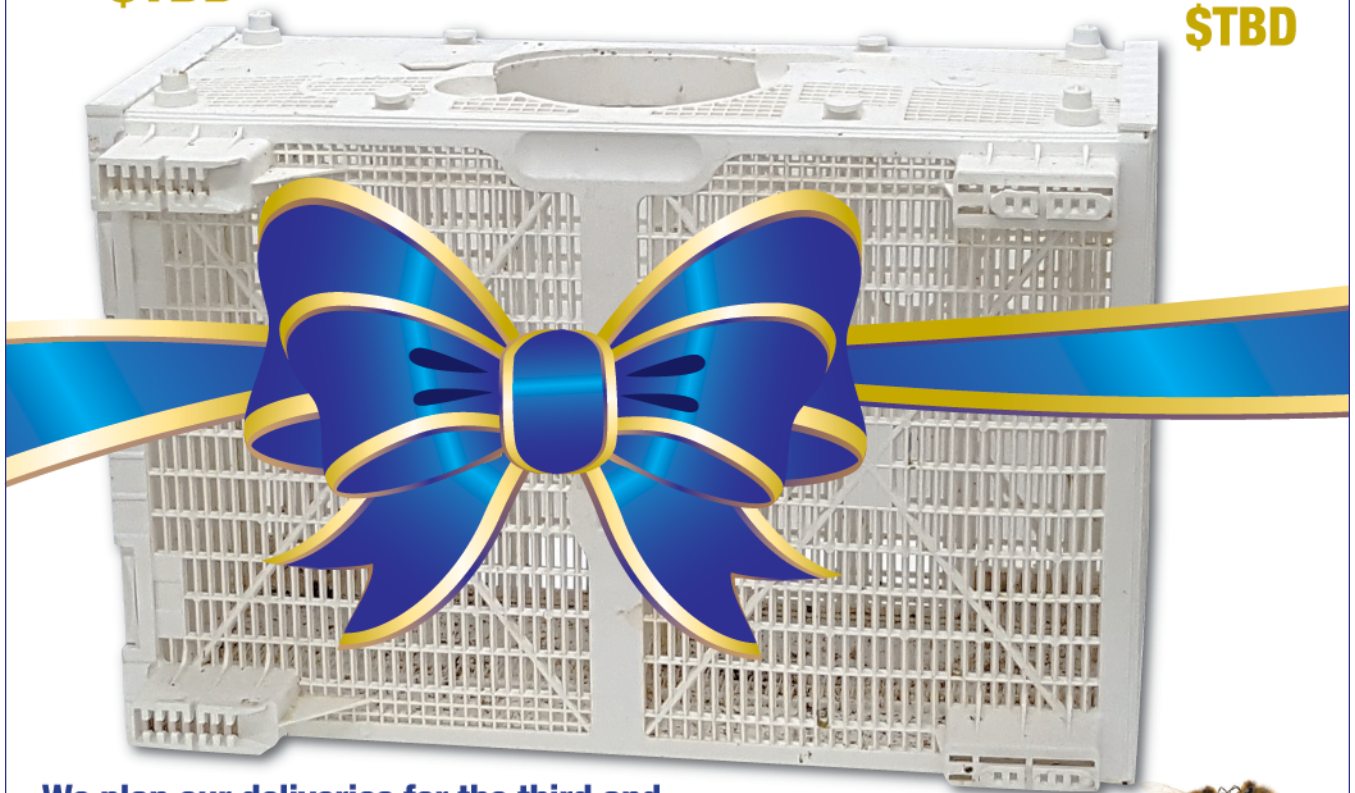
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