

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 – 3p 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 – Inspect 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: Venilation

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

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 mee8ng. Answer your ques8ons.

Wed., Sept 27 6 Bee Yard – last mee8ng, 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.

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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