



# Sandusky River Valley **Bee**KEEPERS Association

JUNE 2024  
NEWSLETTER



**Club Officers**

**President:** Gary Wylie

**Vice President:** Kathleen Conn

**Secretary:** Sue Kosakowski

**Treasurer:** Kim Root

**Directors:** Rosemary Clifford, Mike Gergley, Doug Ricci

**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 Beekeepers with knowledge and education.

## *June Monthly Meeting*

Discussion Topic: What to Expect During County Bee Inspector Visit

When: Monday, June 3, 2024 at 7pm

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

***Mark Your Calendars!! You don't want to miss this:***



**June Workshop** - Saturday, June 15 @ 10am

Mite Treatment - Cherry City Honey Farms

**July Monthly Meeting** - Monday, July 1 @ 7pm FUMC; "All About Winter Bees"

Presented by Jamie Walters, OSBA President

**July Workshop** - Saturday, July 20 @ 10am

Honey Extraction - Cherry City Honey Farms

**August Monthly Meeting** - Monday, August 5 @ 7pm FUMC;

# Message from the President—Gary Wylie

Hello SRVBA Members!

The bee yard is a flurry of activity. Each week we have hives to inspect, new hives to fill with bees from our nucs, and the occasional swarm if I'm lucky enough to notice them. Since the May meeting, the weather has warmed and we've seen the big-burst of flowering trees, buds turning to leaves, and plenty of blooming dandelions and clover.

The club conducted a hive inspection workshop on May 18th. The workshop was held at Gary & Tami Wylie's barn. The activity was attended by 31 of our members who provided very positive comments about the workshop. The workshop began by reviewing certain hive inspection materials from our new beekeeper class. The class then discussed hive inspection techniques and then went to the bee yard and inspected several hives.

The hive inspection workshop was a follow-up activity to the club's new beekeeper classes held previously in February and March. In past years, the club did hive inspection activities for new beekeepers and this year our focus is to continue important hands-on activities.

I'm looking forward to the June 3rd monthly meeting. The meeting topic, "What to Expect During County Bee Inspector Visit." This topic will be presented by Barrett Zimmerman, Sandusky County Bee Inspector.

We're also conducting a mite treatment workshop on June 15th (subject to weather) 10am to 12pm. The workshop will be held at Gary & Tami Wylie's barn. We'll begin with a discussion about mite treatment equipment and general information about treating mites. We'll then conduct an actual mite wash/count with a hive. Just a reminder, any club activities using live bees requires protective clothing to participate in the hands-on portion. This will also require long pants and enclosed shoes, in addition to full protective clothing and gloves.

We have also finalized the topic for the July 1st meeting. At our July meeting Jamie Walters, President of OSBA, will present the topic, "All About Winter Bees." The speaker and topic is being provided by the OSBA Traveling Speaker program. The topic is new for 2024. The presentation will provide great information to help prepare hives in the late summer and early fall for winter bees.

Thank you for supporting SRVBA!

Gary Wylie

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### What's YOUR story?

Sharing your beekeeping experiences may help others in similar situations. We'd like to share your story. It may be a process, your first hive experience, educating a neighbor on the value of bees, or it may just be a funny experience you've had watching your bees! Please email me your story (sekosak@bgsu.edu). Short or long—it's all good! We'd love to hear your story.

## *From the honeycomb . . .*

Honey bee Facts (most from the Texas A&M University Honey Bee Information Site )

- Bees have 5 eyes
- Bees are insects, so they have 6 legs
- Bees fly about 20 mph
- Bees have been here about 30 million years!
- The average forager makes about 1/12 th of a teaspoon of honey in her lifetime
- Average per capita honey consumption in the US is 1.3 pounds

## **JUNE'S TO DO LIST IS....**

- ⇒ Weekly hive inspections
- ⇒ Brood inspection
- ⇒ Honey super monitoring
- ⇒ Mite monitoring - treatment plan
- ⇒ Swarm management
- ⇒ **Attend bee club meetings**



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