



## Sandusky River Valley **Bee**KEEPERS Association

OCTOBER 2024

NEWSLETTER



### Club Officers

**President:** Gary Wylie

**Vice President:** Kathleen Conn

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### 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.

## October Monthly Meeting

Discussion Topic: Winter Hive Preparation

When: Monday, October 7, 7PM

Where: First United Methodist Church, Clyde, OH

***WE'LL BE PASSING OUT BEARS TO FILL FOR  
AREA FOOD PANTRIES.***



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

**November Monthly Meeting:** Monday, November 4th; 7pm @ FUMC

**December Annual Meeting:** Monday, December 2nd pm @ Ballville  
Volunteer Fire Department Community Hall



# Message from the President—Gary Wylie

Hello SRVBA Members

We're finally seeing cooler temperatures and we'll soon see the fall colors and feel that frosty morning air. The fields have had plenty of goldenrod and aster for the bees, the last food sources for the year.

The last several weeks has seen some big changes in the bees. Hive entrance reducers are likely needed to prevent robbing and honey supers and queen excluders are being removed and stored. 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 treat hives for mites, if needed, and begin planning to make sugar (candy) boards or winter patties, and get supplies for hive wraps and wind breaks.



We had a good turnout for the Club's annual picnic. What a great time! It was great just standing back and watching everyone talk and laugh and enjoy the fellowship and great food. The Club collected \$92.50 from the 50/50 drawing and also received a \$40.50 donation which we'll use to buy educational materials for our public presentations. A big thank you to Dr. Michael Stone for hosting the picnic. Thank you to everyone who participated.

A winter preparation workshop was held on Saturday, September 21st. We had 37 members attend and we received positive feedback from the workshop. The workshop included a good discussion about transition of hives to prepare for winter. We also discussed fall and the winter feeding, demonstrated preparing a sugar board, and discussed and showed a video about making winter crabby patties.

The upcoming October meeting will present a discussion about winter hive preparation. I'll be discussing hive winterization and talking about important practices to help bees successfully overwinter. I know there's no guarantee that a hive will overwinter, but there's definitely techniques to help improve our likelihood of success. Some luck is also helpful.

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

If you haven't yet attended a beekeeper class, we have an late-year class planned for Saturday, November 2, 2024. We have 10 openings for the class. The class will soon be advertised to the public and will pretty quickly be full. If you're interested please submit the class registration form. The registration form is now on our [website](#).

(President's Letter, continued)

A reminder of the 2024 OSBA Fall Conference being held October 25 & 26 at Central State University, Wilberforce, Ohio. Conference information and a link for registration is available at the [OSBA website](#).

The 2025 New Beekeeper Class is scheduled for March 8, 2025, 8am through 5pm.

See you all at the October meeting!

Thank you for supporting SRVBA!

Gary Wylie

SRVBA President

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# October

## *Upcoming*

OSBA Fall Conference

October 25-26, 2024

Central State University

Includes admission and food.

[Early sign up is beneficial.](#)

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

- ⇒ **Weekly hive inspections above 60°F**
- ⇒ **Entrance reducers on to prevent robbing**
- ⇒ **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**



## *From the honeycomb . . .*

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

“A bee is never as busy as it seems; it's just that it can't buzz any slower.”





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