2023 First Year Bee Yard and COBA Schedule

Wed., March 15 6:30 **COBA monthly meeting – Franklin Park Conservatory**

Wed., Apr 5 6 Organizational: pass out calendars, rules, sign up for Bee Yard, clean shed, inventory

 shed. **Paint hives. Bring brushes.**

Sat., Apr 8 1:00 - ? Install bees into hives. Clean up area, trim Mulberry tree, remove Locust sprouts

 **Come at noon if you can for cleanup.**

Wed., Apr 12 6 Bee Yard – First inspection of Hives. Demonstrate inspection, then inspect hives, release Queen if needed, feed. Topic: Hive set-up configurations.

Sat., April 15 1 Easton Bee Yard check hives, doing splits.

Tues., April 18 6 Bee Yard: Check Bees, answer questions, work on area.

Wed., April 19 6:30 **COBA monthly meeting** – Franklin Park Conservatory.

Mon., April 24 7:00 Zoom meeting. Answer your questions. FYBY, Vets, Membership.

Wed., Apr 26 6 Bee Yard – Inspect hives, feed.

Wed., May 3 6 Bee Yard – Inspect hives, feed. Demo inspection. Hive Inspection – what to look for,

when to add the next box. Inspect and feed. **Topic:** **Mike Hatter:** Types of Bees,

Advantages and Disadvantages.

Wed., May 10 6 Bee Yard ~~– I~~nspect hives, feed. **Mint Day** - Topic: **Gale Martin** of ***Natives In***

***Harmony*** to talk about bee plants. Plants available for sale.

Sat., May 13 9 – 12 **Pancake Breakfast and Plant Swap** at **Broad Street United Methodist Church**

**501 E. Broad Street, 43215**. Parking at the State Auto lots on Washington Ave.

Tues., May 16 6 Bee Yard – Inspect hives, feed. Topic: **Barb Bloetscher:** What to expect from Bee

Inspector

Wed., May 17 6:30 **COBA monthly meeting –** Franklin Park Conservatory.

Sat., May 20 1 Easton Apiary, World Bee Day

Mon., May 22 7:00 Zoom meeting. Answer your questions.

Wed., May 24 6 Bee Yard – Inspect hives. Topic: **Will Merrill:** Swarming prevention, capturing swarms,

tools to capture

Wed., May 31 6 Bee Yard – Inspect hives. Topic: **Nina Bagley:** Queen cells, requeening, What do you

want to know?

Wed., June 7 6 Bee Yard – Inspect hives. Topic: **Barb Bloetscher:** Mites

Wed., June 14 6 Bee Yard – Inspect hives. Topic: **Winnie Williams:** Ventilation

Sat., June 17 1 Easton Apiary

Tues., June 20 6 Bee Yard – Inspect hives. Topic: **Mark Cameron**: Harvesting Honey

Wed., June 21 6:30 **COBA monthly meeting**

Sun., June 25 **COBA PICNIC at Blendon Woods Park, Hickory Grove Shelter**

Mon., June 26 7:00 Zoom meeting. Answer your questions.

Wed., June 28 6 Bee Yard – Inspect hives. Topic: **Nina Bagley**: Women in the Bee Yard

Wed., July 5 6 Bee Yard – Inspect hives. Topic: Open topic

Wed., July 12 6 Bee Yard – Inspect hives. Topic: Varroa Day

Sat., July 15 1 Easton Apiary

Mon., July 17 9 a.m. **Franklin County Fair** begins through Sun. July 23. Volunteers welcome and appreciated.

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Wed., July 19 6 Bee Yard – Inspect hives. Topic: **Barb Bloetscher:**  Diseases and Treatment

Sun., July 23 9 p.m. **Franklin County Fair** ends

Mon., July 24 7:00 Zoom meeting. Answer your questions.

Wed., July 26 6 Bee Yard – Inspect hives. Topic: Winter Preparation

Wed., July 26 7 a.m. **Ohio State Fair** begins through Aug. 6

Wed., Aug 2 6 Bee Yard – Inspect hives. Topic: **Med Lutmerding:** Winter Blanket Boxes

Sun., Aug 6 9 p.m. **Ohio State Fair** ends

Mon., Aug 7 8 – 5 **Pick up Ohio State Fair entries**

Wed., Aug 9 6 Bee Yard – Inspect Hives. Topic: **Mike Hatter**: Winter windbreaks

Tues., Aug 15 6 Bee Yard – Inspect hives. Topic: **Mark Cameron**: Apitherapy and all products of the hive

Wed., Aug. 16 6:30 **COBA monthly meeting – Franklin Park Conservatory**

Sat., Aug. 19 1 Easton Apiary

Wed., Aug 23 6 Bee Yard – Inspect hives. Topic: Closing down hives for winter, mouse guards, robbing,

removing honey from hives

Mon., Aug. 28 7:00 Zoom meeting. Answer your questions.

Wed., Aug 30 6 Bee Yard – Inspect hives. Topic: Home hive assessment? treat? for autumn, treat Bee

Yard hives, winter feeding

Wed., Sept 6 6 Bee Yard – Inspect hives. Topic: Moving hives, planning if, when, where.

Fri., Sept 8 3-7 **Lithopolis Honey Fest**

Sat., Sept 9 10-7 **Lithopolis Honey Fest**

Wed., Sept 13 6 Bee Yard – Inspect hives. Topic: Winter feeds, storing frames and supers

Sat., Sept. 16 1 Easton Apiary

Tues., Sept 19 6 Bee Yard – Inspect hives. Topic: Review prep for winter, winter feed. Last day to pick up

sold hives.

Wed., Sept 20 6:30 **COBA monthly meeting – Franklin Park Conservatory**

Mon., Sept. 25 7:00 Zoom meeting. Answer your questions.

Wed., Sept 27 6 Bee Yard – last meeting, set up for winter, all hives are gone

**Note: Hives do not leave at night. They may be closed up in the evening and then moved the next day. Possible combinations are: close Wednesday evening, move Thursday. Or close Friday evening, move Saturday. Help is available as well as the use of the two-person hive mover.**

Wed., Oct 18 6:30 **COBA monthly meeting – elections and member appreciation. Franklin Park**

**Conservatory**

Sat., Oct. 21 1 Easton Apiary

Sun., Nov 12 by 6 pm Entries due at Conrad’s for club honey competition

Wed., Nov 15 6 **COBA dinner. Awards, results of honey competition**