



# Sandusky River Valley Bee **KEEPERS** Association

FEBRUARY 2025

NEWSLETTER



## Club Officers

**President:** Kathleen Conn

**Vice President:** Brennan Miller

**Secretary:** Sue Kosakowski

**Treasurer:** Kim Root

**Directors:** Rosemary Clifford, Beth Muffler 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 Beekeeper with knowledge and education.

## **Dues are due!!**

If you haven't already mailed your 2025 dues, please plan on bringing them to the February meeting. At \$20, your dues are the best investment around for beekeepers!

**Not a member already? Join Sandusky River Valley Beekeepers Association:**

**1. Fill out membership form**

<http://srvba.ohiostatebeekeepers.org/>

**2. Mail form to: SRVBA**

c/o Kim Root, 1000 CR 312

Bellevue, OH 44811



## **February Monthly Meeting**

Presenter: Kathleen Conn, SRVBA, President

When: Monday, February 3, 2025 at 7pm

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

Topic: Business Meeting; Review and Approve 2025 Budget, Discuss 2025 Activities

**ANNUAL  
BUSINESS  
MEETING**

*Don't miss this opportunity to meet the new officers and talk about 2025!!*



## BEEKEEPER CLASSES - Come One, Come All!!

The SRVBA is hosting a class for new and novice beekeepers. Here's the scoop:

WHEN: Saturday, March 15th

9am - 4pm (lunch included)

WHERE: 1000 CR 312, Bellevue, OH

COST: \$75 (includes materials, lunch, door prizes, experienced beekeepers)

QUESTIONS? Kim Root, [kroot9876@gmail.com](mailto:kroot9876@gmail.com)

### We need you!

Your experiences, successes, failures and beekeeping ideas are all valuable in helping others learn about beekeeping. Contact Gary Wylie if you're able to help during the beekeeper class.

**YOU** can make a difference.

### FEBRUARY'S TO DO LIST IS....

- Keep entrance clean of dead bees
- Check sugar boards for sugar
- Maybe place a pollen patty in sugar board
- **Attend the bee club meeting**



[SRVBA Membership form can be found on the next page, or click here for digital copy.](#)



## SRVBA Membership Form

We welcome you to join the Sandusky River Valley Beekeepers Association! Yearly membership dues are \$20.00 per family & due by March 1<sup>st</sup>. You do not need to own honey bees to join - just have an interest in the welfare of honey bees. Please make checks payable to the Sandusky River Valley Beekeepers Association. Complete this form & mail it to: **SRVBA, c/o Kim Root, 1000 CR 312, Bellevue, OH 44811.**

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional family names \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Membership since: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Hives \_\_\_\_\_

Please check all that apply:

- New Membership
- Renewal
- Individual
- Family
- Willing to help with committees for club activities.
- I'm interested in being a mentor in \_\_\_\_\_ County.
- Add me to the swarm list for \_\_\_\_\_ County.
- Tax deductible donations for supporting Beekeeping \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

*This information will never be shared with others, outside of the club. All information is confidential.*

**Meetings are held at the First United Methodist Church, 510 W. Maple Street, Clyde, OH 43410.**

*For office use only*

Check number \_\_\_\_\_

Cash amount \_\_\_\_\_

Calendar year \_\_\_\_\_

Verified info \_\_\_\_\_

## Tentative Schedule 2025

**February Meeting** – First Monday Feb. 3rd, @ 7pm First United Methodist Church, Clyde, OH Business Meeting: 2025 Budget & Planning, membership DUES collected for the year.

**March Meeting** – First Monday March 3rd @ 6:30 pm First United Methodist Church CHILI POTLUCK: Chili, water, coffee and table service provided; Please bring a covered dish to share. This meeting starts earlier than usual to enjoy our meal SRVBA member and Master Gardener, Susan Nighswander, will be giving the presentation on Pollinators, Plants, & Gardens.

**Beginning Beekeeper Class** – Saturday, March 15, 2025 Doors open 8 AM, Class Begins at 9 AM SRVBA-Beginning-Beekeepers-Class-Registration-Form-2025 Location: Cherry City Honey, Bellevue, OH (As of 1.25.2025 seats still available for this class)

**April Meeting** – First Monday April 7th, at 7pm First United Methodist Church Topic: Hive Checks & Splits

**WORKSHOP** – April 12th Saturday 10 AM – Install Bee Package – location: Cherry City Honey, Bellevue, OH

**May Meeting** – First Monday May 5th, @ 7pm First United Methodist Church Topic: Planning for 2025 Bees, Making Nucs

**WORKSHOP** – May 17th at 10 AM – Mite Treatments – location: Cherry City Honey

**June Meeting** – First Monday June 2nd, at 7pm First United Methodist Church Topic: Tentative Speaker: Pests, Disease and Hive Necropsy

**WORKSHOP** – June 14th at 10 AM – Mite Treatments – Cherry City Honey

**July Meeting** – To BEE DETERMINED – Updated information coming soon!!

**WORKSHOP** – July 19th at 10 AM – Honey Extraction – Cherry City Honey

## Tentative Schedule 2025 (continued)

**August Meeting** – First Monday August 4th, at 7pm **First United Methodist Church** Topic: OPEN MIC NITE

**WORKSHOP** – August 23rd at 10 AM – Fall Transition – **Cherry City Honey**

**September Meeting** – September 7th – Club Picnic

**WORKSHOP** – Saturday, Sept. 20 @ 10am – Winterization Workshop – **Cherry City Honey**

**October Meeting** – First Monday October 6th at 7 PM **First United Methodist Church** Topic: Hive Winterizing; Honey Bears Distributed

**November Meeting** – First Monday November 3rd, at 7pm **First United Methodist Church** Topic: Nomination of Officers; Honey Bears labeled and ribboned, distributed to local food pantries.

**December Meeting** – First Monday December 1st at 6 PM – Christmas Party & Election of Officers

\*\*Note current membership dues must be paid to attend workshops and meetings. You can download the form [\(click here\)](#).

