

Sandusky River Valley Beekeepers Association



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Upcoming Events

- **Monday, May 7th 7:00pm**
Monthly meeting at the First United Methodist Church, Clyde
Beginners may come at 6:45 for a Q & A session with Troy.
- **Saturday, May 19th**
GCBA Field Day, Berea Ohio www.greaterclevelandbeekeepers.com
- **Saturday, June 2nd**
Hands-on Field Day at QRC, Spencer Ohio www.queenrightcolonies.com
- **Saturday, June 9th 9am-3pm**
Advanced Beginners Class, Tom Rathbun's barn– 4867 CR 175 Clyde
Must register, limited availability, see club website for details



MEMBER

SPOTLIGHT

Tami Wylie has been a beekeeper for 3 years now. She currently has 3 hives that survived the winter and plans on expanding to 12 this year! She extracted about 240 lbs of honey last year from her apiary in Bellevue. Her 29 year old son, Cole, helps out with the bees and her husband has recently jumped on the bandwagon as well. Her favorite part about being a beekeeper is the anticipation of the upcoming seasons and continuously learning about the hobby. She also enjoys attending conferences and expanding her knowledge as much as possible. Not only does she sell her honey to family/friends, her honey can be found for sale at the Prairie Market in Fremont.

WELCOME NEW BEEKEEPERS!



Congratulations on taking the first step to being a successful beekeeper! We hope that you learned a lot in the class and continue on with this new adventure.

A big thank you to all of the people who work so hard to make the beginners class happen year after year. The knowledge and leadership that this club has is much appreciated by all!



Congratulations to the winners of the hives donated for the class! Best of luck to you all.

Left: Mike and Diana Orns-Grant

Right: Tom and Dee Dee Wadsworth

Honey Bee Trivia Answers!

True or False

1. Foragers searching for nectar and pollen can see ultraviolet light reflected from flower petals.

TRUE Honey bees are able to see 4 different qualities of color: yellow, blue, green, and ultraviolet. Flowers that depend on bees for pollination reflect colors that bees are able to see. In addition, many of these flowers exhibit different color patterns near the source of nectar which guides the bee directly to the reward. These color changes that occur within the flowers are called nectar guides.

1. Supersedure queen cells are normally produced along the bottom bars of brood comb.

FALSE Supersedure cells are produced on the comb surface. Queen cells produced in preparation for swarming are found along the bottom of the frames.

Sweet Treats

In hopes of a warm-up and spring/summer finally arriving:

HONEY GRILLED CHICKEN

- 2 tbsp butter or margarine
- 1 clove garlic, chopped
- 1/3 cup honey
- 1 tbsp lemon juice
- 4 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves



- Preheat grill for medium heat
- Melt butter in a skillet over medium heat. Add the garlic and cook until fragrant, 1-2 minutes. Whisk in honey and lemon juice. Reserve half for basting and brush the other half onto the chicken breasts.
- Lightly oil the grill grate and place chicken on the grill. Cook for 6 to 8 minutes per side, turning frequently. Baste often during the last 5 minutes. Chicken is done when the meat is firm, and juices run clear.

<https://www.allrecipes.com/recipe/86637/honey-grilled-chicken/>

More and more gardeners are anxious to plant a bee garden. By planting a bee garden, you too can do your part to help the bees by adding to the shrinking inventory of flower-rich habitats in your area. In return, the bees will pollinate your flowers, providing a bountiful harvest of fruits, seeds and vegetables, as well as the joy of watching them up close. Visit <https://thehoneybeeconservancy.org/plant-a-bee-garden/> for some helpful tips to keep in mind as you grow your bee garden.

New SRVBA logo contest!

Email designs to Tom, Southridgeapiary@yahoo.com, to be voted on.
\$100 to best logo design!

The club will be putting together a fundraising calendar and we need YOUR help! Please submit pictures to Carol Mahl, photosbymahl@yahoo.com. We will need images from all seasons to fill the calendar. Anything from your apiary with a beautiful sunset, to a worker bee landing on a flower, and everything in between!

Contact Carol with any questions on photo submissions. Thank you!

Don't forget to 'like' *Sandusky River Valley Beekeepers Association* on Facebook for updated news, pictures, articles and more!

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