



Sandusky River Valley Beekeepers Association

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MAY 2022

NEWSLETTER



MISSION:

- To promote and support Beekeeping through education.
- To educate the public about the value of honey Bees and the impact of Honey Bees on the world through classes, public meetings and educational appearances.
- To promote the products of the hive to the general public.
- To promote the common interest and general welfare of the Ohio Beekeeping and the Beekeeping industry.
- To help and mentor new Beekeeper with knowledge and education.

Upcoming Event

May Monthly Meeting

When: Monday, May 2nd, 2022 at 7pm

Where: First United Methodist Church
510 W Maple Street, Clyde, Ohio 43410

Presenter:

Discussion Among Our Club Members

Topic: Spring Management—Part 2

Swarms and Hive Splits



MAY IS...

Just
around
the
corner
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Things to consider doing this month:

- ⇒ Remove winter wrap
- ⇒ Place honey supers on an established hive
- ⇒ Remove mouse guards
- ⇒ Rotate hive bodies if brood is in top box
- ⇒ Check for swarm cells along bottom of frames
- ⇒ Prepare for swarm season
- ⇒ Make splits
- ⇒ Attend bee club meetings





Future Dates *(dates/times subject to change)*

May 20th is World Bee Day (United Nations)

June Monthly Meeting—Monday the 6th @ 7p FUMC

Speaker—Dr. Michael Stone

TOPIC: Exploring Artificial Insemination in the Honey Bee

July Monthly Meeting—Saturday the 9th @ 10a Wylies

Field Day—Candle Making

July 10th "DON'T STEP ON A BEE DAY"

- Celebrated in the United Kingdom



August Monthly Meeting—Monday the 1st @ 7p Wylies

Field Day - TBD

August 20th is National Honey Bee Day

September is National Honey Month

September Monthly Meeting—TBD

Summer Picnic

October Monthly Meeting—Monday the 3rd @ 7p FUMC

Speaker-TBD/Hand out bears for filling for food pantries

October 28th/29th OSBA Fall Conference—Wooster

November Monthly Meeting—Monday the 7th @ 7p FUMC

Label Bears/Election Nominations

December Monthly Meeting—Monday the 5th @ 6p TBD



Message from the President—Gary Wylie

Hi SRVBA Members!

Earth Day Pics 2022

Seems the spring weather is very slow to change this month. I was really hoping for the burst of warm weather during the last two weeks, but instead, we got a few inches of snow. Last month I mentioned how impatient I can be. I want the bee season to begin! I'm looking forward to May with warmer weather, and getting into the hives.

Got positive feedback from the April meeting and our discussion about spring management. I really enjoyed the meeting, although I felt like I talked too much. I'm thinking we'll try to facilitate more discussion from our members during the May meeting when we conclude our discussion about spring management. I really appreciated those who provided discussion during the April meeting. I think our strength is our members willingness to openly discuss important beekeeping topics.

We continue to make our meetings available via ZOOM for those who can't attend the meetings in-person. I know we don't have the sound technology completely worked out. The audience can hear me talking, but I know there's some difficulty hearing questions or discussions during the meeting. Please be patient while we figure this out.

Our updated SRVBA brochure was received from the printer this week. I wanted to have the new brochures available for the April 23rd Earth Day Extravaganza at Osborn Metro Park in Sandusky. I'll bring some of the updated brochures to the May meeting so our members can see.

On Saturday, April 23rd, several of our members represented SRVBA at the Earth Day Extravaganza at Osborn Metro Park in Sandusky. I want to thank John Schick, Dale Pocock, Chris Earnhart, and Cole Wylie for taking time from their busy schedules to talk to the public about beekeeping and representing our club. Thank You!

One item I've been talking about a lot lately, I'm always concerned that we might have members who have questions or want to discuss certain topics, but may be hesitant to make the request or ask a question. Everyone has varying comfort levels with asking questions, especially in a large group. I've asked the officers to think about this concern, and asked our club Secretary, Kim Root, to come up with a practice that will help us with members' requests and questions. Kim has included information later in this newsletter.

The club is receiving more frequent requests for presentations related to bees and beekeeping topics. Most requests come from public organizations and other groups. So far, we have been keeping up with the requests, but recently I feel like we're going to fall behind. Seems most of the presentations are done by only a few members, and as a result, we're really limited with what the club can provide.

I'm not sure how to address this need since some members are very comfortable with public speaking and others, not so much. Please give this some thought, since I'm sure we're going to have to provide more frequent presentations in the future.

I'm looking forward to our May meeting. At our last meeting, the committee working to make shirts and hats available for purchase reported out to the club. The committee is now ready to provide their recommendations for clothing purchases, and will do so in May. We'll also wrap-up our discussion about spring management when we discuss swarms and making hive splits.

Thank you for supporting SRVBA!

Gary Wylie, SRVBA President

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IN THE HIVE by Angel Mitchell

Knowing Your Pollinator Plants

(Angel has been an active/knowledgeable SRVBA member holding the position of Secretary for many years. Angel and her husband Burke just recently moved to Kentucky but she still stays involved with the club. She is learning beekeeping all over again by living in a whole new part of the country.)

Next month starts the beginning of the summer season, but our bees have been busy working inside the hive since February using resources within the hive to produce brood for the summer harvest.

On sunny days over 40 degrees the bees are out ready to forage, but there isn't much available except water. Early nectar & pollen trees are Maples, Willows, Serviceberries, Eastern Redbuds, Elms & Alders. Yet, weather isn't always conducive for foraging. *This is where supplemental feeding can be helpful.*

While roaming our new property in Kentucky, I've found "new to me" species of trees, bushes & ground plants. The growing zone for KY is basically the same as northern Ohio. Some of my finds are Black Locust, Tulip Poplar, wild Elderberry, American Persimmon, Cornelian Cherry Dogwood, Sweetgum, American Bladdernut, Dogwood, Sassafras, Sourwood & Paw Paw. Blooming now are Red Trillium, Trout Lily, Goldenseal, Yellow Rocketcress, Dwarf Larkspur, Celandine Poppy, Jacob's Ladder, Bloodroot, Rue-anemone, Star Chickweed, Virginia Pennywort, Phlox Bifida & Cutleaf Toothwart. Not all of them feed the pollinators, but it's been fun researching them.

We have blackberries & wild rose growing everywhere. There's also the invasive Kudzu vine that kills out everything it grows over (their flower smells great & the pollinators love them).

Japanese Knotweed & Wingstem were great fall forage besides the normal Goldenrod & Asters.

What are your bees feeding on? Listen closely & they will tell you what they like. You can hear their happy buzzing while they are busy working. *Remember that bees only work one type of plant at a time, so plant groups or an area of plants together.*

Trees offer the most food per square foot. I myself am looking forward to starting other trees to broaden our foraging spectrum.

Spring is already here and on its way out, but the summer season is when the honey bees work really begins.

Happy honey collection to all,
Angel Mitchell

Red Trillium



American Bladdernut



Celandine Poppy



Dogwood Redbud
Poplar Maple





TO HELP OUT WITH SOME THINGS.....

The calls are coming in but we need more help with members helping to give presentations.

Lyme Village in Bellevue, OH will be hosting elementary students from area schools the month of May. They would like us to help out on Friday, May 20th and Tuesday, May 24th from 9am to 2pm.

The presentations will be only 20 minutes with children rotating from station to station. Please let Kim Root know, 419-217-7579, if you think you could help out one of these days.



Our table would be set up and ready to go with props and there will be a cheat-sheet to help cover the high points in the short time of 20 minutes. So all you would need to do is show up and present. Education is our mission.

Candle Making

First Field Day at the Wylie's is in July and we will be learning the ins and outs of candle making.

The date is Saturday, July 9th @ 10am and this will be our monthly meeting for July.

This meeting will last longer than an hour but not more than two hours. An RSVP is not required. However, if you plan to attend please sign up at the May/June meeting(s) or text Kim Root @ 419-217-7579 by the June 6th meeting so there will be enough supplies for the projects you will be able to take home. Additional information will be in the June newsletter.



**The new name tags are coming,
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THE NEW NAME TAGS ARE HERE!**

Many of you have asked and at the next May meeting the new nametags will be passed out. Some of you keep your nametag with you so just bring it in and we will replace it with a new one. They will look like this.

FIRST NAME



LAST NAME



Taking a moment to thank those who have donated to the monthly meeting door prizes. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. The Executive Board

Substituting Sugar with Honey—Some Basic Cooking Principles to Know

- ⇒ Honey is sweeter than sugar so you will use less honey than sugar
- ⇒ Honey has more calories than sugar but sugar is considered empty calories compared to honey with traces of nutrients
- ⇒ Honey contains water (20%) and (80%) sugars so you will reduce the liquid in a recipe when converting
- ⇒ Honey is acidic so this could prevent baked products from rising so adding baking soda to your recipe will help
- ⇒ Avoid honey from caramelizing during baking by reducing the oven temp 25°
- ⇒ Avoid using dark honey in recipes otherwise the product may be too overpowering with honey flavor
- ⇒ Common measurements to start with might be:
 - 1 T sugar—use 2 t honey
 - 1/2 C sugar—use 1/3 C honey
 - 1 C sugar—use 3/4 C honey

All recipe adjustments will be trial and error but this may be a help in starting the substituting process



Trivia Fun Facts by the Numbers



Beehives

- A populous colony may contain 40,000 to 60,000 bees during the late spring or early summer
- A shallow frame fully covered with bees will hold approx. 0.3 pounds of bees
- A deep frame fully covered holds 0.5 pounds of bees or about 1750 bees
- There are about 3500 bees per pound and 10,500 bees in a 3 pound package
- Bees maintain a temperature of 92-93 degrees Fahrenheit in their central brood nest regardless of whether the outside temperature is 110 or -40 degrees
- Honeybees never sleep!

Join Sandusky River Valley Beekeepers Association:

1. Fill out membership form

[http://
srvba.ohiostatebeekeepers.org/](http://srvba.ohiostatebeekeepers.org/)

2. Mail form to: SRVBA

**c/o Tami Wylie, 1000 CR 312
Bellevue, OH 44811**



Archive

Did you miss a meeting?

The following meeting has been archived so you can catch up or review what happened by clicking on the logo below.....

Recorded April Meeting:





SOMETHING FROM THE HISTORY BOOKS

CHECK OUT THESE PRICES!

Taken from:
Gleanings in Bee Culture
 Publisher A.I. Root
 The journal started on January 1, 1873
 Page taken from
 March 1948 Edition, page 177

PICTURES TAKEN BY
ROSEMARY CLIFFORD



Rich's Leather Italian Package Bees and Queens

We guarantee every queen that is shipped to be mated and of proven laying ability, also that there is no gentler or higher producing stock available.

Prices: From April 1st to June 1st.		2 lbs.	3 lbs.	4 lbs.
	Queens			
1-24	\$1.40	\$4.50	\$5.85	\$7.20
25-99	1.30	4.25	5.55	6.85
100-up	1.20	4.00	5.25	6.50

We are also happy to announce that we will have available May 15th queens from the finest disease resistant stock yet developed. They compare very favorably with the gentle temper of our proven regular stock. Their honey gathering ability is also equal to the best that we have to offer. All queens up to May 15th are sold out.

Add 30c per queen when ordering disease resistant stock

The Rich Honey Farms Jeanerette, La.

BESSONET'S ITALIAN BEES AND QUEENS

We are soliciting orders for shipment after May 10th at the following prices:

	Queens	2 lb. Pkg.	3 lb. Pkg.
1-24	\$1.40	\$4.50	\$5.85
25-99	1.30	4.25	5.55
100-up	1.20	4.00	5.25

You are assured of **QUALITY, SERVICE,** and fair dealings.

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The Old Reliable 3-Banded Italian Queens That Get the Job Done

Also pure Caucasian Queens and Caucasian Queens mated to Italian Drones. All daughters of carefully selected heavy producing queens mated to drones of equal quality.

PRICES			
Queens, each	1-24	25-49	50-100
	\$1.40	\$1.30	\$1.20

We solicit your order large or small. Prompt shipment and live delivery guaranteed. We furnish health certificate.

Pine Bluff Bee Farms, Rt. 3, Pine Bluff, Ark.

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LEATHER COLORED ITALIAN QUEENS MIDDLE TENNESSEE APIARIES

1 to 25, \$1.35; 26 and up, \$1.20—From Imported Strains.

¼ books orders. Balance before shipping. All queens clipped and by mail at no extra cost. (All queens after June 15, \$1.00)

J. B. TATE & SON
 1029 No. 4th St., Nashville 7, Tennessee. Tel. No. 34509M



This page is for members who would like to sell, trade, buy bee related items/business. Please submit your ad by the third week of the month so that it will be in next month's newsletter.



Send ad to: Kimmie_59@hotmail.com

BEE PACKAGES FOR SALE for CLYDE/FREMONT AREA PICK UP

Georgia Bees Sold by Steve Johnson

Find order form online at www.OldDrone.net and mail with payment (cash/check) to Steve Johnson

1520 Amherst Street, Piqua, OH 45356

3 pound package of bees cost \$125.00

Extra Italian Queen cost \$35.00



Pick up location is at

Tom Rathbun's home located at 4865 CR 175, Clyde, OH 43410

Pick up date: May 10th

Make sure to fill out correct order form for the pick up date you choose

Additional information can be found on the order form at www.olddrone.net

CHERRY CITY HONEY FARM BEE HIVE SUPPLIES

Tami & Gary Wylie — 1000 County Road 312, Bellevue, OH 44811

We stock the bee supplies you'll most likely need. Our beehive boxes and other woodenware is of the highest quality and comes already assembled and ready to paint.

Due to our location in the Clyde-Bellevue-Fremont area, it's approximately a one-hour drive to the nearest bee equipment supply store. This drive is 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.

Please compare our prices and consider us for your beehive equipment needs.

Our price list is on the SRVBA Classified Web Page.

We can arrange for local delivery in the Bellevue-Clyde-Fremont area.

We accept cash, check, or credit cards for payment.





Have an idea for a club meeting?
Field day?
Topics to discuss?
Community service to do?
Or something else?



Write the idea down and bring it to the next meeting to drop in the idea box.
You can do this anonymously or add your name if you want to talk to someone with more detail.
This is your club and the officers want to provide the club with the ideas and topics the group wants.
You may also email Gary Wylie @ wylie@technical@gmail.com

IDEA: _____

NAME (OPTIONAL): _____

CONTACT INFORMATION (OPTIONAL): _____

OR.....do you have a question and you don't get the opportunity to ask it?

WHAT IS YOUR QUESTION? SOMEONE ELSE MAY HAVE THE VERY SAME QUESTION:



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