



The Skep

July 2023

Columbiana & Mahoning Beekeepers' Association Newsletter

President's Corner

Hello Fellow Beekeepers,

Thank you, Ray Wert, for the wonderful presentation discussing raising queens.

-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>

OSU OARDC & ATI
Dr. Reed Johnson
1680 Madison Ave
Wooster, OH 44691

July Meeting Information:

Meeting Date: 7/16/2023,
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: John Grafrow



Meeting Highlights:

- New members and announcements
- Ray Wert discussed raising queens.

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>
- [Bee Talk with Susan Nutter Thursday July 6, 2023, 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM Lepper Library Lisbon OH](#)
- Sustainable Beekeeping by Mark Beougher Summit County Fairgrounds 1050 North Ave, Tallmadge, OH Thu, Jul 20, 7 – 10 PM

Announcements

- Lorie Mowad has a signup sheet for working the fair. Signup sheet for items to enter must be turned in by August meeting and all items must be labeled prior to bringing to fair. If entering item in fair, you must work the fair. Will be assigned a color to correspond with items so all items can be rotated and evenly distributed.
- This is the last month to order shirts and submit payment at the meeting.



Looking for Swarms 2023	The Receive List
Davis, Steven & Kelly	330-881-0755,
Gabrick, Robert & Chris	330-549-3771, 3307182935
Jakim, James	916-304-5859,
Marshall, Floyd	330-821-0563,
McKim, Mike, Ashley	330-398-7662, 330-303-3063
McMillan, Bob (Honey Sales)	724-651-6125,
Ocasio & Arroyo, Grimilda & Bobby	330-536-8714, 330-774-2808
Temelkoff, Paul & Sonja	330-759-2804, 330-519-8975

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,

Happen in the Hive:

July:

- Check for queen cells and brood diseases
- Add Ox Towels for mite treatment.
- Add supers for summer flow.
- Check and provide water sources.
- Provide shade and water.

August:

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

Bees in the News:

[Ohio researchers develop new breed of honeybees to fight parasites](#)

[Immune-boosting therapy helps honey bees resist deadly viruses](#)

[Disturbing moment elderly woman is stung by HUNDREDS of bees outside her home and staggers to her car before falling to the ground:](#)

[Honey bees more faithful to their flower patches than bumble bees, new study shows](#)

[Where do honey bees come from? New study 'turns the standard picture on its head'](#)

[Q&A: Are honey bees, wild bees still in trouble?](#)

[Mitchell's Honey Company works to increase health of bees](#)

[Honey Bees Show a Taste for Soybean in New Study](#)

Club Shirt Info: Last Call!

- Money due at this 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

Oxalic acid hive towels

Per Half Roll

Oxalic acid: 336 grams

Water: 280 ML

Vegetable Glycerin: 364 ML

Instructions:

- 1)Cut towel roll in half.
- 2)Put in a stainless-steel container to soak up liquid.
- 3)Combine ingredients and heat to 140-160 f
- 4)Stir ingredients until clear.
- 5)Microwave roll for one minute to increase absorption
- 6)Minimum two half towels per hive

<https://scientificbeekeeping.com/oxalic-shop-towel-updates/>



Honey playdough recipe

Fun recipe to share, while learning about

Honeybees. Perfect sensory learning.

All ages apply.



Ingredients:

- 2 – 1/2 cups flour (plus 1/4 cup for later)
- 1/2 cup salt
- 2 tablespoons cream of tartar
- 1 – 1/2 cups of boiling water
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 2 tablespoons honey

Directions:

Start by mixing the dry ingredients. Then mix the wet ingredients in a separate bowl. Slowly add the wet ingredients to the dry, while stirring. If the mixture looks too wet, add in the extra 1/4 cup of flour. Then knead the dough on a cutting board with flour.

Kneading the dough until it is soft and easy to mold with your hands. If it seems too dry, you can add a teaspoon or two of oil and knead it in. Then have fun with the dough! (When you are done with the dough, store it in an air-tight container so you can use it for months!)

- roll into playdough snakes.
- use kid scissors to cut the snakes or pieces.
- make pretend cupcakes.
- make balls.
- roll out the dough with a small roller.
- make imprints with a honey dipper.
- make a playdough beehive.

Swarm List (Get) 2023

Name	Service Area	Phone
Hector Colon	Youngstown, Austintown, Canfield	330-782-0512
Bruce, Deafenbaugh	Columbiana, Unity, New Springfield, East Palestine	330-565-5414
Chuck, Laird	Mahoning, Trumbull Counties	330-646-9546
Terry Volad	Mahoning	330-881-8467
Lori, Mowad	Poland , New Middletown, New Springfield	330-770-2937
Paul, Pinto	Canfield	330-233-0923
Donald, Kovach	Youngstown, Canfield, Boardman, Austintown,	330-272-3711
Tina, McCoy	Columbiana/southern Mahoning	330-503-4297
AJ, Rehlinger	50-mile radius from Canfield OH	330-261-8458
David Shoaff	Leetonia, Lisbon, Salem, Columbiana	330-416-0995
Don Duda	Mahoning, Columbiana	330-503-6725
Tom McMonagle	Mahoning, Columbiana	330-787-7562
Larry Miller	Columbiana	330-651-5658
Eddy Erhardt	Columbiana, Springfield, Poland	330-207-7025

2023 Officers

President	Bruce Deafenbaugh	330-457-0326
Vice President	Laurie Coy	330-692-7790
Secretary	Grimilda Ocasio	330-536-8714
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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!

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