



The Skep

May 2023

Columbiana & Mahoning Beekeepers' Association Newsletter

President's Corner

Hello Fellow Beekeepers,

Last month Don K taught us different ways to catch swarms safely. Have equipment ready so when you get a call you are ready to "Grab and Go". Time does matter.

Put up bait hives to catch your swarms or catch wild swarms. Keep adding honey supers.

Check out:

<https://www.chapelvalleyhoney.com/challenges>

From Bob McMillan, Jim Fitzroy and Michelle Wright from New Castle regarding online bee classes.

-Bruce D.

Contact the following for testing bees and comb due to the derailment.

U.S Department of Agriculture
Bee Research Lab
476 E Barc
Beltsville, MD 20705
301-504-8821

<https://www.ars.usda.gov/main/site-main>

May Meeting Information:

Meeting Date: 5/21/2023,
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

Guest Speaker: Sustainability of your hive
with Brian Koplner (Castle Hives). 3D
model hives will be available for sale.
(Between \$22.00 and \$38.00)

Next Meeting: 6/25/2023
Changed due to Father's Day



Meeting Highlights:

- New members and announcements
- Members discussed what was learned at Wooster.
- Dorothy Sabol described the [Russian Scion](#) to catch swarms.
- Don Kovach demonstrated multiple ways to catch a swarm.
- Lori Mowad provided information how we will streamline the fair products.
- Dianna Perrico provided information how the board operated to keep us on the good side of Uncle Sam.
- Received a grant from Norfolk Sothern to support our club members that were affected. A tiered approach will be utilized to fairly distribute appropriations to those who are affected.

Buzzing Activities:

- If you cannot get away from your bees, there is a webinar now available: [Webinar](#)
- End Of Summer Classic September 9th at Lorain County Fairgrounds info at <https://www.loraincountybeekeepers.org>
- World Bee Day Fun Day, May 20 2023 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM info at <https://www.greaterclevelandbeekeepers.com>
- Online beginner Bee class <https://www.chapelvalleyhoney.com/challenges>
- Loran County Beekeepers hosting Field Day June 3 2023 info at <https://www.loraincountybeekeepers.org>

Announcements

- Register your beehives with the state before June 1st. www.AGRI.OHIO.GOV
- Lorie Mowad has a signup sheet for working the fair.
- Shafer Seeds donated sunflower seeds to the club. They will be handed out at the meeting.
- Tier 1 for the railroad benefit allows anyone within 5 miles of the train derailment to obtain a voucher for bees that have been replaced. Proof of purchase and a form needs to be filled out to be able to obtain the voucher.
- Please contact Dianna Perrico if you have any strong plastic, metal, non-rusted storage shelves that you would like to donate to the club for the storage locker.



Happen in the Hive:

- May: Check for queen cells and brood diseases.
- Manipulate hives for swarm prevention and make splits.
 - Replace poor brood frames and add honey supers as needed.
 - Provide ventilation and afternoon shade.
- June: Check for queen cells and brood diseases.
- Manipulate hives for swarm prevention.
 - Provide excess honey super space.
 - Last chance to make splits.
 - Extract spring honey if desired

Club Shirt Info:

- Money due at July Meeting will arrive in August.
- Contact Andrea Deafenbaugh
- T-shirts with print on front
 - Small- XL = \$10.00
 - 2XL = \$11.00
 - 3XL - 5XL = \$12.00
- Golf-shirts with print on back
 - Small- XL = \$14.00
 - 2XL = \$16.00
 - 3XL - 5XL = \$18.00
- Golf-shirts with embroidery on front
 - Small- XL = \$14.00
 - 2XL = \$16.00
 - 3XL - 5XL = \$18.00
- T-shirts with print on back and embroidery on front
 - Small- XL = \$18.00
 - 2XL = \$20.00
 - 3XL - 5XL = \$21.00

Honey Lip Scrub

A natural exfoliation ready to use in minutes. Store in a cool, dry place, and use an airtight Container. This product should last a month, or so. Great fair basket idea.

Recipe online, from suburban simplicity family-friendly recipes and helpful home tips, DIY sugar and honey lip scrub.



Ingredients:

4 Tablespoons Sugar

½ Tablespoon Oil (Coconut, Avocado Or Almond Oil)

1 Tablespoon Honey

¼ Teaspoon Pure Vanilla Extract

Small Mixing Bowl

Spoon

Airtight Storage Container

Directions:

Gather your ingredients and mix in a small bowl with a spoon.

Note:

If your using coconut oil and it needs softened, place oil in the microwave for a few seconds.

Apply to lips with fingertips. Massage into lips to gently slough off dry skin cells, using small circular finger motions, for about 30 seconds.

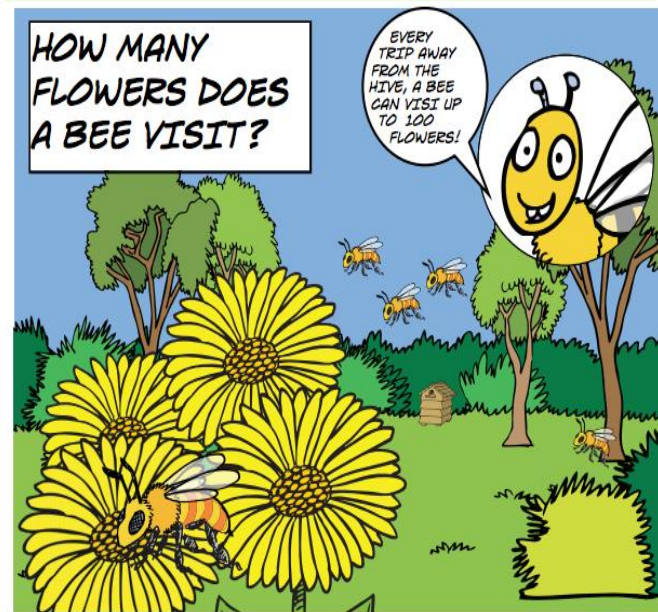
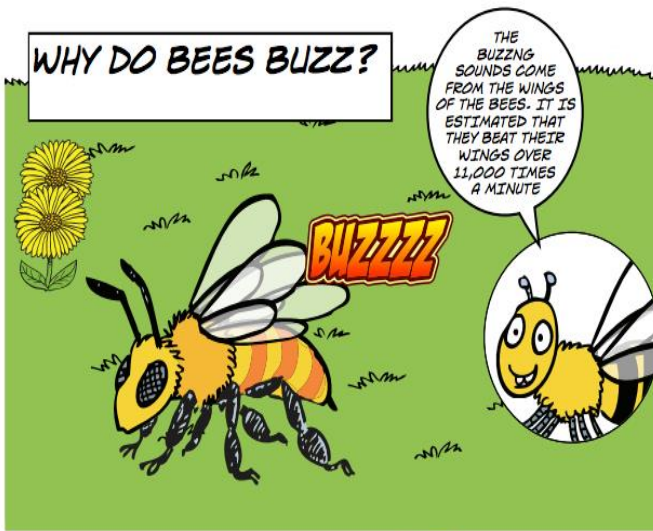
Rinse off with lukewarm water - then

Apply a natural rich lip balm to moisturize.

Note: do not over – exfoliate and cause irritation, using your lip scrub 1 -2 times a week.



Mentor List 2023	
Chmelik, Bob	330-799-6279, 330-501-8843
Chuey, John	330-549-3527, 330-501-2924
Davis, Steven & Kelly	330-881-0755,
Hood , Richard & Cynthia	330-538-3522, 330-207-6179
Jakim, James	916-304-5859,
Kovach, Donald	330-272-3711,
McMillan, Bob (Honey Sales)	724-651-6125,



Bees in the News:

[Dandelions are a lifeline for bees on the brink. We should learn to love them, says researcher](#)

[Study shows organic beekeeping rivals conventional methods for bee health, productivity](#)

[New research finds surprising science behind bumble bee superfood](#)

[More Michigan cities partake in No Mow May 2023: What to know](#)

[Witch Hazel: A Pollinator Feast That Breaks All The Rules](#)

[REVERSING HIVE BODIES IN THE SPRING: SHOWN WITH LARGE OBSERVATION HIVES](#)

Swarm List 2023

Name	Service Area	Phone
Don, Duda	Western Mahoning courty and alliance	330-503-6723
Bruce , Deafenbaugh	Columbiana,Unity,New Springfield,East Palestine	330-565-5414
Chuck, Laird	Mahoning in Trumbull county	330-646-9546
Lori, Mowad	Poland , New Middletown, New Springfield	330-770-2937
Paul, Pinto	Mahoning	330-233-0923
Donald, Kovach	Youngstown, Canfield, Boardman, Austintown,	330-272-3711
George, Stacy	Columbiana and Mahoning counties	330-360-8717
Tina, McCoy	Columbiana/southern Mahoning	330-503-4297
AJ, Rehlinger	50 mile radius from Canfield OH	330-261-8458

2023 Officers

President	Bruce Deafenbaugh	330-457-0326
Vice President	Laurie Coy	330-692-7790
Secretary	Grimilda Ocasio	330-536-8714
Treasurer	Dianna Perrico	330-360-3088
Board of Directors:		
A.J. Rehlinger	2024	330-261-8458
Nate Williams	2023	330-510-1128
Andrea Deafenbaugh	2023	330-565-5414

2022 Club Sponsors and Donors: 2023 list will come out soon!

<p><u>A.I. Root- Bee Culture</u></p> <p><u>Applewood Seed Company</u></p> <p><u>Betterbee</u></p> <p><u>Bee Smart Designs</u></p> <p><u>Beeline Apiaries</u></p> <p><u>Blue Sky Bee Supply</u></p> <p><u>Brushy Mountain</u></p> <p><u>Buckeye Queen Producers</u></p> <p><u>Dadant - American Bee Journal</u></p> <p><u>Draper's Super Bee Apiaries</u></p> <p><u>Ernst Seeds</u></p>	<p><u>Heartwood Lumber</u></p> <p><u>Kelley Beekeeping</u></p> <p><u>Mann Lake</u></p> <p><u>Olivarez Honey Bees</u></p> <p><u>Pigeon Mountain Trading</u></p> <p><u>Queen Right Colonies</u></p> <p><u>Rossmann Apiaries</u></p> <p><u>Western Bee Supplies</u></p> <p><u>HillTop Honey Farm</u></p>
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Click on the company name to visit their web site.