



The Skep

August 2022

Columbiana & Mahoning Beekeepers' Association Newsletter

President's Corner

Hello Fellow Beekeepers,

This upcoming meeting, we will be bagging candy for the fair.

If you have any cherry cases that you are not going to use, please bring it to the meeting so someone else use it. Pre-Registration ends Saturday August 20th go online.

Jar cut comb cases we will have at the meeting for you to buy for fair entries.

Lorie Mowad will be telling us how she wants it numbered for the fair.

Spots are still open for working the fair call Lorie Mowad 330-770-2937.

-Bruce D.

August Meeting Information:

Meeting Date: 8/21/2022,
Monthly Membership Meeting and
Luncheon

[Austintown Senior Center](#)
[100 Westchester Drive](#)
[Suite 110](#)
[Austintown, Ohio 44515](#)

Potluck Lunch at 1 pm
Membership meeting at 2 pm

Guest Speaker:None

Next Meeting: 9/18/2022



Meeting Highlights:

- New members and announcements
- Need help with teardown and set up for meetings
- Still looking for help with the fair
- Fair updates
- Discussed how entry items will be judged

This Month/Next Month in Beekeeping:

August: Check for queen cells and brood diseases
 Add supers for fall flow
 Requeen if honey flow is on
 Provide shade and water

September: Provide more supers as needed
 Check for brood disease
 Requeen failing colonies
 Remove excess honey

Announcements:

- Fair updates
 - Need workers Sat, Sun, Mon
 - Games are made for kids while they are waiting in line
 - Mannequin will display with items a beekeeper uses
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- Club shirts have arrived, can pick them up at the meeting.
- Lorie Mowad has a Three frame extractor available shown in the picture below call 330-770-2937



Judging Overview

- Honey will be given a see-through light to check for impurities
- Correct jars are Queen Line or Classic jars never use plastic. Club offers these jars
- Moisture indicator a tool will be used to determine the moisture content
 - Uncapped honey has higher moisture content
 - Capped honey is ripe
 - Looking for around 18 moisture content
- Clean lids
- Jack's Scale will be used for color barometer
- Gift Baskets 10 lbs half produced and half store bought.
- No identifying details on entries
- Candles must have a wick otherwise place in fancy wax category. Cracks reduce points
- Chunk Honey should have straight edges and no air bubbles
- Comb honey drain excess honey before putting in container and all cells must be full
- Frames should not be leaking and fully capped

REJUVENATING BOREAGE AND HONEY TEA

Borage taken as a tea it is said that it can help to rejuvenate you after an illness. It can lift the spirits and bring the mind and body back into balance. You want to use dried borage flower heads. This is the season to start collecting the flower heads in early morning for best results.



Picture from freshfromthehive.co.uk

Ingredients:

- 1 Tablespoon dried borage flowers
- 2 cups water
- 1 teaspoon Honey

Directions:

1. PLACE DRIED BOREAGE INTO A BOWL
2. BOIL THE WATER AND LET IT COOL FOR 5 MINUTES, THEN POUR IT OVER THE DRIED BOREAGE AND LET INFUSE FOR 30-40 MINUTES
3. STRAIN THE LIQUID AND ADD HONEY TO SWEETEN.
4. SIP A CUP EVERY COUPLE OF HOURS. YOU MAY WISH TO GENTLY WARM YOUR TEA UP BEFORE YOU ADD THE HONEY.

“BE STILL AND LISTEN TO THE BEES, FOR THEY ARE WISER THAN WE KNOW.”

This recipe and quote comes from Blodel, Rachelle. “Forgotten ways for Modern Days.” 2015. Pg. 105.

Borage also known as starflower, bee bush, and bee bread. Borage is an edible annual herb with a long list of medicinal properties.

Borage is fast growing with clusters of starry blue flowers that our dear bees love!

Borage is also an excellent companion plant for tomatoes, strawberries, squash, and cabbage.

Helps reduce tomato hornworm and cabbage worm damage and attracts variety of beneficial insects. Borage is also a host plant for lacewings.

Borage leaves need to be picked early as they are furry and become pricklier with age. The leaves and flowers taste like cucumbers The stalks can be cooked liked any other vegetable.

At one time Borage was grown by beekeepers to boost honey production. A major source of nectar and pollen.

When bees are feeding on borage it replenishes its nectar two minutes after the previous visit. Bees can keep coming back for more nectar. Borage is a beloved plant by honeybees.

Club Librarian Dorothy Sabol

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