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From the President's Desk

Happy September, All,

Can I just say what a crazy weather year we have had so far! I hope you and your loved ones made it through our severe weather with minimal issues. I hope your bees made it through as well. Feeding may be necessary as this heat and rain has potentially caused your colonies to eat through their resources. And as always, don't forget to treat for mites as needed.

Moving on. I would like to thank all of you who were able to assist and volunteer for Fair. Your time and efforts are very much appreciated. Thank you to Jeremy Workman for his talk at the Fair as well.

As we look forward, now is the time to start preparing for winter. Get your supplies soon as you don't want to be caught scrambling later. Also, fall is the time to plant certain flowers to beautify your garden and provide resources for next year and beyond. I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Mike Alonso
GCBA President



To Save America's Native Bees, the Oregon Bee Project Is Mapping Every Single One

The project aims to make a complete 'bee atlas,' detailing every single local pollinator.

Bee taxonomist Lincoln Best pulled a wooden box labeled "impressive bees" from the shelves that lined his lab at Oregon State University and carefully removed the cover. Inside, rows of shiny, green-blue bees filled the box's inner compartments, each one pierced with a pin as if in a museum. They reflected the overhead fluorescent lights like jewels.

"*Osmia cobaltina*," Best says, plucking an amethyst-colored mason bee from the box. "It's crazy, right? How can a bee be purple?"

Native bees, such as this one, are responsible for pollinating three-quarters of all flowering plants. Tens of thousands of these intrepid indigenous pollinators can be found in almost every corner of the world, including Alaska and even the Arctic. An estimated 4,000 bees are native to the U.S. alone, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. And all around the United States, many of these native bees are in trouble.

READ MORE:

<https://www.atlasobscura.com/articles/americas-native-bees-oregon-bee-project-atlas>

Cuyahoga County Fair Wrap-up

If you missed the Cuyahoga County Fair and all the activity in the Bee yard and pollinator Garden we certainly hope you make plans to be there next year.

All the plans and ideas implemented this year were a great success. Rolly our Fair Chair along with our Bee yard manager Eric and a list of many others worked hard prior to and during the fair to make it a success. The volunteers met a lot of people and the exposure to the community was of great importance to the organization.

Phil Bartosh, Bee Inspector did extracting demonstrations and Eric bottled the product and we made it available to the public for donation.

We even enter the fair and won a blue ribbon!

Last board meeting President Mike Alonso reported that we raised approximately \$500 that week.

We still have honey that will be bottled and made available at a meeting soon.

The queen rearing project in the garden also earned some donation money for two of the mated queens that were produced in the Bee Yard. How exciting.

None of this is possible without a volunteer spirit. This mention would not be complete without thanking the Cuyahoga County Fair board for providing us a home. Their support is immeasurable.

In the coming months, we plan to discuss Fair entries for 2025, fund-raising projects for a garden building and an inflatable balloon for all of our events. All of our members have a lot of eclectic talents and we are counting on you all.

Happy Fall,
Sheila St. Clair

Bee Yard and Barn Beautification Project 2024



More fair pictures on page 4

Inspector's Corner - September

Hi Everyone,

August has been an interesting month with the Fair going on and the weather events. We did get a break in the weather for treatment using Formic Pro,

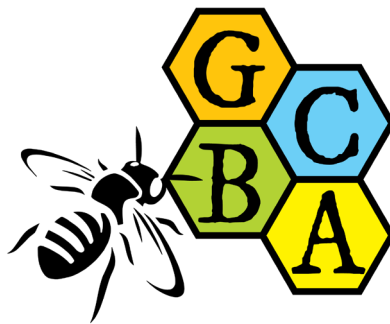
I found 11 dead outs this month all absconding no bee's in any of these hive. I have found mite feces in the cells upon further investigation found out that the treatment plans using only Oxalic Acid (OA) was not applied correctly, if your only using OA you need to do your 3 seven day treatments to kill the mites under the cappings. If you don't your hive can abscond. I have found in the last few years using a combination of OA and Formic Pro works best. Whatever your treatment plan is **FOLLOW THE LABEL INSTRUCTIONS**. Still got lots of time for the ladies to fill those boxes up. Keep inspecting every 7 to 10 days, take notice of changes, faster you see a problem the more time you can correct it.

Bee Well

Phil Bartosh

Cuyahoga County Apiary Inspector

GCBA Happenings

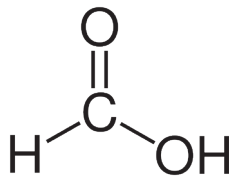


Volunteer, Donate, Jump in and Give a Hand

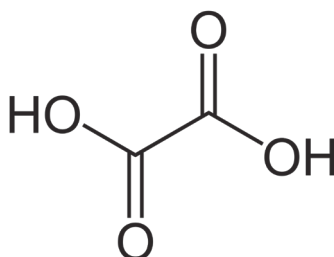
- Monthly Member Meetings
- Field Day in May
- Picnic in July
- County Fair Booth in August
- Special Event in September
- Holiday Party in December
- Live Demonstrations Year Round

If you're able, please consider bringing bakery or snacks to share. Homemade or store-bought, any kind of treat is welcome—especially those made with honey for a touch of natural sweetness!

Formic Acid



Oxalic Acid

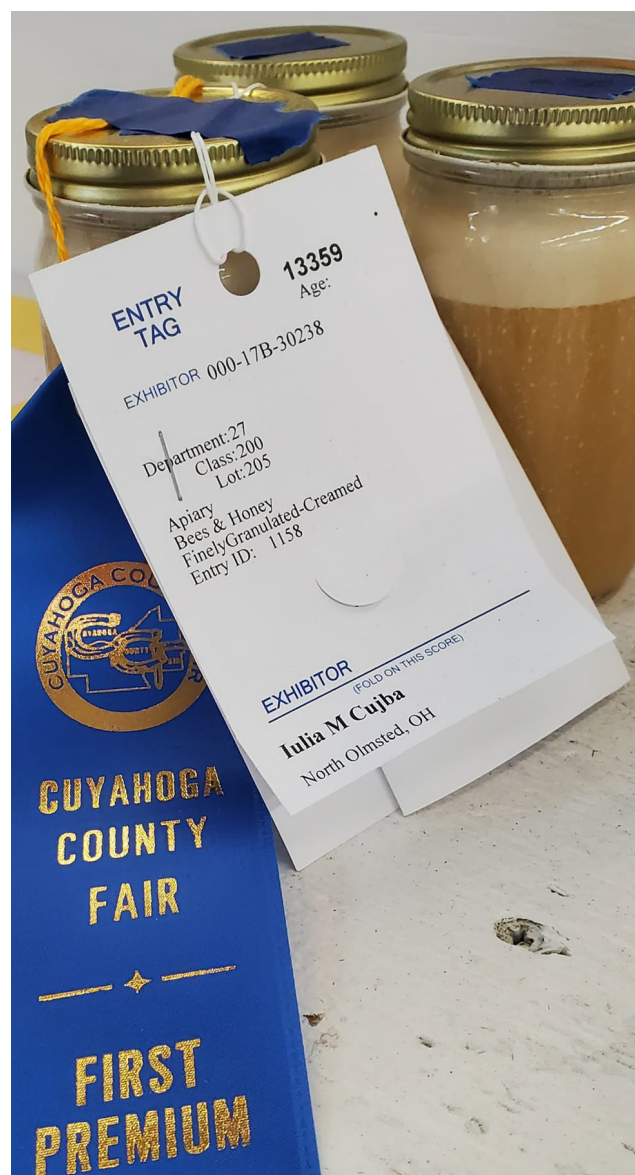


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Apple Pie with Artisan Honey

Recipe by Charles Heaton

Pie Crust:

2½ cup of all purpose flour
2 tbsp of brown sugar
⅛ tsp ground cinnamon
½ cup + ¼ of unsalted butter, cold
5 tbsp of milk
4 tbsp of cold water

Apple Filling:

Approximately 5 lbs baking apples
1 tbsp of ground cinnamon
¼ tbsp ground nutmeg
2 tbsp local artisan honey
Zest from one lemon
Juice from half of the lemon
Best apples for baking: Braeburn, Cortland, Crispin, Golden Delicious, Granny Smith
Egg wash: egg yolk + 1 tbsp of milk for egg wash, turbinado or white sugar (to sprinkle)

Procedure:

- In a large bowl mix together flour, cinnamon, nutmeg and sugar.
- Cut the butter into small cubes and cut in the flour to obtain pea-sized crumble mixture.
- Add the milk and cold water, in parts, knead the dough until the texture is silky and smooth.
- Cover the dough with plastic wrap and refrigerate at least for one hour or overnight.
- Pull the dough out from the fridge 30 minutes before starting work with it. Grease the pan with butter and sprinkle some turbinado or white sugar.
- Peel and slice apples, mix with cinnamon, honey, zest, and juice from the lemon. Set aside.
- On a floured working surface roll the half of the dough out and place it into the prepared baking pan. Lay the prepared apples. Roll another half of the dough. Seal and crimp edge, decorate if desired. Brush with egg yolk, sprinkle additional turbinado sugar. Cut vent holes as needed.
- Bake in a preheated oven at 350F for 45 minutes or until the color is golden-brown.
- Allow to cool before serving.



Higher honey prices expected in wake of anti-dumping findings

Significantly higher honey prices are anticipated in the wake of preliminary anti-dumping findings issued in July by the US Department of Commerce. The findings relate to exports of honey into the United States and will prompt significant duties if finalized at proposed levels.

The DOC also imposed retroactive duties that could total an estimated \$50 million in additional industry duties on honey imports back to 2022, when anti-dumping duties were first imposed on several companies in the four largest exporting countries. The findings are the latest in a series of actions involving US honey imports that span about a quarter of a century.

The American Honey Producers Association, Bruce, SD, and Sioux Honey Association, Sioux City, Iowa, petitioned the DOC in April 2021...

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<https://www.foodbusinessnews.net/articles/26679-higher-honey-prices-expected-in-wake-of-anti-dumping-findings>



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