

# Sandusky River Valley Beekeepers Association



November 2020

## Upcoming Events

### Monthly Meeting — Monday, November 2nd Virtual meeting using ZOOM

- All members are invited to the meeting
- When: November 2nd, 2020 06:45 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
- Please register in advance for this meeting. Members will receive an email for meeting registration.
- After registering for the meeting, you will receive a confirmation email containing information needed to join the meeting.



Photo courtesy of beverlybees.com

### OSBA Fall Conference—Saturday, November 7th Virtual conference using ZOOM

- Conference is **FREE**
- Information available at:  
<http://www.ohiostatebeekeepers.org/event/osba-virtual-fall-conference-2020/>
- Conference registration at:  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/osba-virtual-fall-conference-2020-tickets-121661656289>

## Message from the President

Hello SRVBA members!

Hope all is well and everyone is getting ready for the upcoming holidays. I can't believe it's November already. This has been one rough year on everyone!

I wanted to start by thanking everyone that participated in the October SRVBA ZOOM meeting. Hats off to Doc Mike for hosting and running the tech side of the meeting. I think there were around 20 members registered, and participated, and the meeting lasted approximately 90 minutes. We received a lot of great ideas and questions, a few suggestions for upcoming ZOOM meetings, and we even had a mock ballot voting which seemed to work really well.

# Message from the President (continued)

Speaking of voting, this year we have quite a few members wishing to run for an office, which is great! During the upcoming November ZOOM meeting we will discuss who is on the ballot. We will also need to have nominations of the candidates. Then during the December meeting we will have elections of officers.

Candidates for our upcoming election (we have so far):

## **President**

Tom Rathbun

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## **Secretary**

Linda Miller

Jackie Kindred

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## **Directors**

Chris Earnhart

Don Brown

Kim Root

Larry Baker

Rich Brutsche

Write in

## **Vice-President**

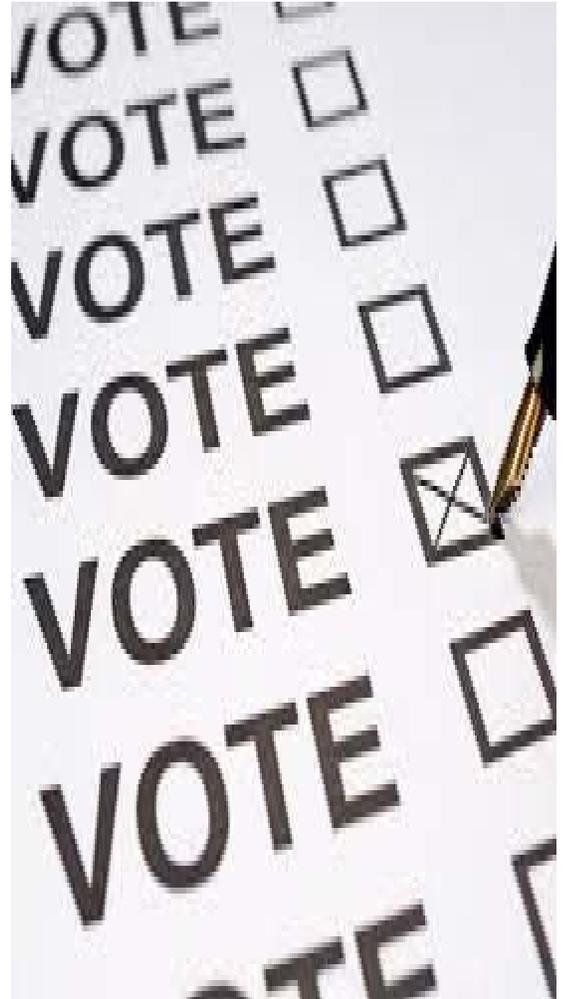
Mike Stone

Write in

## **Treasurer**

Tami Wylie

Write in



Again, if anyone is interested in being an SRVBA Officer please contact Tami Wylie so your name can be placed on the ballot. We are asking that you send a short Bio of yourself for the December newsletter so members know who you are. Please send information to Tami Wylie. [tamwylie@gmail.com](mailto:tamwylie@gmail.com)

Due to the unusual 2020 year, the executive officers being myself, Mike Stone, Linda Miller, Angel Mitchel and Tami Wylie, made the decision to extend the paid 2020 membership through the year 2021. As a result, if you paid your dues in 2020 you do not need to pay dues for 2021. If you did not pay your 2020 dues you will need to pay dues for 2021 by March 01, 2021.

# Message from the President (continued)

## OSBA News

Please mark your calendars for the Ohio State Beekeepers Associations (OSBA) Fall Conference/Meeting. The conference/meeting is being held using ZOOM on Saturday November 7th. Registration is FREE and they'll have seven great speakers throughout the day. The conference/meeting starts at 8:30 AM and ends around 5 PM. You can sign in/out and back in later in the day to listen to your favorite speaker.

OSBA will also have voting for officers, and new constitution language. Only OSBA members can vote, but the conference is open and FREE to everyone. Please check the OSBA web site at [www.ohiostatebeekeepers.org](http://www.ohiostatebeekeepers.org) or their Facebook page for registration information.



The banner features a honeycomb background. At the top, the text "OSBA Fall Conference" is written in large, bold, red letters with a black outline. Below this, "VIRTUAL ZOOM" is written in black, accompanied by a small logo of a bee and a leaf. The date "SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7" is displayed in large black letters, flanked by red decorative elements. Below the date, there are seven small portrait photos of the speakers, each with their name underneath. At the bottom, the text "8/9AM - ZOOM LINK OPENS" and "9AM - OPENING COMMENTS" is shown, with a small bee icon between the two time slots.

**OSBA Fall Conference**  
VIRTUAL ZOOM  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Dr. Jerry Bromenshenk   Jerry Hayes   Dr. Hongmei Li-Byartay   Dr. Reed Johnson   David Hughes   Ian Stepler   Barb Bloetscher

8/9AM - ZOOM LINK OPENS      9AM - OPENING COMMENTS

[www.ohiostatebeekeepers.org/.../osba-virtual-fall.../](http://www.ohiostatebeekeepers.org/.../osba-virtual-fall.../)

# Message from the President (continued)

I'm sure just about everyone has seen the OSBA webinars being advertised on the OSBA website, Facebook, and in the OSBA newsletters. These webinars have great speakers on some great topics. If you miss a topic you can go to the OSBA Youtube page and watch the webinar for FREE.



## LIVE WEBINAR TRAINING NEWS

OCTOBER 2020 - SPEAKERS & PRESENTATIONS

### Sunday, October 25, 7:00pm - Krispn Given "Fundamental Honey Bee Breeding and the Mite-biter Strain"



Krispn Given will share how honeybees pollinate crops and wild plants, and their services result in the production of more than 30% of the food we consume in Western societies. More than 30% of honey bee colonies have been lost yearly over the past 12 years, which has economic, ecological and agricultural implications. In this talk, I will present an overview of our successful breeding program being conducted at Purdue University the last 24 years, and how the Mite-biter strain is progressing. I will discuss how you can help honey bee population's with local bee breeding.

Krispn Given is recognized as one of the leading authorities in honey bee instrumental insemination and honey bee breeding. He is the Apiculture Specialist at Purdue University's Department of Entomology in West Lafayette Indiana.

#### REGISTRATION LINK

<http://www.ohiostatebeekeepers.org/event/osba-live-webinar-training-krispn-given-fundamental-honey-bee-breeding-and-the-mite-biter-strain/>

Host - Jamie Walters 419.438.7335 [zoom-live-webinar@ohiostatebeekeeper.org](mailto:zoom-live-webinar@ohiostatebeekeeper.org)

[www.ohiostatebeekeepers.org/event/OSBA-live-webinar-training](http://www.ohiostatebeekeepers.org/event/OSBA-live-webinar-training)



## LIVE WEBINAR TRAINING

# + YouTube



YouTube - Ohio State Beekeepers Association

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOFVaRx00YMUvbVtTR2RxsQ>

## Message from the President (continued)

Another thing OSBA has started is called the “Round Table.” This is held every other month where all the officers in the State of Ohio bee clubs participate in a two hour Zoom conference. They're usually 4 different topics that are discussed in helping the officers manage their club. **The next “Round Table” discussion will be November 14th.**



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Association, Inc.*

**Zoom Round Table Discussion**

**September 19, 2020**  
**Saturday 9-11 AM**

OHIO BEEKEEPING  
ASSOCIATION LEADERS  
CURRENT TOPICS AND  
MEETING IDEAS

<http://www.ohiostatebeekeepers.org/event/osba-round-table-discussion/>

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Stay safe and enjoy the bee yard!

Tom Rathbun

SRVBA President

# Message from the President (continued)

## IN THE HIVE

I hope by now everyone has their bees ready for winter. Plenty of food stores, Varroa Treatments, and mouse guards in place. The winter months are a great time to start to further your education in Beekeeping. There is a lot of Information out there for education. Read books and articles on Varroa Control, swarm control, and new techniques in Beekeeping. Attend your local bee clubs (Via Zoom for now). And don't be afraid to ask questions, and think about attending bee classes either the spring conference or your bee club spring Beginners Beekeeping Class. I've been keeping bees for over 12 years now, and I've attended every bee class and I still pick up new ideas and techniques.



**Tom Rathbun**  
**President SRVBA**

Just because the girls are all tucked away for the winter, doesn't mean that it's down time for Beekeeping. It is now time to start looking at your equipment.

- Do you need or want more equipment?
- Do boxes need to be repainted or replaced ?
- Are your frames and wax looking pretty dark and need replaced?
- Clean up your smoker, hive tools and bee suit.
- Do you need new gloves?
- Read Supply catalogs for new ideas on equipment?
- Further your knowledge with Beekeeping education.

The so called off season of Beekeeping is a time to expand your knowledge, stay in the Bee-keeping mode. Spring will be here before we know it.

Stay safe and enjoy the Bees!

Tom Rathbun

SRVBA President

# From the Beekeeper's Kitchen

## Recipe provided by Annette Birk-Clark

With the beekeeping season winding down it's a great time to use some of that precious honey to make delicious breakfast cookies.

Below is a great breakfast cookie recipe that includes honey for that unique taste.

### Carrot Cake Breakfast Cookies

Preheat oven to 350 Degrees. Prepare 2 baking sheets either lined with parchment or non-stick spray.



2 eggs beaten

½ C finely shredded carrot

¼ C melted coconut oil

¼ C honey or maple syrup

1 tsp vanilla

2 C granola (I have substituted raw oats tossed in about 1 T of olive oil)

¼ C ground flaxseed

1 tsp cinnamon (I use 1 – 2 T as I love cinnamon)

½ tsp fine sea salt

2/3 C golden raisins (can sub walnuts or other dried chunky ingredient)

In a large bowl, mix eggs, carrot, oil, honey and vanilla. Stir in granola, flaxseed, cinnamon and salt. Stir in raisins. Using ¼ C measuring cup, place mounds of dough 3 inches apart on cookie sheet, press to flatten to ½ inch thickness. (Dough will not spread during baking.) Bake 11 – 13 minutes or until set. Cool 15 minutes on cookie sheet.

Enjoy or store in fridge or freezer.

# Classifieds

## Cherry City Honey – Tami & Gary Wylie

### Hive Woodenware

Cherry City Honey stocks and sells new bee hive equipment. Due to our location in the Clyde-Bellevue area, it's approximately a one hour drive to the nearest bee equipment supply store. This drive is inconvenient, time consuming and expensive.

Also, online orders from distant suppliers often require purchase of larger quantities to obtain fair pricing and shipping/freight rates for new equipment are expensive.

We stock bee equipment you'll most likely need. Our bee hive boxes and equipment is of the highest quality and comes already assembled and ready for you to paint before use. The equipment is available for pick-up only.

We don't ship because the high shipping rates makes new bee equipment unreasonably costly. We can arrange for local delivery in the Bellevue-Clyde area. We accept cash or credit cards for payment.

Please consider us for your bee hive equipment needs. [Price list](#)