

Beezette

March 2019



Warren County Ohio Beekeepers
Meeting at Lebanon Presbyterian Church
123 East Street, Lebanon, OH 45036

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NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be this coming Sunday March 10, 2019 at 1pm at Lebanon Presbyterian Church. Please plan to attend! Our topic will be installing a package and inspecting a hive.

MEMBERSHIP

If you have not joined or renewed your membership, you can register online on our website and pay when you arrive at the meeting. Dues are \$20/individual and \$25/family for the entire year. If you paid for the beginning beekeeping class held on Saturday, Jan 26th, your first year's membership is included with the class!

Why join?

- To make connections with other beekeepers – we like to talk about all things bees!
- It's a safe place to ask questions and learn about old and new ideas and techniques in beekeeping.
- Access to a library filled with great beekeeping books.
- You are eligible to rent an extractor.
- And.....food and fellowship and fun!

CLUB NEWS

- We have a lot of new beekeepers – yay!! If you have been keeping bees for at least a year and are willing and able, please consider being a mentor. There will be sign up forms for mentors at the meeting. Matching up mentors with mentees will be a work in progress, and we will do our best.
- A big thank you to all who shared their personal experiences on the various topics at the February meeting. We hope that hearing different perspectives and methods will encourage all in asking questions and help in developing their own beekeeping methods.

What to do during March?

- March is a critical month for the bees. With temperatures creeping higher and longer sunshine hours, the colonies are more active and will be raising more brood. Some maples have started to bloom, but it is often too cold or rainy for the bees to fly. So....check your colony's level of candy wealth often and replenish when needed!

- Assemble and paint boxes, assemble frames. Hint...you won't regret taking extra time to be sure they are square. A common question is what to paint with. Exterior paint. Some use 2 coats, others use 4 or 5. Some get creative with designing their boxes, some go with basic white and others try to blend in with the surroundings.
- SWOBA bee school is approaching fast, on March 23rd. Many vendors will be there, and you order and can pick up there to save shipping.
- Keep reading and learning!
- Talk with and develop relationships with experienced beekeepers who you can call if you have questions.

Do you have an announcement you want to include in the Beezette or a topic you'd like to hear covered at one of our meetings? Let us know! Contact Alice Craig at warrencountyohiobeekeepers@gmail.com or find us on FB.

