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February 2023

Columbiana & Mahoning Beekeepers' Association Newsletter

President's Corner

Hello Fellow Beekeepers!

Last month we went over things that we should be doing now. Feed bees, keep entrances open just 2/8 x 6-inch opening, clean old equipment, cull old foundation, build new equipment, and paint them so you're ready for spring.

Learn how to do something new this year. Get info from our library or on the web. Sign up for PA February 11-12 or Wooster March 4-5. Pre order equipment to pick up at PA or Wooster seminars.

This month we will be discussing treat or don't treat and installing package of bees.

Bruce D.

February Meeting Information:

Meeting Date: 2/19/2023
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

Guest Speakers: Mike, Bruce and CiCi

Topics:

Part 1: To treat or not to treat pros and cons and how to treat.

Part 2: How to install Bee Packages

Next Meeting: 3/12/2023

Happen in the Hive:

February:

- Feed your bees on warm days. Sugar brick examples are available at the library.
- Order your bees. Contact, Hilltop Honey Farm, at 330-881-0733. It is advised to order bees before March 1st.
- Order T-Shirts at the meeting for the upcoming season.
- Repair, clean, and paint hives and frames for upcoming season.
- Prepare sugar syrup for spring feeding.

March:

- Feed on warm days
- Unite queenless colonies.
- Clean out bottom boards and entrances.
- Place hives for packaged bees
- Presentations from PA and Wooster

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
- [Western Pennsylvania Beekeeping Seminar](#)
Single Event Feb 10th 7:00 PM – Feb 11 4:30 PM
Location: 3000 Gateway Campus Blvd, Monroeville, PA 15146, USA
Register online <https://www.beavervalleybees.net/events/western-pa-beekeeping-seminar-2>
Tickets From \$38.00-\$75.00
- If you can not get away from your bees, there is a webinar now available:
 - [Webinar](#)

The Library Corner:

2022 Banquet/2023 Library Notes

A special Thank You to...

My husband Vincent Sabol for making the queen rearing frames for the center pieces!
My daughter Sarah Sabol for her computer help!

Roseann Toth for baking the cutout cookies for the banquet and decorating the tables!
Lori Mowad for donating her beautiful homemade soaps and her Cricut designs to the banquet!

Laurie Coy for taking care of the vintage items and decorating around the banquet room!

Laurie Coy and Sue Williams for making the favors!

These beautiful ladies for their banquet support, time, and work!

Bruce and Andrea Deafenbaugh for donating "Discover the Busy World of the Beehive" children's book, which will be used for the coloring contest winner for the fair this year!

Club Librarians Dorothy and Laurie

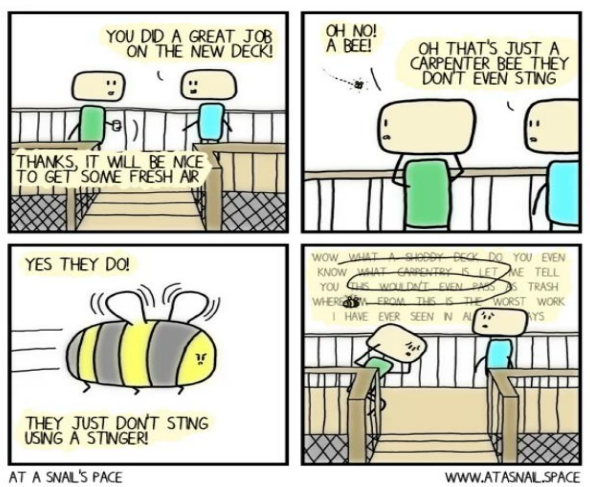


Have you heard the Buzz?

[Make Your Own Medicine: Homemade Cough Drops](#)

[US approves world's first vaccine for declining honey bees](#)

[Scientists breed honey bees to fight deadly parasite](#)



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Mentor List 2023

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

Educational Opportunities:

Beekeeping Basics

\$85 - Two-Day Class in Mercer, PA

Fri Feb 3rd at 6p-9:30p & Sat Feb 4th at 9a-12p

Learn how to set up an apiary, the various options of ordering bees and the basics on how to manage your colonies, along with bee biology/pathology and why such things matter in apiary management. This is an intensive beginner's course that will prepare you for successful beekeeping or help along a newer beekeeper as a refresher course.



Beekeeping- Beyond Basics

\$85 - Two-Day Class in Mercer, PA

Fri Feb 24th at 6p-9:30p & Sat Feb 25th at 9a-12p

Build on basic beekeeping knowledge with lots of detailed tips & tricks of BEE MANAGEMENT like practical swarm prevention, increasing honey & brood production, and deeply examine both mite-resistant genetic breeding & mite treatment options. A hands-on colony inspection day will be offered this spring for interested attendees.

This course covers intermediate to advanced topics in detail and is open to either current beekeepers or future beekeepers that have taken any in-depth introductory beekeeping class.

Registration Information:

- Send payment of \$85 per attendee via check payable to CiCi Sweeny at 1996 Butler Pike, Grove City, PA 16127. Please note 'Beek Basics class' or 'Beyond Basics class' in memo line of check. You can also register/pay for both classes at once.
- Include the name/number/email/address of each attendee on a separate page enclosed with a check
- Once payment is received, you will be emailed an acknowledgment of payment and your registration
- About a week prior to each event, detailed directions and other information will be emailed to all registered attendees

Please email any questions to honeybee.pa@aol.com, and I will get back to you within two days.

Thank you,

CiCi Sweeny

Dog Paw Balm

Something fun to do with our beeswax, Gifts, and fair basket. It is suggested to keep fur trimmed off bottom of paws to prevent those ice balls, which can lead to chapping.

And chaffing, even cuts. It's also suggested to wipe paws off when coming in from winter weather, due to snow, ice, and de-icing products, which can burn pads and sensitive skin that's between their toes. We're not doctors, do your own research. Check with your veterinarian. This recipe is suggested as a preventative idea.

Recipe from Country Woman Magazine December-January 2021 page 27



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Ingredients:

2 Tablespoons Beeswax

2 Tablespoons Shea Butter

2 Tablespoons Coconut Oil

2 Tablespoon Olive Oil

20 Drops Food Grade Lavender
Essential Oil

Toothpick

4 Ounce Mason Jar with Lid

Small Glass Microwavable Bowl

Directions:

Microwave beeswax, shea butter, coconut oil and olive oil in glass bowl for about 1 minute.

Use toothpick to stir until completely melted.

Add lavender oil and stir with the toothpick.

Pour mixture into mason jar.

Allow to cool and solidify.

Put lid on.

Decorate jar top as desired and label.

Swarm List 2023

Name	Service Area	Phone
Bruce Deafenbaugh	East Palestine, Columbiana, Unity, New Springfield	330-457-0326
Don Kovach	Youngstown, Austintown, Canfield	330-272-3711
Hector Colon	Youngstown, Austintown, Canfield	330-782-0512
Perry Toth	Youngstown, Canfield, Boardman	330-501-8834 330-501-0167
Josh Gilmore	Columbiana County	330-277-3972
Bobby Arroga	Mahoning County	330-503-7020
Chuck Laird	Southern Trumbull, N. Mahoning counties	330-646-9546

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Nate Williams	2023	330-510-1128
Andrea Deafenbaugh	2023	330-565-5414

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