



The Honey Bee Times

June 2026



The May meeting was held in the Bee Barn and the featured speaker was member Sal Caruso. Sal is in his seventh year of beekeeping and focuses on honeybee health and letting his bees make honey. When most of us think about honeybee nutrition, we think about sugar syrup ratios and pollen patties. There's really much more. The various plants blooming at different time of the year provide our fuzzy friends with varying levels of nutrition.

Thank you, Sal for a very informative talk.

The June meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 10th at 7:00 pm. Peggy Garnes from the Medina County Beekeepers will be talking about entering your honey products in the county fair. Weather permitting there will be activity in the bee yard before the meeting.

This month in the bee yard

May started out in a cooler pattern that kept the bees inside more which leads to congestion in the hive. This time of year you should be doing an inspection weekly to make sure there's enough room in the brood nest for the queen to lay in and space for the bees to store honey. June is the middle of swarm season, and there have been many reports of swarms already. If you haven't already done so, setting out swarm traps is a good idea. Bait the traps with a frame of older comb and some new foundation. Using an attractant such as lemon oil or any of the commercially available swarm lures will help. You should also have some extra equipment available for housing swarms or making splits. Most new beekeepers start out with the basic two deep set-up, and when the hive population starts to explode this time of year find themselves scrambling for equipment, especially if they are lucky enough to capture a swarm. It never hurts to have too much equipment as a back-up when needed.

.If you treat with Oxalic acid, do three treatments 7-10 days apart every other month using vapor or a dribble.

Swarm Removal list

The club maintains a list of beekeepers that are willing to capture swarms in the Greater Cleveland area on it's website. To be listed on the swarm list you must be a currently paid member of the association. You can specify whether you want to do "cut-outs" (removal from structures) or not. If you are interested, please provide the following information-

- ◆ Name
- ◆ Phone Number
- ◆ Areas Served
- ◆ Cut-outs Yes/No

Swarm removal can be a great way to get more bees. The potential downside is that bees don't always land where they can be easily collected.

To be included on the list send your information to Steve Dahar at s1417559@gmail.com

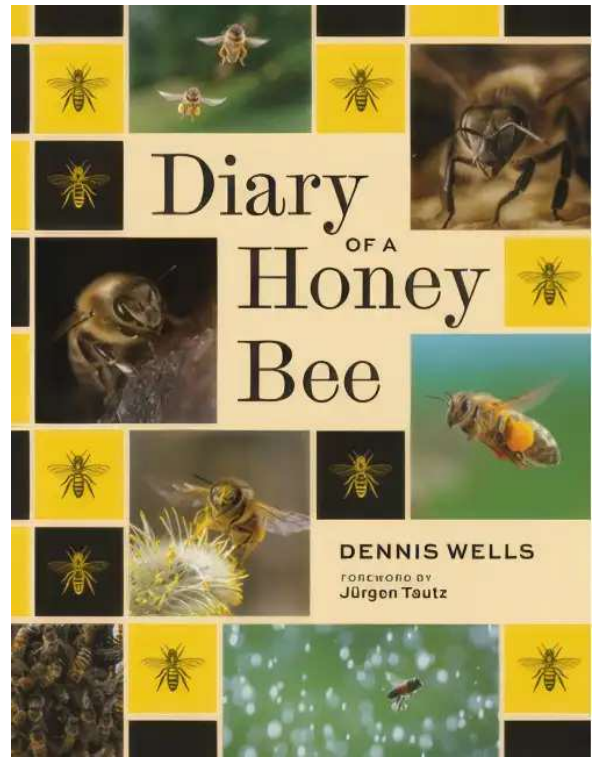
Hospitality Corner

Speaking of tasty treats, our meetings are a great way to meet other beekeepers and for socializing. Members are encouraged to bring treats to share. Thanks to Jan Petrek for the coffee at every meeting and to Lisa Hull for her delicious strawberry dessert for the May meeting.

Beekeepers Bookshelf

Diary of a Honey Bee by Dennis Wells is an interesting and easy-to-enjoy look at the world of honey bees. The book does a great job of mixing science with beautiful close-up photography, so it feels informative without being too heavy or hard to follow.

Wells explains how bees live, work together, communicate, and survive through the different seasons, which makes the book both educational and fun to read. One of the best parts is how the photos help bring everything to life, you really get a sense of how fascinating and busy the hive is. Even though the book is more focused on observation than storytelling, it keeps your attention because the subject is so interesting. Overall, *Diary of a Honey Bee* is a thoughtful and visually impressive book that would be a great pick for anyone who likes bees, nature, animals, or learning something new in a relaxed way.

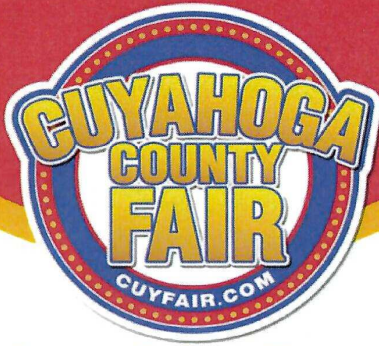


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Scholarship Program 2026



Cuyahoga County Agricultural Society Scholarship

The Cuyahoga County Agricultural Society Scholarship is available to any high school senior or current college student applying for the first time, with a preference for residents of Cuyahoga County. Applicants must be enrolling in a post-secondary, two- or four-year accredited program or technical school. Candidates should have participated in the Cuyahoga County Fair as an exhibitor or in a county fair youth program for at least one year prior to applying. These scholarships are a one-time award and cannot be reapplied for if previously received. Applications must be submitted online AT WWW.CUYFAIR.COM. Deadline for applications is 3:00 PM on July 1, 2026.

Jim Mikesina Law Enforcement Scholarship

A \$1,000 scholarship is available for residents of Cuyahoga County who are seeking a career in any first responder field. This encompasses professions in law enforcement, firefighting, paramedicine, and emergency medicine. Applications can be submitted online at WWW.CUYFAIR.COM. Please note that the deadline for applications is 3:00 PM on July 1, 2026.

Cuyahoga County Farm Bureau/Cuyahoga County Fair Partnership Scholarship

The Cuyahoga County Fair is offering a \$1,000 scholarship for the 2025-2026 school year. Applicants must have participated in the Cuyahoga County Fair as an exhibitor or in a youth program for at least one year. This one-time scholarship, in partnership with the Cuyahoga County Farm Bureau, is not available to previous recipients. Applications can be submitted online at WWW.CUYAHOGA.OFBF.ORG, with a deadline of July 1, 2026.



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GCBA Goal: The Greater Cleveland Beekeepers Association supports, educates, and connects both beekeepers and aspiring beekeepers alike through monthly meetings and classes.