

AUGUST 2024

NEWSLETTER



Sandusky River Valley **Bee**KEEPERS Association



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.

August Monthly Meeting

Discussion Topic: Open mic! Bring your questions or discussion ideas!!

When: Monday, August 5, 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:

County Fairs

Huron County Fair — August 12 - 18

Sandusky County Fair — August 19 - 25



Annual Picnic: Sunday, September 15, at noon. See President's letter for details.

Winterizing Workshop: Saturday, September 21, 10am, Gary & Tami Wylie's barn.

Message from the President—Gary Wylie

Hello SRVBA Members!

Hope everyone's honey harvest is plentiful! Collecting and extracting honey gives beekeepers a great sense of satisfaction!

August is a great month to begin planning ahead for fall mite treatments and gathering equipment needed for winterizing and fall feeding. It's hard to believe that we'll be talking about winterizing in the next couple of months.

The club conducted a Honey Harvest workshop on July 20th at Gary & Tami Wylie's barn. The activity was well attended by 30 members who provided positive comments at the conclusion of the workshop. The workshop began with a detailed honey frame removal and extraction video, and also included honey extraction equipment, honey containers, bottling and labeling, warmers and honey marketing.

A reminder about the August meeting, we're planning an open microphone discussion night. Come with your questions and be prepared to participate. This is what makes our club unique, is our ability to share experiences and knowledge with one another.

Some club members worked our booth at the Ottawa County Fair last week. A big thank you to Terry Lowe for coordinating our booth at the fair, and thank you to those club members who helped at our booth. Greatly appreciated!

We still have openings for the upcoming Huron and Sandusky County Fairs. We'll have signup sheets at our August meeting. Please consider getting involved by helping at at your local county fair.

Looking ahead, September is SRVBA annual picnic month. The picnic is Sunday, September 15th, starting at noon. The club will furnish the meat, buns, condiments, water, and paper products. Please bring a dish to share with the group. The location for the picnic will be at Dr. Michael Stone's residence at 1850 State Route 12, Fremont, Ohio 43420. **Note: since we're meeting for the picnic, there will be no September regular monthly meeting.**

If you haven't yet attended a beekeeper class, we have an end-of-year class planned for Saturday November 2, 2024. We still have 10 openings for the class. The class will soon be advertised to the public and will pretty quickly be full. The registration form is now on our website.

See you all at the August meeting!

Thank you for supporting SRVBA!

Gary Wylie

SRVBA President

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The Queen Bee—Reminder

Tom Rathbun is offering a class on grafting and rearing queen bees. This class is full, so this is a reminder for registered individuals. Here's the details:



Southridge Apiary Queen Rearing Class

DATE: Saturday, August 3rd 2024

TIME: 9:00-5:00

LOCATION: Southridge Apiary, 4865 CR 175, Clyde, Ohio 43410

CONTACT: Tom Rathbun (419) 603-1749 Tmr7212@yahoo.com



AUGUST'S TO DO LIST IS....

- ⇒ Weekly hive inspections
- ⇒ Honey supers on for fall
- ⇒ Reduce entrances for robbing
- ⇒ Mite monitoring/treatment if needed
- ⇒ Start of yellow jacket invasion
- ⇒ Monitor for honey or pollen bound
- ⇒ Attend bee club meetings



From the honeycomb . .

“Anyone who thinks they're too small to make a difference has never met the honey bee.”



Be like the honey bee, anything it eats is clean, anything it drops is sweet, and the branch it sits upon does not break.

-Imam Ali (AS)



This page for members who would like to sell, trade, buy bee related items/business. Please submit your ad by the 3rd week of the month so that it will be in next month's newsletter.



Send ad to: sekosak@bgsu.edu



Honey Harvest
Workshop

July 20, 2024



PICNIC TIME!!! Details in the President's Letter.



Each fair is different but the club tries to keep things consistent between all the fairs as much as we can. We only work Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Everything is supplied for our setup and we work three shifts each day; 10a-2p, 2p-6p, and 6p-10p. The dates to the left represents the full week of the fair, dates to the right are workdays.

Huron County—August 12-18

John Schick covers this fair

Sandusky County— August 19-25

We will be participating on August 22, 23, 24, 25

SIGN UP INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE NEXT MEETING

We do ask that someone steps forward to be a contact person for each of the fairs we do participate in. At the July monthly meeting we will have sign up sheets for those who would like to work a shift at a particular fair.

All the fairs will allow us to sell our personal honey during the shift we work.



The Ohio State Fair

July 25th to August 4th



Looking for volunteers to staff the OSBA booth.

Free parking and tickets for Volunteers and up to 3 guest tickets per volunteer!

You can sign up here: <https://signup.com/go/WibHUmY>