

Sandusky River Valley Beekeepers Association



January 2019

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Upcoming Events

- **Monday, February 4th 7:00 pm**
Monthly meeting at the First United Methodist Church.
510 W Maple Street, Clyde.
Queen Rearing part 1
- **Monday, March 4th 6:30 pm**
Monthly meeting
Pancake & sausage dinner
Queen Rearing part 2
- **Beginning Beekeepers Class**
Saturday, April 6th and 13th 12:00 - 5:00 pm
Tom's barn - 4865 CR 175, Clyde



Registration deadline is March 15th. Please visit our website and print the registration form under the "events & classes" tab.

Area News

In case anyone missed it, this was a write up from the Norwalk Reflector!

Brutsche named Beekeeper of the Year

Richard Brutsche received the award from the Sandusky River Valley Beekeepers Association (SRVBA). The presentation was made Dec. 3 at the Buckeye Fire and Grill Camp Ground in Clyde, where the association held its Christmas party with about 100 members in attendance. For years, Brutsche has been an active educator in Huron, Erie, Sandusky, Seneca and Ottawa counties.



Brutsche, SRVBA past president and current educational chairman, has volunteered his time to set up and work at the five area county fairs, "Explore Your Backyard" (a program for Sandusky County fourth graders who meet for two days of educational instruction), the beginners beekeeping class (a 10-hour, two-day class designed to teach and mentor new beekeepers) and countless honeybee talks given throughout the year. In a press release announcing the award, the SRVBA stated: "Thank you, Richard Brutsche, for your time and educating the general public on the importance and benefits of the honey bee." At the party, the association furnished pulled pork and sloppy joe sandwiches, while members brought covered dishes to share. Door prizes and a silent auction also were part of the festivities.

Membership dues are \$20 per family. These can be given to Linda Miller by March 1st!

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"forms" tab and return to Linda.

Honey Bee Trivia

Describe 3 approaches that a beekeeper could use to feed colonies found short of food in January.

Feeding heavy sugar syrup is not recommended since it places additional stress on the clustered bees. Inverting the sucrose and handling excess water will cause problems. The best way to supplement food stores at this time is to feed sugar candy. Combs of honey in storage or from colonies with a surplus can also be used, if they are disease-free. Dry granulated sugar may also be poured around the hole of the inner cover or spread on a piece of paper above the frames. Dry sugar however, is not an efficient way of rapidly increasing food stores.

Sweet Treats

Baklava Thumbprint Cookie

- 1 c sugar
- 1/2 cup softened butter
- 2 large eggs
- 1 tsp almond extract
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 2 1/4 c all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp salt



Tested & approved by
Linda Miller!

Topping:

- 3 Tbsp sugar
- 2 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1/2 c honey
- 3/4 c chopped walnuts

- In a large bowl, cream sugar and butter until blended. Beat in eggs, one at a time, and extracts. In another bowl, whisk flour, baking powder and salt; gradually beat into creamed mixture. Wrap dough in plastic; refrigerate until firm enough to form into balls, about 30 minutes.
- Preheat oven to 375°. For topping, combine sugar and cinnamon; set aside. Shape dough into 1-in. balls; refrigerate again if dough becomes too warm. Place 2-1/2 in. apart on parchment-lined baking sheets. Bake 8 minutes. Press a deep indentation in center of each cookie with the back of a rounded teaspoon. Fill each with honey and walnuts; sprinkle with cinnamon sugar. Return to oven and bake until edges begin to brown, 7-9 minutes longer. Cool on pans 1 minute. Remove to wire racks to cool. Store in an airtight container.

<https://www.tasteofhome.com/recipes/baklava-thumbprint-cookie/>

Beginning Honey Judging

- OSBA is offering both sessions of the Honey Judging Class this spring on March 8 & 9, 2019 at the Conference Room at Waterman Farms, 2433 Carmack Road, Columbus, Ohio. The Friday evening class (6pm -9pm) will offer the beginning session that includes equipment, liquid honey and wax. The cost for the Friday evening class is \$50.00 and will include Jim Thompson's book on honey judging and handouts.
- The Advanced Class held on Saturday (all-day class -9am-4pm) will be a combined class of students from Friday evening and the students from the 2018 March class held in Akron, Ohio this past spring. Cost for this all-day session is \$75.00.

To register for either class go to www.ohiostatebeekeepers.org/classes/

Space is limited so be sure to register early! *Registration ends March 4th, 2019*

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