



The Skep

March 2023

Columbiana & Mahoning Beekeepers' Association Newsletter

President's Corner

Hello Fellow Beekeepers!

Last meeting members discussed different ways that they treat for varroa mites. What worked for them and when they treated for varroa mites. One member told us about a test that members could help in a study program test.

Make sure to take good notes at Wooster to give a short talk what you learned. Make sure to pick up new equipment at seminar for the upcoming year.

Bruce D.

March Meeting Information:

Meeting Date: 3/19/2023,
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

Topics:

Discussion about Wooster workshop

Next Meeting: 4/16/2023

Happen in the Hive:

March: Clean and prepare equipment for bees arriving in April

Continue feeding on warm days.

Last call for ordering bees with Steve and Kelly

Place orders for club shirts at meeting

April: Bees will be arriving from order.

Install packaged bees.

Strengthen hives with queenless packages.

Cut out old/bad brood comb.

Equalize colony, reverse boxes.

Announcements

Remember to register your beehives with the state.

www.AGRI.OHIO.GOV

Remember to order your shirts.

Buzzing Activities:

- [Tri-County Beekeepers Association Workshop.](#)

Single Event March 3 & 4

Location: Fisher Auditorium 1680 Madison Ave, Wooster, OH 44691

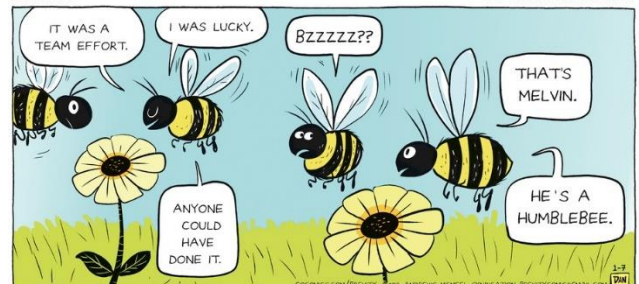
Register online ASAP <https://www.tricountybeekeepers.org/register> or call 330-801-1309

- If you can not get away from your bees, there is a webinar now available:
 - [Webinar](#)

Mentor List 2023		
Bruce Deafenbaugh	Unity, Columbiana	330-565-5414
Don Kovach	Youngstown	330-272-3711
Chuck Laird	Mineral Ridge	330-646-9546

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BY DAN THOMPSON



Beeswax Sachets by Carolina Honeybees

You will enjoy this diy beeswax sachet craft, for there are many.

different mold shapes and sizes you can use. Even essential oils, herbs, flower petals, leaves, and trinkets. Think of all the items you can dry.

and collect this spring summer fall. Great gifts these make and a great fair basket item. Over a long period of time your sachets can develop a frosty appearance, but don't worry, this is natural and can be removed.

easily by warming the wax surface with a hair dryer.



Ingredients:

- 16 oz beeswax
- 1 piece Silicon Mold-Bar Shapes
- 1 oz Dried Herbs – Flowers your choice
- 24 inches Ribbon or String for Hanger
- 1 can Mold Release Spray
- 50 drops Essential Oils your choice.
- A designated wax pot just for this (Aluminum is NOT recommended – will turn your wax green)

Directions:

1. Melt beeswax in a double broiler. Beeswax is easy to work with, but it is flammable if it gets too hot.
2. While the wax is melting, prepare your molds by spraying with mold release or Pam Cooking Spray. Carolina Honeybees prefers to use a silicone mold that she bought for this purpose. But you can use any small mold such as: cookie cutters lined with plastic wrap, small plastic bowls, silicone molds in different shapes etc.
3. Once the wax is completely melted remove pan from heat. Add 30-50 drops of the essential oil of your choice. You may divide the wax into 2 or 3 different cups if you want to have different scents in one batch. If you do so, adjust the drops of essential oil per cup.
4. Pour wax into prepared molds of your choice. Sprinkle dried herbs on the surface of the cooling wax. Now you must be patient while the wax hardens. If patience is not your virtue you can put the mold in the freezer for a bit to hurry things along.
5. Once the wax has cooled completely and hardened, remove your beeswax sachet from the mold. If you use the type of mold that Carolina Honeybees does, you will have a "hanger" hole in your sachet. If not, use a small knife to create one. Add a colorful ribbon or piece of natural twine to each sachet to serve as a hanger. Enjoy!

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