



Sandusky River Valley **Bee**KEEPERS Association

MARCH 2026

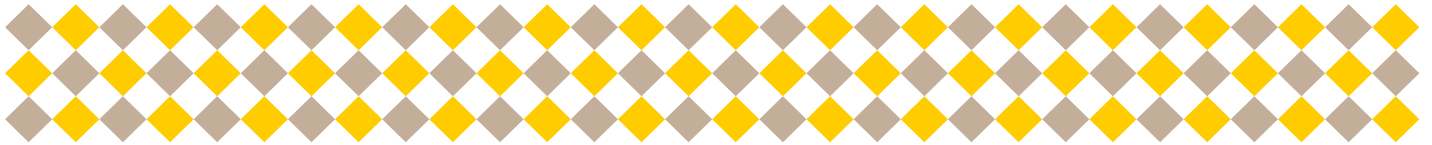
NEWSLETTER

Club Officers

President:	Kathleen Conn
Vice President:	Brennan Miller
Secretary:	Sue Kosakowski
Treasurer:	Kim Root
Directors:	Mike Gergely, Beth Muffler Laura de Roziere

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.



March Monthly Meeting Info

Presenter: Jamie Simpson, Chef's Garden, Huron, OH (see write-up on page 5)

When: Monday, March 2, 2026; **6:30pm** (Chili supper before 7:00pm meeting)

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

Topic: Hive Economics

Be sure to come early to the March meeting for our chili supper! Excellent opportunity for fellowship! Bring a side dish to share. (see flyer)



Greetings Fellow Beekeepers,

It seems we had an early April Fools with the brief visit of a few warm days. Hopefully we all took advantage of this blessing and went out to check the girls, remove dead from the entrances and offered extra feed as needed. This is a crucial time in the bee yard with the fluctuation of temperatures. This winter brought us some brutal temperatures which made it hard on the bees and the beekeepers. Last week while checking a bee yard, I was astounded to see the amount of bee droppings ALL OVER the snow and the hive tops! A few hives were in serious need of cleaning the bottom entrance and once cleared appeared happy for the extra help with housekeeping. Almost all hives were in need of more fondant. Some days I try to check on the girls but the wind or my hands don't allow it, which tells me to wait for another day. If you work a full-time job, it can make things a little tougher to manage winter tasks. I try to check my girls every two to three weeks, for me, it eases the (my) anxiety and contributes to survival rates.

The coming year for the SRVBA calendar is starting to buzz with excitement - our March meeting we have our Chili Supper (Chili Chef – Tami Wylie) and guest speaker: Jamie Simpson, presentation on Hive Economics. Please see special write up by Vice President Brennen Miller.

The officers will meet again this coming week to help us stay on task and incorporate new ideas for the direction and growth of the club. WE are very excited with the collaboration of the leadership team and club members and the new committees (education/workshops; mentoring; public outreach/speaker; youth advisor- not yet full committee). Most educational portions are filled for the SRVBA meeting dates with a couple of invitations yet to be confirmed. Along with club meetings and fairs, there are other events the SRVBA will be actively participating in within the club's five counties this year. If you, in any way, think you would like to get involved with any committees or events please reach out to myself or any of the officers, directors or committee members. I do try to send out requests to those *county members* whom are local for each request that comes in. So, keep an eye out for those emails this year.

I want to thank those on the leadership team, and the committee members for your guidance. I also want to thank all of you, *the club members*, for your assistance, ideas and energy that help strengthen the Sandusky River Valley Beekeepers Association into bee-ing a Queen Right Hive.

Respectfully,

Kathleen Conn, SRVBA President 2026

"Putting your best foot forward today depends on how well you took care of yourself yesterday."

~ mom quote





BEEKEEPER CLASSES - Come One, Come All!!

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

WHEN: Saturday, March 14th

9am - 4pm (lunch included)

WHERE: 1000 CR 312, Bellevue, OH

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

Cost is \$25 for each additional family member attending.

QUESTIONS? Kim Root, kroot9876@gmail.com

Dues are due!!

If you haven't already mailed your 2026 dues, please plan on bringing them to the March meeting. At \$20, your dues are the best investment around for beekeepers! Follow this [link](#) to download the membership registration form.

MARCH 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**
- **Bring side dish to chili supper**
- Pay your dues (as needed)





SRVBA Presents:

Chili POTLUCK



Special Guest
Speaker
Jamie Simpson
*Executive Chef Liaison at
The Culinary Vegetable
Institute*

MONDAY,
MARCH 2ND

6:30PM AT FIRST UNITED
METHODIST IN CLYDE, OHIO

Chili, water, coffee and table
service provided; Please bring
a covered dish to share.

BRING YOUR
APPETITE!!



For more information:

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

Did you hear?



We are pleased to welcome **Jamie Simpson**, Executive Chef Liaison of the Culinary Vegetable Institute at *The Chef's Garden* in Milan, Ohio, as our upcoming guest speaker.

Chef Simpson is a respected culinary professional, educator, and advocate for sustainable food systems with a deep commitment to seasonal, farm-to-table cooking. His work focuses on elevating vegetables and farm-fresh produce, educating chefs and food professionals on how ingredients from farm to fork can shape better menus, reduce waste, and celebrate genuine flavor.

Originally from Summerville, South Carolina, Chef Simpson transitioned from a career in music to the culinary world, training in acclaimed restaurants and staging in kitchens worldwide before assuming leadership at the Culinary Vegetable Institute. In his role, he collaborates directly with farmers and chefs to showcase produce at its peak and to educate culinary professionals about sustainable techniques for preparing and presenting vegetables.

Beyond his culinary achievements, Jamie has a genuine passion for beekeeping and the vital role honeybees play in our food system. He oversees honey production and hive management at the Institute, tending hives nestled into the farm's landscape and calling the process "beautiful," noting that it demands focus and respect for the bees' work. His commitment to bees reflects his broader philosophy of sustainability and stewardship of the land — values that enrich both the farm and the culinary experiences he helps create.

Jamie's unique blend of creativity, practical expertise, and deep respect for nature's processes makes him an engaging speaker for anyone interested in food, agriculture, sustainability, and the connections that underpin our food systems.



SRVBA 2026 SRVBA CALENDAR

January						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

February						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Business Meeting		10	11	12	13	14
		17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

March						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Potluck		10	11	12	13	14
6:30pm/		17	18	1	2	3
Hive		24	25	26	27	28
Economics		31				

April						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Soap Making			15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	Earth Day	

May						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
3	4	5	6	Hive	8	9
10	11	12	13	Inspection	15	16
17	18	19	20	Workshop	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	Last day to register apiary with ODA					

June						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Honey Judging			11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	Mite	20
21	22	23	24	Treatment Workshop		
28	29	30				

July					
S	M	T	W	T	
			1	2	Honey Extractions
5	6	7	8	9	Workshops
Wax Judging					15 16 17 18
19	20	Ottawa Co. Fair			24 25
26	27	28	29	30	31
Seneca Co. Fair					

August						
	Taco Night	W	T	F	S	
6:30/Open Mic						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	1	Erie Co. Fair	4	15	
16	17	Huron Co. Fair	1	22		
23	Sandusky Co. Fair	28			Fall	
30	31				Transiti	Worksh

September						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
		8	9	10	11	12
	13	14	15	16	17	18
20	21	22	23	Winterization		
27	28	29	30	Workshop		

October						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					OSBA Fall Conf.	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	Team Building/			15	16	17
18	Honey Bears			22	23	24
25	Distributed			29	30	31

November						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Nominations / 1 12 13 14						
Label Honey 18 19 20 21						
22	Bears	4	25	26	27	28
29	30					

December						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Christmas	16	17	18	19	
	Party/ Elect	23	24	25	26	
21	Officers	30	31			



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 1st. 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 _____



Description:

Civan 4/20 extractors are versatile, high-quality stainless steel machines, often manufactured in Turkey, designed to handle either 4 deep frames (tangentially) or up to 20 medium/shallow frames (radially). These durable, often motorized units feature reversible speed control, CNC-machined baskets, and metal honey gates.



BRAND NEW!

Selling price: \$800

Contact: Mike Gergely
Red Creek Honey Co.
440-371-0746