



Sandusky River Valley **Bee**KEEPERS Association

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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 Beekeeper with knowledge and education.

A DIFFERENT LOOK?!?!

You may have immediately noticed that this newsletter has a different format than usual. The platform previously used to create the newsletter is being discontinued – four months sooner than announced. Working on learning a new platform in order to continue our splashy messages. 😊 In the meantime, I have to settle for creating it in Word. Hope you still find it interesting!

May Monthly Meeting Info

When: Monday, May 4, 2026; 7:00pm

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

Presenter: Greg Burns from Natures Image (more info in newsletter)

Topic: Queen Rearing the Easy Way

REMINDER: Be sure to register your hive(s) with the State by May 31, 2026!

Here's the link for your convenience:

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/plant-health/apiary-program/registration>

HIVE 5 SHOUT-OUTS



Earth Day 2026 at Osborn Park,
Sandusky, Ohio

John Schick, Dale Pocock and
Kathleen Conn were there to
promote the importance of bees
to the Earth. Thank you for
participating in this important
educational event!!



MEMORIES

A few pictures from our April meeting presentation by Carol Mahl. If you are interested in making your own hot soap, Carol recommends recipes found at [Bramble Berry](#).



MAY's To Do List is....

- ⇒ Remove winter wrap ⇒ Place honey supers on an established hive
- ⇒ Remove mouse guards ⇒ Rotate hive bodies if brood is in top box
- ⇒ Check for swarm cells along bottom of frames
- ⇒ Prepare for swarm season ⇒ Make splits
- ⇒ **Attend bee club meetings**

DON'T FORGET THE MERCH!!

SRVBA merchandise ordered by April 17th will magically appear at next week's meeting, thanks to the kindness of Beth Mueffler. If you haven't had the chance, be sure to [check out](#) the latest in fashionable bee wear!

MORE ABOUT MAY GUEST SPEAKER GREG BURNS

From the urban bustle to the buzzing hives of Zanesville, Ohio, Greg Burns embodies a life reclaimed by the rhythms of nature. Alongside his wife, Susan, and their seven children, Greg transformed a backyard passion into Nature's Image Farm, a thriving beekeeping enterprise. They manage a remarkable 400 colonies, providing top-quality queens, honeybees, and innovative beekeeping supplies like their signature "NO PAINT. NO ROT. NO HASSLE." Endurahive Wax Dipped equipment.

But Greg's passion goes beyond the business. He's a beacon for aspiring beekeepers, offering invaluable mentoring and education through initiatives like "The Learning Yard" at [Nature's Image Farm](#). He's a storyteller and educator, sharing his family's adventures and the wisdom of "the old time ways" on the Nature's™ Image Farm YouTube channel and The Nature's™ Image Farm Podcast. You can also find him participating in lively discussions on The Stream Team Beekeeping Chat.

Driven by a belief that "Nature is the best teacher", Greg is helping to build a resilient and sustainable beekeeping community. He's a true advocate for beekeepers across the nation and encourages everyone to "Bee the Lighthouse and the change they want to see in the world."

Discover the fascinating world of beekeeping, homesteading, and the old ways with Greg Burns "a buzzing force for nature and community."

Be sure to see Greg in person at our May 4 meeting and then visit Nature's Image Farm to learn more.