

Sandusky River Valley Beekeepers Association



June 2021

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Upcoming Events

June Meeting—In-Person Outside Meeting Saturday, June 12, 2021

- When: Saturday, June 12, 2021 at 11:30am
- Where: Gary and Tami Wylie's barn (Cherry City Honey) located at 1000 County Road 312, Bellevue, Ohio 44811
- Need: **BRING YOUR PROTECTIVE GEAR.** No one will be allowed in the bee yard without it. We will be opening a hive for the topic presentation.

BRING a lawn chair.

- Topic: "Backyard Queen Rearing" an easy way of making your own backyard queens.
- Presenter: Nina Bagley, Thurns Apiary, located in German Village, Columbus Ohio.



Message from the President

Hello SRVBA Members!

Welcome everyone to the June 2021 newsletter.

IMPORTANT NOTE

The SRVBA June meeting will be held on Saturday June 12th starting at 11:30am at Gary and Tami Wylie's barn (Cherry City Honey), located at 1000 County Road 312, Bellevue, Ohio 44811.

We are trying an in-person outside meeting at the Wylie's. We are having guest speaker Nina Bagley of Thurns Apiary, located in German Village Columbus, Ohio. Nina will present a short afternoon on "Backyard Queen Rearing" an easy way of making your own backyard queens. Please, if you plan on attending, **BRING YOUR PROTECTIVE GEAR.**



Join Sandusky River Valley Beekeepers Association:

1. Fill out membership form
<http://srvba.ohiostatebeekeepers.org/>
2. Mail form to: SRVBA, c/o Tami Wylie, 1000 CR 312, Bellevue, OH 44811

Message from the President (continued)

Waivers will need to be signed. No one will be allowed in the bee yard without protective gear, since we will be opening a hive to show Nina's technique. If the weather isn't cooperative, a backup date will be announced.

As I write this June SRVBA message, it is national World Bee Day. Honeybees are a very interesting creature, as we all know and try to understand. I hope everyone's colonies are taking off with large numbers and honey flow.

There has been a lot of swarming this spring. I hope you all are controlling your swarms with splits and frame manipulation, giving plenty of room for the queen to lay.

Start doing mite counts every month. It's important to monitor the mite load of the colonies. We can't preach this enough that mites are the main cause of bees not surviving the winter. Please monitor your hives and treat accordingly. Mites spread viruses to your bees.

Hive beetles are also a pest in the hive, but a strong hive will control the beetle's. If the hive is weak, the beetle's will take over and the beetle's larva will tunnel under and destroy the brood and honey frames to a gooey mess.

Hive inspections should be done every 7-10 days to monitor what's happening in the hive. Be prepared to add honey supers to catch the nectar flow, and new packages should be about ready for the second hive body.

New packages still need to be fed a 1:1 ratio of sugar and water. The sugar water stimulates the wax glands of the honey bee to help put wax onto the new foundations. This is especially important when using new foundation with a new package of bees. Feeding should continue until the colony will no longer take the sugar water. Please don't stop feeding new packages because flowers are blooming. New packages are in building mode and they need plenty of food to build strong colonies.

So, point to remember..... we are **NOT** having a Monday night meeting on June 7th. The June meeting will be at the Wylie's barn (Cherry City Honey) on Saturday June 12th starting 11:30am. If you are attending you must have protective gear, since we will be opening a hive. Waivers will be asked to be signed.

Stay safe and enjoy the beeyard!

Tom Rathbun

SRVBA President

Message from the President (continued)

IN THE HIVE

BEARDING

Are my bees swarming? As the outside temperature rises, so does the temperature inside the hive. A well-populated hive will have a very large cluster of bees hang outside, sometimes for days. This is a way the bees control the interior temperature of the hive. I've seen bearding during hot muggy days, and even during a rainstorm. So, if you see a cluster of bees hanging outside the hive entrance area, it is nothing to be too concerned about, just a way for the bees to cool down the hive.



Tom Rathbun
SRVBA President



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Cherry City Honey Farms & Apiary – Gary & Tami Wylie

Bee Supplies and Equipment

Cherry City Honey sells new hive equipment from our Market at 1000 County Road 312, Bellevue, Ohio 44811.

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 is 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 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. [2021 Price List](#)