



# Sandusky River Valley Beekeepers Association

President—Gary Wylie  
Vice President— Dr. Michael Stone

Secretary— Kim Root  
Treasurer—Tami Wylie

Directors—Rosemary Clifford, Chris Earnhart, Jackie Kindred

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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

## Upcoming Event

### October Monthly Meeting



When: Monday, October 3rd, @7p

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

Presenter:

Linda Miller

Topic: Winterizing Your Hives

Handing out of food pantry bears

**OCTOBER IS...**

Things to consider doing this month:

- ⇒ Weekly hive inspections above 60°F
- ⇒ Mouse guard on
- ⇒ Feed 2-1 sugar syrup
- ⇒ Mite monitoring/treatment if needed
- ⇒ Wrap hive later in month
- ⇒ Need at least 100 lbs. of food stores
- ⇒ Attend bee club meetings

Just  
around  
the  
corner

## Future Dates

*(dates/times subject to change)*

*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

Christmas Party/Election of Officers



Bee on Goldenrod  
Submitted by Tom Reineck

# Message from the President—Gary Wylie

Hi SRVBA Members!

Fall is definitely upon us! With daily high temperatures of 90 degrees and 65 degrees during the same week, and much cooler temperature forecast, we'll soon see the Fall colors. We'll also soon feel that frosty morning air. The fields have plenty of goldenrod and white aster for the bees, the last food source for the year.

The time is here for big changes in the bee yard. Hive entrance reducers are likely needed to prevent robbing. Hive inspections are needed to check for queen health, honey stores, and general hive condition. We may also need to begin Fall feeding for those hives needing additional winter food. This is also a great time to begin planning for making sugar (candy) boards or winter patties, and planning for hive winterization.

I'm so looking forward to our October meeting. Linda Miller will be discussing hive winterization and talking about important practices to help overwinter the bees. Linda has had good success overwintering hives. I began using many of Linda's recommendations a few years ago and my bee losses were improved. I know there's no guarantee that a hive will overwinter, but there's definitely techniques to improve our likelihood of success. Some luck is also helpful.

In addition to Linda's winterization discussion, we'll also pass out plastic honey bear bottles at the October meeting. Members take the bears home and fill them with honey, produced from their hives, and bring them to the November meeting. At the November meeting we'll label and decorate the bottles in preparation for taking them to the food pantry.

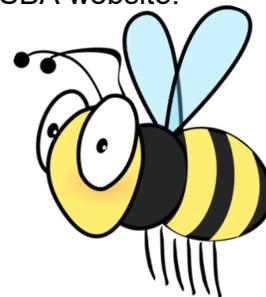
We had a great turnout for the Club's annual picnic. What a good time! It was great just standing back and watching everyone talk and laugh and enjoy the fellowship, and great food. The Club collected \$100 with the 50/50 drawing, which we'll use to buy educational materials for our public presentations. A big thank you to Dr. Michael Stone for hosting the picnic and opening his home to our club members. Thank you to everyone who attended!

I also wanted to ensure everyone is aware of the 2022 OSBA Fall Conference being held October 28 & 29 at Fisher Auditorium at Wooster Ohio. There is many great speakers and interesting topics planned for the conference. A link to OSBA Registration is available at the SRBA Facebook page and registration is also available at the OSBA website.



Thank you for supporting SRVBA!

Gary Wylie  
SRVBA President  
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We always welcome pictures of SRVBA events to be submitted for the newsletter (because sometimes we forget to take them). We also welcome other bee related information, pictures and fun things to put in the newsletter to share with the membership.

Thanks to those who have contributed so far!!

Please submit your items to Kim @ [Kimmie\\_59@hotmail.com](mailto:Kimmie_59@hotmail.com) or text Kim at 419-217-7579

*Thanks, Kim Root, Newsletter*



# OSBA Feature Page

(Ohio State Beekeepers Association)



**Did You Know ?**

There are 53  
bee clubs in the  
state of Ohio?

## 2022 Ohio State Beekeepers Association (OSBA) Fall Conference/Meeting

Friday, October 28th and all day Saturday, October 29th

Wooster, Ohio

Fisher Auditorium and Shisler Conference Center located at the OARDC CAMPUS

*Registration coming soon late summer!*

### Guest Speakers will feature the following topics:

- Ohio Apiary Inspection Program
- Reasons that Honeybees Die and How to Prevent It
- Genetics and Breeding Mite-resistant Honeybees Stock in Ohio and the Midwest
- Ohio Pollinators Habitat Initiative Program
- Honeybee Pheromones “Common Scents”
- Age Related Task of a Worker Bee “Ethology”
- Mysteries and Management of a Laying Worker
- Fight the Mites “Understanding the Mysterious Tropilaelaps Mite”
- Varroa Anatomy, “Why it Matters to Your Bees”
- The Legal Ramifications of Doing Honey Bee Cut-outs, “Knowing the Liabilities and Your Limitations”
- Understanding and Minimizing Insecticide bee Kills in Soybeans

# VENDORS GALORE

If you have questions about  
the Ohio State Beekeepers  
Association

Fall Conference/Meeting  
contact

Vice-President Tom Rathbun  
at 419-603-1749

# RAFFLES

# HONEY SHOW WITH JUDGING

### The SRVBA Club has been asked to help out at the Fall Conference

#### When?

Friday, October 28th and/or Saturday, October 29th

#### Jobs to Do

Putting signs out before event/after event, Room monitors, Transport speakers to/from Cleveland Airport, Registration, Lunch help, Work with speakers, Help vendors unload to their area, plus more

#### What's in it for You?

Free admission to conference, Free Der Dutchman catered lunch,  
Access to all presentations

#### How Can I Help?

Contact: OSBA Vice-President Tom Rathbun at 419-603-1749





## Fall Conference and Annual Meeting October 28-29, 2022



# WHY DID MY BEES DIE?



## FEATURED TOPICS

- OHIO APIARY INSPECTION PROGRAM
- REASONS THAT HONEY BEES DIE AND HOW TO PREVENT IT
- GENETICS AND BREEDING MITE-RESISTANT HONEY BEE STOCK IN OHIO AND THE MIDWEST.
- OHIO POLLINATORS HABITAT INITIATIVE PROGRAM
- HONEYBEE PHEROMONES" COMMON SCENTS"
- AGE RELATED TASK OF A WORKER BEE "ETHOLOGY"
- MYSTERIES AND MANAGEMENT OF A LAYING WORKER
- FIGHT THE MITES" UNDERSTANDING THE MYSTERIOUS TROPILAELOPS MITE"
- VARROA ANATOMY,"WHY IT MATTERS TO YOUR BEES."
- THE LEGAL RAMIFICATIONS OF DOING HONEY BEE CUT OUTS. "KNOWING THE LIABILITIES AND YOUR LIMITATIONS".
- UNDERSTANDING AND MINIMIZING INSECTICIDE BEE KILLS IN SOYBEANS

## FEATURED SPEAKERS

### Dr. Sammy Ramsey

The Endowed Professor of Entomology at CU Boulder's BioFrontiers Institute, where he applies his fascination with invertebrates to understanding and preserving the ecosystems that they make possible.

### Jon Zawislak

An Assistant Professor of Apiculture and Urban Entomology for the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture. He emphasizes understanding the biology and behavior of honey bees and related pests as key to keeping bees healthy, and minimizing the use of pesticides in the hives.

### Dr James Tew

Dr. James E. Tew is an Emeritus Faculty member of the Ohio State University, and he is also retired from The Alabama Cooperative Extension System

### Reed M. Johnson, PhD.

Reed is currently an Associate Professor in the Department of Entomology at The Ohio State University in Wooster, Ohio where he teaches two courses: one on beekeeping and the other on pesticide science.

### Hongmei Li-Byarlay Ph.D.

Received her Ph.D. from Purdue University at West Lafayette, Indiana. She is currently the Research Associate Professor of Entomology at Central State University.

### Barbara Bloetscher

The State Entomologist/Apiarist at the Ohio Department of Agriculture since 2009, after 23 years at The Ohio State University Extension.

### Marci Lininger

A graduate of the Masters of Environment and Natural Resources Program at the Ohio State University. Marci serves as the Director for the Ohio Pollinator Habitat Initiative.

### Eric "Critter" McCool

The world's foremost leading expert on stinging insect extractions and control.

## CHECK OUT

The Judged Honey Show - All our great vendors and trades- Raffles - Different Regional Beekeeper Assoc., & Clubs - Morning coffee and donuts - Afternoon cookies - Friends you haven't seen  
**Stop and Shop at the Vendor tables. They are here for you and it's a great way to make new friends.**



## Honey Baked Stuffed Apples

6 apples  
1/2 cup dates  
2 T butter, melted  
1 cup honey  
1/4 cup water

1. Cut up dates, add melted butter and 1/2 cup of the honey. Mix well and set aside.
2. Trim off the top of 6 apples, remove core and stuff with the date mixture.
3. Place in baking dish and drizzle 1 T of honey over each apple. Pour 1/4 cup water into bottom of baking dish.
4. Bake 350° F for about 40 minutes or until apples are tender.
5. Serve with honey sauce.

## Need a Bee JOKE to tell?

What do bees use to build roads?

Nec-tar

What do bees say when they return to the hive?

"Honey, I'm home!"

What do you call a bee who's always complaining?

A grumble bee

What do you call a bee who prefers nectar to pollen?

A snob-bee

What animals are smarter than talking parrots?

Spelling bees

What do you call someone who wants a pet bee?

A wanna-bee



# Don't Forget!

to

## Check out the OSBA Fall Conference

### that's happening October 28 & 29!!



## 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 meetings have been archived so you can catch up or review what happened by clicking on the months logo you want to watch.....

### September Meeting:

The Annual SRVBA Picnic was not recorded.





**August Queen Marking Event**





According to tradition, Queen Elizabeth's hives were quietly knocked and told of her passing. They were informed their new master would take good care of them and there was no reason to stop producing honey.





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](mailto:Kimmie_59@hotmail.com)

## Pro Uncapping Bench for Sale

This pro uncapping bench has been used for only three seasons.

We needed to get a larger one and the reason why we are selling this one.

If you are interested in purchasing please contact Kristy Miller at [kristymiller@gmail.com](mailto:kristymiller@gmail.com)

(This item is located north of Tiffin near Bettsville)

The description and photo of the uncapping bench is from Blue Sky Bee Supplies catalog.



Asking \$400.00.

## 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.**



## Extractor for Sale

Food grade stainless steel tank—Extracts 3 frames

Transparent plastic lids

Floor to honey gate accommodates a 5 gallon bucket

11 VAC 50Hz 80W reversible motor w/control box

Purchased from Blue Sky years ago but this is in excellent condition.

Asking \$400.00—Contact Sue Rhodes—(419) 619-5019

