

2024 First Year Bee Yard, Easton Bee Yard, Scott's Lawn Bee Yard and COBA Schedule (12/4/2023)

Mon., Jan. 1,		New Year's Day
Wed., Jan. 3,		Scholarship Applications Due
Mon., Jan. 8,		COBA Board Meeting
Wed., Jan. 17,		COBA Monthly Meeting , Franklin Park Conservatory
Sat., Feb.10	10	Easton Apiary
Mon., Feb. 12,		COBA Board Meeting
Wed., Feb. 21,		COBA Monthly Meeting , Franklin Park Conservatory
Wed., Feb. 21,		COBA Bee School, Section 1 Begins
Sat., Feb. 24,		COBA Bee School, Section 2
Sun., Feb. 25	10	Easton Apiary
Wed., Feb. 28,		COBA Bee School, Section 1
Sat., Mar. 2,		Tri-County Beekeepers Association Meeting, Wooster
Wed., Mar. 6,		COBA Bee School, Section 1
Sat., Mar. 9	10	Easton Apiary
Sat., Mar. 9,		COBA Bee School, Section 3
Mon., Mar. 11,		COBA Board Meeting
Wed., Mar. 13,		COBA Bee School, Section 1
Sat., Mar. 16,		Veterans Bee School Begins
Wed., Mar. 20,		COBA Monthly Meeting , Franklin Park Conservatory
Sat., Mar. 23,		Veterans Bee School
Sun., Mar. 24	10	Easton Apiary
Sat., Mar. 30,		Veterans Bee School
Wed., Apr 3	6	First Year Bee Yard - Organizational: pass out calendars, rules, sign up for Bee Yard, clean shed, inventory shed. Paint hives. Bring brushes.
Thurs., Apr. 4		Scott's Lawn Apiary, 14380 Scottslawn Rd. (at the Scottslawn Recreation Park/Pollinator Garden) Parking across the street by the red barns
Sat., Apr. 6,		Veterans Bee School
Sat., Apr. 6		1:00 - ? First Year Bee Yard - Install bees into hives. Clean up area, trim Mulberry tree, remove Locust sprouts. Come at noon if you can for cleanup.
Mon., Apr. 8,		COBA Board Meeting
Wed., Apr 10	6	First Year Bee Yard – First inspection of Hives. Demonstrate inspection, then inspect hives, release Queen if needed, feed. Topic: Hive set-up configurations.
Thurs., Apr. 11		Scott's Lawn Apiary

Sat., April 13	10	Easton Bee Yard check hives, doing splits.
Tues., April 16	6	First Year Bee Yard: Check Bees, answer questions, work on area.
Wed., April 17	6:30	COBA monthly meeting – Franklin Park Conservatory.
Thurs., April 18		Scott's Lawn Apiary
Mon., Apr. 22		Earth Day
Mon., April 22	7:00	Zoom meeting. Answer your questions. FYBY, Vets, Membership.
Wed., Apr 24	6	First Year Bee Yard – Inspect hives, feed.
Thurs., Apr. 25		Scott's Lawn Apiary
Sun., April 28	10	Easton Apiary
Wed., May 1	6	First Year 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.
Thurs., May 2		Scott's Lawn Apiary
Wed., May 8	6	First Year Bee Yard —inspect hives, feed. Mint Day - Topic: Gale Martin of <i>Natives In Harmony</i> to talk about bee plants. Plants available for sale.
Thurs., May 9		Scott's Lawn Apiary
Sat., May 11	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.
Mon., May 13,		COBA Board Meeting
Tues., May 14	6	First Year Bee Yard – Inspect hives, feed. Topic: Barb Bloetscher: What to expect from Bee Inspector
Wed., May 15	6:30	COBA monthly meeting – Franklin Park Conservatory.
Thurs., May 16		Scott's Lawn Apiary
Mon., May 20		World Bee Day
Wed., May 22	6	First Year Bee Yard
Thurs., May 23		Scott's Lawn Apiary
Sun., May 26	10	Easton Apiary
Mon., May 27	7:00	Zoom meeting. Answer your questions.
Wed., May 29	6	First Year Bee Yard – Inspect hives. Topic: Swarming prevention, capturing swarms, tools to capture.
Thurs., May 30		Scotts Lawn Apiary
Wed., June 5	6	Bee Yard – Inspect hives. Topic:
Thurs., June 6	6:30	Scotts Lawn Apiary
Sat., June 8	10	Easton Apiary
Mon., June 10		COBA Board Meeting
Wed., June 12	6	First Year Bee Yard – Inspect hives. Topic: Barb Bloetscher: Mites
Thurs., June 13	6:30	Scotts Lawn Apiary
Tues., June 18	6	First Year Bee Yard – Inspect hives. Topic: Winnie Williams: Ventilation
Wed., June 19	630	COBA monthly meeting – Franklin Park Conservatory
Thurs., June 20		Last Day to Register for Ohio State Fair

Thurs., June 20	6:30	Scotts Lawn Apiary
Sat., June 22		Pollinator Palooza, Franklin Park Conservatory
Sun., June 23	10	Easton Apiary
Sun., June 23		COBA PICNIC at Blendon Woods Park, Hickory Grove Shelter
Mon., June 24	7:00	Zoom meeting. Answer your questions.
Wed., June 26	6	First Year Bee Yard – Inspect hives.
Thurs., June 27	6:30	Scotts Lawn Apiary
Wed., July 3	6	First Year Bee Yard – Inspect hives. Topic: Open topic
Wed., July 3		Last day to register for Franklin County Fair
Mon., July 8		COBA Board Meeting
Wed., July 10	6	First Year Bee Yard – Inspect hives. Topic: Varroa Day
Thurs., July 11	6:30	Scotts Lawn Apiary
Sat., July 13	10	Easton Apiary
Proposed: Mon., July 15		9 a.m. Franklin County Fair begins through Sun. July 21. Volunteers welcome and appreciated.
Wed., July 17	6	First Year Bee Yard
Thurs., July 18	6:30	Scotts Lawn Apiary
Proposed: Sun., July 21		9 p.m. Franklin County Fair ends
Mon., July 22	2 – 4	Pick up County Fair entries
Mon., July 22	7	Q & A Zoom Meeting. Answer your questions.
Wed., July 24		Ohio State Fair begins through Sunday, August 4
Wed., July 24	6	First Year Bee Yard – Inspect hives. Topic: Barb Bloetscher: Diseases and Treatment
Thurs., July 25	6:30	Scotts Apiary
Sun., July 28	10	Easton Apiary
Wed., July 31	6	First Year Bee Yard – Inspect hives. Topic: Winter Preparation
Thurs., Aug. 1	6:30	Scotts Lawn Apiary
Sun., Aug. 4	9 p.m.	Ohio State Fair ends
Mon., Aug. 5	8 – 5	Pick up Ohio State Fair entries.
Wed., Aug. 7	6	Bee Yard – Inspect hives. Topic: Med Lutmerding: Winter Blanket Boxes
Thurs., Aug. 8	6:30	Scotts Lawn Apiary
Sat., Aug. 10	10	Easton Apiary
Mon., Aug. 12		COBA Board Meeting
Wed., Aug. 14	6	First Year Bee Yard – Inspect Hives. Topic: Mike Hatter: Winter windbreaks
Thurs., Aug. 15	6:30	Scotts Apiary
Sat., Aug. 17		World and National Honey Bee Day

Tues., Aug 20	6	First Year Bee Yard – Inspect hives. Topic: Apitherapy and all products of the hive
Wed., Aug. 21	6:30	COBA monthly meeting – Franklin Park Conservatory
Thurs., Aug. 22	6:30	Scotts Apiary
Sun., Aug. 25	10	Easton Apiary
Mon., Aug. 26	7:00	Zoom meeting. Answer your questions.
Wed., Aug 28	6	Bee Yard – Inspect hives. Topic: Closing down hives for winter, mouse guards, robbing, removing honey from hives Topic: Home hive assessment? treat? for autumn, treat Bee Yard hives, winter feeding
Thurs., Aug., 29	6:30	Scotts Lawn Apiary
Wed., Sept 4	6	First Year Bee Yard – Inspect hives. Topic: Moving hives, planning if, when, where.
Thurs., Sept. 5	6:30	Scotts Lawn Apiary
Thurs., Sept. 5	7	Set up Lithopolis Honeyfest
Fri., Sept 6	3-7	Lithopolis Honey Fest
Sat., Sept 7	10-7	Lithopolis Honey Fest
Mon., Sept. 9		COBA Board Meeting
Wed., Sept 11	6	Bee Yard – Inspect hives. Topic: Winter feeds, storing frames and supers
Thurs., Sept. 12	6:30	Scotts Lawn Apiary
Sat., Sept. 14	10	Easton Apiary
Tues., Sept 17	6	Bee Yard – Inspect hives. Topic: Review prep for winter, winter feed. Last day to pick up sold hives.
Wed., Sept 18	6:30	COBA monthly meeting – Franklin Park Conservatory
Thurs., Sept. 19	6:30	Scotts Lawn Apiary
Mon., Sept. 23	7:00	Zoom meeting. Answer your questions.
Wed., Sept 25	6	Bee Yard – last meeting, set up for winter, all hives are gone.
Thurs., Sept. 26	630	Scotts Lawn Apiary
Sun., Sept. 29	10	Easton Apiary

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.

Sat., Oct. 12	10	Easton Apiary
Mon., Oct. 14		COBA Board Meeting
Wed., Oct 16	6:30	COBA monthly meeting – elections and member appreciation. Franklin Park Conservatory
Sun., Oct. 27	10	Easton Apiary
Mon., Oct. 28	7	Q & A Zoom meeting.
Sat., Nov. 2	10	Turkey Shoot at Cardinal Shooting Range
??Thurs., Nov. 9 – 11		Drop off COBA Honey competition entries.

????Sun., Nov 12	by 6 pm	Entries due at ?? for club honey competition
Wed., Nov 20	6	COBA Awards Banquet. Awards, results of honey competition
Mon., Dec. 9		COBA Board Meeting