A Celebration of Ohio Beekeeping

Fall OSBA Conference 8 a.m.—4 p.m.
November 5, 2016
Tolles Career and Technical Center, 7877 U.S. 42, Plain City, OH 43064
www.OhioStateBeekeepers.org/fc

REGISTRATION FEES
$25 - OSBA Member Pre-Registered
$35 - OSBA Member at the door
$35 - Non Member
$10 - OSBA Guest (Spouse or children under 18 with paid OSBA Member)

Boxed Lunch: $9.00 will only be available with pre-paid registration

Registration – 7:45—8:30 a.m.
President’s Welcome and Announcements.

Session 1
Jamie Ellis: Honey bees as superorganisms: the hive or the honey bee?
Steve Repasky: Making Increase Colonies
Tim Arheit: OSBA Affiliate Program for Local Associations
Reed Johnson: OSBA Funded Research: Honey Bees and Ash Trees
Break – Visit the Vendors

Session 3
Jamie Ellis: Sustainability of Beekeeping
Steve Repasky: Swarm Management
Peggy Garnes: Queen Rearing for the Small Apiary, Part I
Christie Welch: Label Laws, Sanitation, and All About Bottling
Break – Visit the Vendors

Session 2
Jamie Ellis: Mating and Reproductive Habits of Honey Bees
Ohio Prairie Nursery: Prepping for a 2017 Pollinator Habitat
Alex Zomchek: OSBA Apiary Diagnostic Kit to Reduce Hive Loss
Christie Welch: The Business Side of Beekeeping
Lunch! Boxed lunch (prepaid registration only)

Session 4
Alex Zomchek: Feeding for Starvation, Stimulation and Nutrition
Steve Repasky: Honey Bee Health and Keeping Bees Alive
Peggy Garnes: Queen Rearing for the Small Apiary, Part II
Hannah Whitehead: IPM Management: Drone Comb for Varroa Control

Break – Visit the Vendors
Awards—Election Results—Business Meeting
OSBA Affiliate Program—Learn More at the OSBA Conference

OSBA has received approval from the IRS regarding the newly created OSBA Affiliate Program. This program offers a wide variety of benefits to local beekeeping associations.

The initial cost to file the government paperwork was not insignificant. Your OSBA Board appropriated funding because OSBA believes in investing in the future growth of local Ohio beekeeper associations. Greater Grand Lake Beekeepers Association participated as our beta group.

We developed the OSBA Affiliate Program to help local associations reduce overhead costs so that your local club funds can be spent on beekeeper education and outreach. Our new program will offer:

- ✓ local association liability insurance at a reduced rate
- ✓ director and officer insurance at a reduced rate
- ✓ non-profit status under the OSBA 501c3 umbrella
- ✓ website hosting

Not only will your association save money, but donors to associations can receive a charitable deduction for donations.

Additional benefits are already being explored for the future. Now that we have received approval, we are working on the user-friendly paperwork that local associations can use to apply to become an affiliate member of OSBA. To help expedite the process, each association will be assigned an OSBA Officer to help guide the group through the paperwork.

Because we are adding associations under our 501c3 umbrella, associations will still have to follow the applicable bee club guidelines. Watch for more details in the next newsletter, and in electronic communications with local association leaders.
OSBA Fall Conference— A Great Educational (and Fun) Event

Mark your calendars, set your smart phone’s meeting reminder for the upcoming OSBA Fall Conference in Plain City, OH on Saturday, November 5.

Our line-up includes Dr. Jamie Ellis, author/beekeeper Stephen Repasky, OSU extension educator Christie Welch, Alex Zomcheck, along with other guests.

Your OSBA conferences are interactive educational events filled with honey judging, auction tables, vendors, and always a few fun surprises. This year’s end of beekeeping season event will get you ready for a successful 2017 beekeeping year.

This year’s conference will also include a special session focused on providing information to local associations regarding how to register their associations with the state, yearly paperwork required, club insurance requirements, financial reporting, etc. Did you know that even an informal bee meeting at someone’s house could have legal ramifications? You will also learn how the OSBA Affiliate Program can help your organization.

If you are part of a local association, or are thinking of starting a bee association, this session will help ensure that not only are you legal with the state, but that you can sleep well at night!

Our vendor list includes: BEEpothecary, Betterbee, Blue Sky Bee Supply, Dadant, Ernst Seeds, Full Art Tees, Honey Run Apiaries, Kelley Bees, Mann Lake, Mel Desselkoon, Rock Bridge Trees, Wifi Hive Scale, Reid’s Apiary & Bee-tique, Stratford Ecological Center, Superior Bee and more. Check out our websites for updates.

Just for our attendees...Dadant is offering a 5% discount on pre-orders placed at the Frankfort Location only, along with no delivery fee when your order is brought to the conference. Orders need to be placed by November 2 to ensure delivery to the OSBA Fall Conference. When you place your order at: 502.848.0000 let them know the order is to be delivered to the OSBA Fall Conference.

**Remember: Pre-order from our vendors so you can save on shipping!**

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**New OSBA Life Members**

The following beekeepers have shown their support of OSBA by becoming Life Member. Life Membership consists of a one-time payment to OSBA of $200.

- Brian Adkins
- Laurene Kiel
- Stephen Repasky
- Tim Scott
- Ken Urbanek

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May we suggest email delivery of your next newsletter? The newsletter you are reading cost $1.80 to print and mail. Sign up for the e-zine and...

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- Better use of your membership dues

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Now Available- The Save The Honey Bee License Plate

In 2015, The Save the Honey Bee License plate rolled off the assembly line and onto the cars of enthusiastic beekeepers and people who are interested in supporting honey bees. After almost two years worth of effort by Paul Lane and OSBA, the long road of paperwork, signatures, appearances before the House and Senate, and much public support, the plates are arriving through the mail to smiling beekeepers. Not only does this plate help bring public awareness to the importance of honey bees and beekeepers, it will provides funding for OSBA projects relating to research, education and outreach. One project with multiple benefits, thanks to a team effort.

Want to order one for yourself? Just go to www.oplates.com when you renew your plates. Under specialty plates it is listed as "Ohio Beekeepers". What will your plate say?

Thank you Lithopolis Volunteers

OSBA would like to thank our members who volunteered to staff the OSBA tent during the Lithopolis Honeyfest. This two day event drew a diverse crowd of people interested in everything honey bee. During six hours on Saturday alone, our team of enthusiastic beekeepers interacted with the over 200 visitors to our educational tent. Over 500 attendees proudly wore the Save the Honey Bee stickers.

Thank you, volunteers, for graciously taking time from your own busy schedules to brave the heat and share information about OSBA and our activities with the visitors to the Lithopolis Honey Fest:

Tent Set-Up/Pick-up: Zale Maxwell
Friday Staffing: Zale Maxwell
Jim Tippie
Saturday Staffing: Michele Colopy
Sheila and Mike Doseck
Terry Lieberman-Smith
Jim Tippie
Volunteer Coordinator: David Crawford

Thank you one and all for supporting OSBA.
Honey Judging Event at the OSBA Fall Conference

The 2016 Fall Conference will feature open honey judging. Attendees will be able to observe the judging that takes place throughout the day. Judge James Thompson will answer your questions as he evaluates the entries. Get great hints on how to make your entries a prize winner. Enter your honey and win prizes and bragging rights!

Rules:

- Open to OSBA Members only.
- Entries must be pre-registered.
- There is no cost to enter the honey contest this year.
- The number and type of container required varies by category. (See the specifications in each category below).
- Entries must be turned in during registration the day of the event.
- Prizes will be awarded at the closing session at the end of the day.
- Entries may be picked up after the closing session.
- Any entries not picked up after the closing session will become property of OSBA to be given away or disposed of.
- All decisions by the judge are final.

Categories:

- *Light Extracted Honey* (includes water white, extra white, white, extra light amber): Three 1# glass gambler or queenline jars
- Wax: 1/2 to 1 pound entry.
- *Flavored Granulated Honey*: Three wide mouth glass containers ranging between 12 oz to 1 ½ pounds.
- *Gift Baskets*: Maximum of 12 pounds (total including the container and contents), and at least ¾ of the items must be hive products produced by the beekeeper.

Prizes

- **First Prize**: Ribbon and $20 (one awarded in each category)
- **Second Prize**: Ribbon and $10 (one awarded in each category)
- **Best of Show**: Rosette and $20
**WINTER PREP | Feed & Ventilation**

- Use a **Hive Top Feeder** to provide your colony with **2:1 sugar syrup** to store during the winter.

- **Fondant** is a perfect winter feed! It can be easily digested by the bees without breaking their warming cluster.

- Proper **Ventilation** during the winter can help a colony maintain their hives internal environment. Try using a **Wintering Inner Cover**, **Vivaldi Board**, or a **Slatted Rack** with your **Screened Bottom Board**.

**PLAN AHEAD | Next Year?**

During the winter months, start planning out for the next year and continue your research to learn more about beekeeping.

- Curl up with **The Backyard Beekeeper**, **The Beekeepers Handbook**, **Better Bee Keeping**, **The Beekeeper's Bible**, or any of our other resource books.

- Start making decisions about your hives for next year. **Adding any additional hives? Need to replace any hive bodies or tools?**

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REGISTRATION  
Mail Postmarked by October 24st

Online registration is also available at:  
www.OhioStateBeekeepers.org/fc  
Online registration deadline October 24th

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Subway to Go Box lunch includes sandwich, lettuce, tomato, chips, cookie and beverage:
- [ ] Veggie Delight
- [ ] Turkey Breast
- [ ] Italian BMT

I will be entering the Honey Contest in the following categories (no cost, but pre-registration is required):
- [ ] Light Honey
- [ ] Wax
- [ ] Flavored Granulated Honey
- [ ] Gift Baskets

I will be bringing in two samples for Varroa Testing

Total Amount Due:

Send your registration and payment to: (Checks should be made out to OSBA)

Tim Arheit / OSBA  
330 Sunderland Rd S  
Delphos, OH 45833

Questions may be sent to webmaster@ohiostatebeekeepers.org
OSBA Shines at Ohio State Fair

OSBA’s beekeeping pavilion at the 2016 Ohio State Fair was a popular and welcoming venue for fair visitors who toured the displays to learn about honey bees, beekeeping and pollination.

The friendly volunteers, educational displays, live bee demonstrations and vendors of beekeeping-related products drew several thousand visitors to the pavilion. In addition, Cardinal Hall, an expansive and newest agricultural-themed exhibit space on the fairgrounds, opened adjacent to the pavilion and drew a steady flow of visitors to the OSBA-sponsored honey show, photo contest and cooking with honey classes.

Although overall fair attendance was down this year due to temperatures that reached into the 90s on several days, visitor traffic through the pavilion was steady. Due to the support of the American Beekeeping Federation, ABF honey queen Kim Kester was able to be OSBA’s guest in the pavilion and joined Lithopolis Honeyfest queen Tess Conrad to welcome visitors, provide tours of the OSBA beeyard and give demonstrations using hive products.

A typical day in the pavilion can go quickly for the volunteers. Randall Westfall of Tri-County Beekeeper Association said it helps to enjoy educating and answering questions. “You do a lot of both,” said Westfall. “But by the end of the day you have a real sense of satisfaction and accomplishment. After you finish talking to people, some are so excited they can’t wait to take a beekeeping course while others want to get home and start a pollinator garden.”

Volunteers who helped in the pavilion came from across the state. Also, several beekeeping clubs and groups worked together to serve as the hosts in the pavilion. Groups providing support were Central Ohio Beekeeping Association, Scioto Valley Beekeepers, Maumee Valley Beekeepers, Heartland Honey Bee Breeders Cooperative, Sandusky River Valley Beekeepers, Greater Grand Lake Beekeepers, Urban Beekeepers of Central Ohio, West Central Ohio Beekeepers, and Tri-County Beekeepers Association.

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Nina Bagley, OSBA member and pavilion manager, said the pavilion has grown to become a centerpiece for the fair and a destination for many visitors. “Agriculture is important to the state and a main focus of the state fair,” she said. “We are pleased with the partnership OSBA has established with the Ohio State Fair and the value they see in beekeeping. When the gates open in the morning, we have fairgoers who make the pavilion their first stop.”

Due to the heat, Bagley and the OSBA fair committee limited the role of live bees used for demonstration purposes. “By rearranging the start times for live bee demonstrations on particularly hot days and making other changes we were able to avoid stressing the bees too much,” she said. The bees, loaned by Bagley, Barry Conrad, Arnold Crabtree and Dwight Wells for the purpose of demonstrations, were rotated in and out of the pavilion more frequently than in past, cooler years.

Approximately 70 volunteers (listed below) are utilized during the eight days. “If not for the dedication and enthusiasm of our volunteers, a project of this magnitude would not be possible,” said Bagley. “The fair committee is very grateful for the willingness of OSBA members and their families to step forward and help.”

Dwight Wilson, whose Northwest Ohio Beekeepers Association helped host visitors to the pavilion early in the week, observed the general public has a growing interest in beekeeping. “A large number of fairgoers understand the challenges we face and want to help beekeepers and the honey bees,” he said. “It’s a gratifying experience to have that support.”

This year, 12-year-old David Surina helped with several bee beards and the ABF honey queen bravely performed one of the bee beard demonstrations. Also, Gentry Clark, an 11-year-old from the Greater Grand Lakes club, volunteered and displayed a beautiful bee-themed quilt that she had just completed.

Bagley and the fair committee, comprised of Tina Bobek, David Crawford, Zale Maxwell, Dwight Wells and Marishka Wile, have started making notes for updating and improving the 2017 pavilion. With attendance in the pavilion climbing each year, exhibits need updated and demonstrations need to be scheduled. Bagley will start meeting with

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David Crawford
Whether you are a brand new beekeeper, or a seasoned veteran, it can be an overwhelming challenge to manage your hives. Proper forage, mites, beetles, diseases, pesticide issues are all components that need to be factored in to maintaining your hive’s health.

All the experts talk about monitoring your hives, and the information available on-line and in books can lead anyone to question their own sanity. How in the world do these experts expect you to get all these tasks accomplished, and enjoy working with your bees?

What’s a poor beekeeper to do….let alone colony of honey bees?

OSBA heard your concerns and has developed a portable diagnostic kit that beekeepers at all levels of expertise can use during apiary visits to monitor and track the health of their hives.

OSBA formed a committee to investigate the possibility of creating a monitoring kit that would help beekeepers track hive health and improve the sustainability of their honey bees. The kit would need to be portable, affordable, and effective in tracking hive health. Other directives included easy to use, simple to create, and applicable to all levels of beekeepers.

The volunteer ADK Committee consisting of Tim Arheit, Annette Birt Clark, Peggy Games, Terry Lieberman-Smith and Alex Zomchek combed through the myriad of information on pests, diseases and monitoring techniques available to beekeepers and condensed the data into a simple step-by-step spiral bound, laminated manual. The committee also selected a variety of easy to use tools to include in the kit.

In order to test the effectiveness of the kit, the OSBA Board approved funding for 50 kits. Our volunteer ADK beta testers are currently working with the kits during the next few months. The volunteers have committed to tracking two of their hives every two weeks. After each testing session, the committee will send out a survey to accumulate data about the volunteer’s experience.

The feedback will be used to fine-tune the manual and components of the ADK. Each beta kit has a unique combination of items. Some kits have large magnifiers, some have small. Some kits have silver queen markers, while others have orange. The goal is to find out which products are the best products for beekeepers to use in monitoring and tracking the progress and health of the hive throughout the year.

By monitoring your hive, you can more easily notice if there are subtle changes occurring in the colony between your inspections. Effective monitoring can help prevent colony loss by providing the beekeeper the tools to make decisions about colony health before the colony is doomed.

What’s the expression? “An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.”

Thanks to the ADK Committee, and the dedicated volunteer beta testers, the OSBA Apiary Diagnostic Kit is moving toward being available to beekeepers by the OSBA Fall Conference.

Learn more about this kit and its uses at the upcoming OSBA Fall Conference.
OSBA Around Ohio - Sharing Beekeeping Information Across Ohio

OSBA Treasurer, Michele Colopy and OSBA Vice-President Terry Lieberman-Smith (taking photo) assist Denise Ellsworth during the Pollinator Stakeholder Meeting in Hancock County

OSBA President Tim Arheit talking with visitors at the A.I. Root Pollinator Day event in Medina

OSBA at the OPHI Symposium: Pictured from left: Annette Birt Clark, OSBA Secretary, Michele Colopy, OSBA Treasurer. Not in the photo: Terry Lieberman-Smith, OSBA Vice-President

Volunteers at the OSBA Booth at Lithopolis: Michele Colopy – OSBA Treasurer, Jim Tippie, Terry Lieberman-Smith, OSBA VP
OSBA Partnering with OPHI to Help Make A Difference

Ohio Pollinator Habitat Initiative (OPHI) was created more than a year ago when the Dept. of Fish and Wildlife became concerned about the Rusty Patch Bumble bee. They were motivated to create Rusty Patch bumble bee habitat, and tie it in with the White House Task Force strategy of federal depts. working to protect all pollinators. OPHI began reaching out to any and every pollinator related group. OSBA contacted them when we heard about their Initiative, and the Terry Lieberman-Smith, OSBA VP and Michele Colopy, OSBA Treasurer met with OPHI to discuss how OSBA and the Ohio beekeepers could be a part of Ohio’s Pollinator Habitat Initiative. OSBA also suggested since OPHI had the contacts with diverse stakeholders, and the Ohio Dept. of Ag, could OPHI take the lead on the Ohio Pollinator Protection Plan.

In July, an OPHI sub-committee which included Michele Colopy, was given ODA’s approval to continue the objective of a state pollinator protection plan. The lead on the committee provided the Wisconsin State Pollinator Protection Plan as a model. We added a section concerning mosquito spray applications and urban use of pesticides.

The committee secured Ohio researchers and stakeholders as lead writers. OSBA was tasked with drafting the best management practices for beekeepers. OSU Ext. and the OSBA Treasurer were adamant that public meetings be held to listen to stakeholders, and obtain the stakeholders’ input of issues relevant to them in their part of the state. This feedback would be provided to the plan writers for input into their topics. We would provide a survey seeking public input as well, for those stakeholders unable to attend a public meeting. This survey will remain open until early November.

By the last week of August all of the committees’ plans were set. Marketing was developed, flyers created, and the stakeholder meetings promoted at the Aug. 31 Pollinator Habitat Symposium. A news release about the first two stakeholder meetings was published in a Coshocton newspaper. The committee then heard from ODA that they had to stop all marketing and could not move forward because the moniker “Ohio Pollinator Protection Plan (OP3)” was only for ODA usage.

The State Pollinator Protection Plans suggested by EPA (through their New Rule for neonic use proposed in 2015; and encouraged in the White House Strategy to Promote the Health of Honey Bees and Other Pollinators) provides NO funding to states to develop these plans, does NOT mandate the Plans be developed; has NO enforcement mechanism for any of the Plans; and the Plans are NOT regulated by any State or Federal entity. However, State Depts. of Ag are being encouraged to develop these Pollinator Protection Plans. ODA stated we have the Ohio Sensitive Crop Registry and Ohio Apiary registration to protect bees. ODA will look at what this committee compiles, and may use “some” of it.

The plans’ new name is OHIO POLLINATOR HEALTH, PROTECTION, AND CONSERVATION PLAN. We will continue to hold the public stakeholder meetings. We will continue to collect your input through the online survey. We will continue to work with the diverse group of writers to develop best management practices to protect Ohio pollinators. We will continue to seek your input as to how to protect Ohio pollinators. Please attend a stakeholder meeting and/or complete the online survey. We have to speak for our honey bees!

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Stakeholder Input Meetings and Survey

The Ohio Pollinator Health, Protection and Conservation Plan is a communication tool and guide for action to improve the health and survival of pollinators.

Your input is vital to the success of this plan.

- What are the threats facing Ohio’s pollinators?
- What strengths do we have in the state to impact these threats?
- What action steps can we take to help pollinators?

Join the conversation through an interactive discussion at a stakeholder meeting, or share your input through the on-line survey. All meetings are 6:30 to 8:00PM.

**September 26, Coshocton County**
- Frontier Power, community room
- 770 South Second St, Coshocton 43812

**October 24, Summit County**
- OSU Extension, Summit County
- 1100 Graham Rd Co. Stow, OH 44224

**October 26, Greene County**
- Greene County Service Center
- 575 Lindbergh Rd, Xenia 45385

Seating is limited at each site...please consider sending one person to represent your group or organization. Walk-in participation may not be available: be sure to complete the survey.

RSVP to attend: [http://go.osu.edu/pollinator-rsvp](http://go.osu.edu/pollinator-rsvp)
Or offer input on-line: [http://go.osu.edu/pollinatorinput](http://go.osu.edu/pollinatorinput)
This year beekeepers from all over the eastern part of the United States met to expand their knowledge of beekeeping and receive all the latest research news from keynote speakers. This year’s speakers included James Frazier and Dennis vanEngelsdorp, Jeff Pettis and Medhat Nasr, Maryann Fraizier, Sarah Red-Laird, David Tarpy and many more. If you didn’t attend, you missed a lot!

Short Course rooms were filled with note-taking beekeepers from all levels of experience. From beginners to commercial beekeepers, all gleamed something from the day’s work. Queen rearing, nucs –building and wintering, varroa control and issues and Microscopy rooms were full! We even had the options to attend classes on how to give presentations! Once again – too many great speakers to choose from and only so much time in the day!

The Conference was as outstanding as the Short Course days… most times the meeting rooms were filled to capacity and more chairs needed to be brought in. Ohio delivered a basket for auction filled with items made here in Ohio. Building the basket was enlightening to just how many products are made here in Ohio!

Keep watch for the 2017 – EAS will again be hosted by the University of Delaware, Clayton Hall Conference Center, Newark, De. July 31 - August 4
Constitutional Change:

In order to facilitate continuity of leadership and OSBA Programs, the OSBA board recommends alternating elections of executive officers. This does not change the current term of any officers. In order to facilitate this, the following change to Article IV, Section 2 is required:

(The amended text is underlined)

Section 2. Election and Term of Office. The officers shall be elected at the public annual meeting by the membership. Officers shall serve a two-year term, their terms expiring on December 31st of the second year of their term. Beginning with the term starting January 1st 2018 the Vice-President and Secretary shall serve a three-year term ending December 31st 2020. Thereafter all officers shall serve two year terms with the President and Secretary’s term beginning in even years, and Vice-President and Treasurer’s beginning in odd years.

Officers must be members of the Association in good standing to be eligible for office. The President and Vice President will be limited to serving two consecutive terms in the same position.

Meet the Beekeepers Running for Directors:

Dwight Wilson: Director Maumee Valley Region

Dwight has been beekeeping for 40 years, and is a member of the Northwest Ohio Beekeepers Association. I want to be an OSBA board member because: I Love bees and enjoy working with people!!

Brad Hibbard: Director Maumee Valley Region

Brad has been a beekeeper for 2 years and is the member of Maumee Valley and Northwest Ohio Beekeepers. He wants to be a board member to be able to advance his beekeeping skills and knowledge and to be able to share it with other beekeepers, whether new or experienced.

He thinks the following programs are important for OSBA to support: 4-H, County and State Fairs, and public education which is the key to aid in maintaining and advancing the honey bee population. We need to educate the public as to what is and is not a honey bee. We need to better use media outlets as a tool to reach the public.

Brad has managed employees, budgets and timelines, and has experience setting up training programs at previous employers. He enjoys talking with and educating people.

Tom Rathbun– Director Erie Basin Region

Tom has been a beekeeper for 8 years and is a member of the Sandusky River Valley Beekeepers. He enjoys working with bees and different club organizations. He wants to be a board member to help promote Honey Bee awareness and education. Issues he would like to see OSBA continue to support are: Pollination programs, 4-H program and the Save the Honey Bee License Plate.

Dwight Wells– Director Top of Ohio Region

I want to be an OSBA board member because I enjoy working with Beekeepers, especially the younger Beekeepers. Attending regional and national meetings gives me the opportunity to network with the Land-Grant Researchers about projects they are currently working on which I can then bring that information back to Beekeepers in Ohio. In a typical year I work at the Ohio State Fair Honey Bee Pavilion(8 Days), the Farm Science Review (3 days), Heartland Apicultural Society, HAS (3 days) plus other area Fairs for a total of ~20 days interacting with Beekeepers to gain an understanding of the issues facing Honey Bees.

I think the following programs, issues, educational topics/outreach are important for OSBA to support: Varroa Mite Management training using IPM practices with Mite Resistant & Tolerant Locally Adapted Bee Stock to reduce the present Ohio Ten year average of 50% Honey Bee Loss; Lobby the Legislators in Columbus for an improved Bee Inspection Program plus providing financial support for Beekeeping Extension; Collaborate with the Ohio Department of Agriculture and the State Apiarist.; Provide experienced Beekeepers that will train Ohio Bee Clubs to produce Northern Adapted Queens for Nucs to be overwintered, ie training on Queen Rearing and Nuc creation.

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Ohio State Beekeepers Association
Absentee Voting Ballots
Annual meeting November 5, 2016

Please place a check mark by your choice for each position. **Only vote for the Director in your region**

**2015 Absentee Ballot**

The new constitution passed at the Fall 2014 Conference allows for absentee ballots to be cast by its members to allow those who can’t make the conference to participate.

- Only one ballot per OSBA membership will be counted.
- Membership in OSBA must be current.
- If multiple ballots are received by a member, only the first one will be counted.
- Vote for not more than one individual per position.
- Write in candidates are allowed but must accept the position if elected.
- Ballots must be sent to the following address and **MUST BE RECEIVED** by October 28th, 2016

  Mike Doseck
  09866 N CR-66A
  New Bremen, OH 45869

**Regional Directors (Term 2017-2019)**

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Yes: __________
No: __________
No Teaspoons Allowed
(recipes that really use honey)

Sometimes you need a little treat...or maybe even a treat to share (or make yourself an ice cream sandwich of your sweetie is away)

Honey Choc Chunk Cookie for 2

2 T. butter, room temp
2 T. brown sugar
1 T. honey
1/4 t. vanilla extract
1/4 c. flour
1/4 c. chocolate chips (or a combo of chips and raisins)

Preheat oven to 350 (I use a toaster oven)

Warm butter in the microwave until soft. Mix in sugar, honey and vanilla extract. Stir in flour and then chocolate chips. Divide into two portions. Roll each portion into a ball, and then place on parchment paper lined tray. Flatten slightly.

Bake for 12-15 minutes. Let cool-- if you can!

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Candidates (Continued from page 13)

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This group of queen breeders/producers is working to add cold weather/varroa hygienic genetics from Sue Cobey, Adam Finkelstein, John Harbo and the Purdue University Insemination program. These traits are being crossed into local survivor stock and then distributed to beekeepers across the state of Ohio. Available stock is still not being produced quickly enough to supply demand. Queens produced are being evaluated for cluster size, spring build up, varroa mite levels, chewed mites, and virus load. BQPC is working towards the goal of more conscientious breeders and producers to expand the gene pool in the state.

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# Winners in the Ohio State Fair Honey Contest—Sponsored by OSBA

Congratulations One and All

## Honey-water white and extra white
1. Matthew Dunham— *Best of Show*
2. Winifred Williams
3. Theresa Lieberman-Smith

## Honey-white (34mm)
1. Ron Zickefoose
2. Matthew Dunham
3. Winifred Williams

## Honey-extra light amber to light amber
1. Fran Davidson
2. Ron Zickefoose
3. Mark Cameron

## Honey-amber and dark amber
1. Theresa Lieberman-Smith
2. Fran Davidson
3. Yolanda Shuman

## Honey-creamed/granulated
1. Marie Crawford
2. Theresa Lieberman-Smith

## Honey frames
1. Tess Conrad— *Best of Show*
2. Phillip McCutcheon
3. Ron Zickefoose

## Bee/Honey gift item
1. Theresa Lieberman-Smith

## Beeswax Chunk
1. Theresa Lieberman-Smith
2. Dru Pritchard
3. Ron Zickefoose

## Honey BBQ Sauce
1. Nina Bagley
2. Terry Lieberman-Smith
3. Tina Bobek

## Bread
1. Judy Sandman— *Best of Show*
2. Theresa Lieberman-Smith
3. Arthur Chatfield

## Brownies
1. Janet Gill
2. Theresa Lieberman-Smith
3. Theresa Maher

## Pie
1. Grace Thatcher
2. Nancy Radke
3. Terri Chatfield

## Cake
1. Janet Gill
2. Nancy Radke
3. Katrina Brill

## Cookies
1. Janet Gill
2. Ruth Ealy
3. Heidi Lovensheimer

## Photography (18+)
1. Nina Bagley
2. Hanna Copa
3. Hanna Copa

## Photography (11-17)
1. Emma Gaertner
2017 Honey Bee Expo

The Mid Ohio Valley Beekeepers’ Association, in conjunction with the West Virginia Extension Services, will be sponsoring the 15th annual Honey Bee Expo. This event will be held Saturday, January 28th, 2017 on the campus of the West Virginia University, Parkersburg. This is an all-day conference dedicated to the honey bee and the hobby of beekeeping.

This year’s keynote speaker will be retired Kentucky State Apiarist and Bee Culture magazine’s (Ask Phil) column, Phil Craft. Also scheduled to attend will be Garrett Dodds from the USDA Baton Rouge Research Center.

There will be classes for all levels of beekeeping, from beginning to advanced.

Cost of this event will be $20.00 if pre-registered by January 13th, or $25.00 at the door. Children twelve and under-$8.00.

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Association Corner

From Alex Zomchek—Miami Valley Region:

**Butler County Beekeepers:** Invited neighboring associations to their club meeting with Barbara Bloetscher as their guest speaker.

**Greene County Beekeepers Association:** GCBA continues to provide members with great guest speakers including Barbara Bloestcher, Nina Bagley, and Michele Colopy.

**Warren County Beekeepers Association** held their popular annual Swap Meet on September 11th.

From Mike Doseck and Dwight Wells—Top of Ohio:

**Greater Grand Lake Beekeepers Association** has been busy this past summer with local fairs and the Ohio State Fair. We have also helped to celebrate September as "National Honey Month" by putting a display in our Community Library at St. Marys. They are very excited with the potential fall speaker line-up and will communicate the information on their Facebook.

November’s meeting will also include the drawing for the winning Honey Bee Quilt raffle ticket. Those who have not yet purchased a ticket and are interested in doing so can view the quilt and obtain ticket information. The annual election of Officers will be held in December.

**Miami Valley Beekeepers Association:** MVBA donated money to Brukner Nature Center to assist in the construction of a new barn. The MVBA Honey Harvest drew a large crowd and included some future beekeepers! Guest speakers this quarter include Meghan Milbrath and Nina Bagley.

**West Central Ohio Beekeepers:** Members helped staff the OSBA Pavilion at the Ohio State Fair. Sonny Iman provided two nucs for the observation hives during the fair.

WCOBA donated a hive scale to Dr. Reed Johnson at OARCD.

From Dwight Wilson Maumee Valley Region:

**Northwest Ohio Beekeepers Association** had a very successful Field Day at Dwight and Jerry Wilson’s honey farm near Continental, Ohio on July 9th. Approximately 70 beekeepers attended, who enjoyed grafting for Queens, OTS Queen Rearing, an Oxalic Acid demonstration, checking bees for Nosema, and basic hive inspection. We want to thank Dwight Wells for bringing Purdue University queen eggs for grafting...Peggy Games for organizing and helping the grafting, and Barb Bloetscher who did mite testing in the bee yard.

Northwest Ohio has been blessed with a huge honey flow this year due to the dry weather. So most of our beekeepers are pretty happy!

The NWOBA meetings start in September. The main topic of this meeting is controlling varroa and pollinators.

The Hancock County Fair added Honey Entries for the first time this year. Allen County and Fulton County continue to have successful Honey Entries.

**Maumee Valley Beekeepers** in October will be holding a Honey Judging Contest with two categories: Your favorite Sweet Honey, and then Your Off-Brand (like Buckwheat).

From Jason Bosler and Joseph Kovalski—Crossroads Region:

**Coshocton County Beekeepers** continue the efforts to build our bee yard. The club split four hives into 16 nucs and treated them for mites. They followed up, redistributed bee population, and fed to build winter stores.

The club participated in Ag Day in Coshocton, explaining pollination to all the county’s 4th grade students (nearly 500). They focused on using actual examples of plants, from bloom to fruit to harvest to table. The kids were very receptive.

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**Association Corner (Continued from page 24)**

They scheduled a Saturday for any beekeeper that wanted their hives checked for winter to have the opportunity. The hives were visited by club members and evaluated. It proved to be an outstanding event – not only for winter prep, but for seeing hive arrangement, placement, and nectar sources in the areas we visited. The members were amazed at the various environments and their effects just traveling across one county north to south. A good experience!

The Tuscarawas Beekeepers Association have been preparing for the county fair which starts today where we will promote honey-bee health and safety with our fair booth and literature that we are handing out. They just completed our new display that will showcase our honey, extracting frames, and wax products.

The 62 South and South Beekeepers are busy with farming and agriculture and harvesting.

Stark County Beekeepers helped to staff the OSBA Pavilion at the Ohio State Fair.

Tri-County Beekeepers also helped staff the OSBA Pavilion at the Ohio State Fair. Their Intermediate Bee School will be rescheduled after the Farm Market season is over.

From Peggy Garnes – Western Reserve Region:

Portage County Beekeepers Association held their Fall Field Day in August.

The Geauga County Beekeepers Association: The club participated at the county fair in Burton, Ohio. In October they will have a Honey Dessert/Food Bake Off Contest at their monthly meeting.

Greater Cleveland Beekeepers Association Greetings from Cleveland. It’s been a very busy Summer for GCBA. First, everyone had a great time at our Annual July picnic; there were lots of great homemade goodies and great burgers & hot dogs by Grillmaster Dennis Eck. Next was the very hot Cuyahoga County Fair. GCBA had its Membership manning the table and showing off the window display hive for all 7 days and also daily honey extraction demonstrations were a crowd pleaser. On October 12th we are pleased to have Dr. Jim Tew as our speaker.

For 2017, GCBA will be offering Beginning Beekeeping Classes in February.

Ashtabula County Beekeepers Association are sponsoring an Advanced Beekeeping on Saturday, November 12th from 10 a.m. till 3:00 p.m. at the OSU Extension Building located at 39 Wall Street, Jefferson, OH 44047. Presented by Rick Becker, Trumbull County Bee Inspector and Richard Manley, Geauga County Bee Inspector. Light lunch provided. To RSVP call Sharon at 440-576-8818. Cost $15.00 per person.

Lorain County Beekeepers: LCBA has had a great year. In April, they introduced 83 new beekeepers into the world of beekeeping and are getting good reports back from them.

In June LCBA hosted the 22nd Annual Field Day with guest speaker Rich Wieske who spoke on “Advanced Natural Beekeeping.” Breakout sessions in the afternoon included apitherapy, oxalic acid demonstrations, colony splits and simple grafting classes. The event had over 200 beekeepers in attendance and good weather.

LCBA just finished a successful run at the Lorain County Fair with 12 members selling honey, creamed honey and wax products at our booth. LCBA would like to thank Carmen Conrad for judging all honey entrees this year. Humble Bee kept children entertained with educational information, face painting, balloons and magic! Luckily the fair was the week in August where the weather was below 90 for most of the week!

Dr. James Tew enlightened members at the September meeting on the topic of “What is a good healthy colony of bees?” and had a lot of beekeepers going home to check our hives that weekend!

LCBA are now busily preparing for our upcoming Fall Banquet in October for our members.

Our next series of beginner’s beekeeping classes will be in March 2017 at First Church in Oberlin. Please check the website for more information and upcoming events at www.loraincountybeekeepers.org
Ohio Beekeeping

Medina County Beekeepers Association  July 16th was the annual Bee Festival at the Medina County Library in Medina, Ohio. Kim Barkfelt, MCBA Secretary, managed the Club’s participation this year at the Medina Library. Typically more than 1200 people attend the Medina Bee Festival. This year Kim Barkfelt added an art show featuring art by beekeepers and friends of beekeepers. A popular table at the Festival was “nail painting” at the Nail Bar. Visitors of all ages stopped by and had their fingernails painted with bees or just bee colors.

The Medina County Fair was record hot and humid, but we found brave fair-goers at our observation hive, candle -rolling table, and honey booth. We had more diverse hive products for sale by our members this year that included candles, lip balms, soaps and assorted candies. Sales were increased by nearly 13% by accepting credit cards for payment this year. Nancy Riopelle concluded her 25 year run as MCBA Fair Booth manager with another spectacular job in set-up, volunteer management, and over-all organization. We will miss her!

Medina County Beekeepers held their annual picnic on August 15th featuring good food, good conversation, and great door prizes. Many of the door prizes had a gardening theme, but all had a focus on pollinator habitat, attractive honey bee plants and just fun bee stuff!

The MCBA will feature two more speakers this year. October’s meeting will feature our own Tracy Alarcon discussing hive preparation for winter. November’s meeting will be a discussion of our members’ Honey Harvest Analysis and General Q&A with members.

A special event by Bee Culture Magazine will be held in October 21-23 - A Case For Honey Speakers committed so far include Dan Conlon, Bob Binnie, Dave Shenfield, Steve Conlon, Roger Stark, Joann Dunlevey RS. To register go to www.beeculture.com

Wrapping up the year, the MCBA will return to Williams on the Lake for our Holiday Dinner. For more information about the activities of MCBA visit our website at www.medinabeekeepers.com

From Tom Rathbun—Erie Basin:

Sandusky River Valley Beekeepers Association : The club has been busy this summer, in August a advance beekeeping field day was offered to the club members, four stations were set up with hive inspection, queen rearing, woodenware building and cooking with honey. The club also had sent three volunteers to the Ohio State Fair this year to work in the OSBA Bee Pavilion. The club also had tents at Huron, Seneca, Erie and Sandusky County fair’s talking about honeybees and recruiting new memberships. They also held their annual Bee Club Picnic over labor day weekend with over 60 members present. The new members were encouraged to bring honey supers to the picnic for a extracting demonstration, roughly 100 frames were extracted for the new beekeepers. Again this year the club will be participating in the annual " Explore Your Back Yard" , which is offered to all of the fourth grade children in Sandusky County, which will be held at the County Fair Grounds, these school children attend 20 minutes classes on things found in your back yard. They partnered up with the local fire department...read about it: http://www.norwalkreflector.com/Community/2016/09/17/Dont-worry-bee-happy.html?ci=stream&lp=8&p=1

Richland Area Bee Club Association had a booth at the Richland County Fair where they sold honey and educated the public about beekeeping. Their Annual picnic was August 16th. The club will have a tent set up at the annual Malabar Farm Heritage Days from Sept 24-25.

Black Fork Bee Club : This past summer they gave a educational demonstration to the area Home Schooled Children, a lot of great questions were asked and discussed, at the end of the day a nice group picture was taken with the children and the President Rob Gilliam. This month the club will have their meeting discussing "Is your Honey Fermenting"

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From Marishka Wile and Chris Dresel– Ohio Valley:

Adams County Beekeepers Association: Clay Guthrie, from Dadant Sons, Frankfort, was guest speaker at the September meeting. Kevin Hale spoke at their August meeting about Prepping Hives for Winter.

Brown County Beekeepers Association Despite the heat and humidity of this summer, BCBA members stayed exceptionally busy with their colonies. The high number of swarms noticed this spring, continued well into the summer months. Members seemed to be chasing swarms across the county nearly every week. Additionally, the association was contacted more than a dozen times from residents requesting assistance with relocating honey bees residing in undesirable areas (i.e. cut-outs). These "Bee Rescue" operations varied from bees in houses, in trees, in sheds and barns, as well as some particularly unique locations. One instance was a colony that took up residence inside a water tank.

This summer proved to be educational as well. During our monthly meetings throughout the summer, we were fortunate to provide our members and guests with a variety of educational topics provided by several wonderful presenters. Beth Wilson, the Pulaski County KY Horticulture Agent, gave a presentation titled Planting for Bees at our meeting on June 14th. She discussed many varieties of beneficial plants, shrubs, and trees that bloom in early spring and late fall, providing food sources at crucial times for our bees. Beth also provided data on how to easily integrate some of these varieties into our gardens and landscapes. Our July 12th meeting explored the different types hives that can be used to keep bees.

Our association’s Education Coordinator, Gary Keuffer, provided a presentation covering the Langstroth, Warre, Top-Bar, and Horizontal and Modern Top-Bar hive styles. In August, Clay Guthrie, Branch Manager Dadant Bee Supplies Frankfort, KY, visited our organization and provided invaluable information on what we can do prepare our bees for fall and winter. His main points centered on Nutrition, Pest Management, and Fundamental actions that could be employed to help the bees survive the coming winter.

As fall edges near, the association will stay busy. September is Fair month in Brown County. The club has been busy gearing up to operate a large booth staffed by its members to educate the public about bees, beekeeping, and to sell local honey. At October’s meeting, the association will evaluate and discuss the Flow Hive and all the media attention surrounding this somewhat controversial new product. Our November meeting will be our annual fellowship meeting where we will review the year’s events, hold elections for next year’s leadership, generally socialize and share the camaraderie of the fine hobby of beekeeping. The October and November meetings will be held at the Western Brown High School – Community Room, 476 W Main St, Mt Orab, OH 45154. For more information about the Brown County Beekeepers Association, visit www.browncountybeekeepersassociation.org.

From Jeff Gabric—Heart of Ohio: Heart of Ohio Beekeepers have experience one of the best honey harvests in recent years. Dryer weather helped contribute to the abundance of honey. Beekeepers are reporting higher levels of Deformed Wing Virus stemming from high mite counts. Currently the golden rod flow is underway and if mite treatments haven’t gone out already, beekeepers that are going to treat, are weighing their options.

Knox County Beekeepers Association sold a lot of honey at the Knox County Fair and impressed fair goers with observation hives. They will host a bee yard meeting September 27th see info at www.knoxbees.com

Central Ohio Beekeepers Association participated in the Ohio State Fair and will be hosting a First Year Bee yard Meeting on September 20th and an Advanced Bee Yard meeting on September 27th along with their regular meeting September 21

Morrow County Area just finished a successful fair with many entries into the honey judging contest and are thinking about scheduling bee classes for this winter.

Urban Beekeepers of Central Ohio: invited Jeff Gabric to speak in August on “Getting Hives Ready For Winter” and Mark Cameron to speak in September on “Bee Venom Therapy”. Speakers provided a lot of great information to the group.

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UBCO had a booth at St Andrew Presbyterian Church on 8/28 for their 1st annual community event. In addition, Mike and Jody Jones gave 2 hive demos that day in the church’s courtyard. Both groups of around 50 people were very interested in learning and asked a lot of great questions.

East Central Ohio Beekeepers Association hosted Michael Palmer at their Annual ECOBA Conference in Zanesville this September. Take advantage of ECO-

OSBA 2017 Outreach to Beginner Beekeeping Classes

This year’s outreach to those enrolled in New Beekeeper Schools sponsored by local associations was outstanding. We sent out over 1000 OSBA Care Package Plus. Each student received educational information, promotional items, pen, PLUS one year complimentary membership to OSBA. We all know that beekeeping is not an inexpensive activity, and we want all new-bees to get off on the right track—education, fellowship and awareness of all that OSBA offers.

We are planning on offering this program again in 2017. We will be sending out information at the beginning of next year—Make sure that we have your association’s contact information! Send your information to:

Tim Arheit: president@ohiostatebeekeepers.org

Or

Terry Lieberman-Smith: vice-president@ohiostatebeekeepers.org
Have you ever noticed, that as a beekeeper, certain things seem to happen? For example, your shelves fill with beekeeping knick-knacks that your friends think you want (honey pots anyone?), or when you drive on long trips you start looking for beehives on farms.

You probably also feel that anything with the word “Bee” on it jumps into your cart.

The little honey bee is in our consciousness. So, when I was at the library the other day, this book jumped into my hands “Following the Wild Bees--The Craft and Science of Bee Hunting” by Thomas D. Seeley (who was a guest speaker at last year’s OSBA Fall Conference).

Not that I’m going to hunt wild bees, not that I have the spare time to read, but I pulled out my library card and brought the book home.

This was one of the more enjoyable books about beekeeping that I have had the pleasure to read in quite a while. His style is quite conversational, easy to read, and I enjoyed his tangents (the topics in boxes). The information was clear, concise, and thoroughly enjoyable to read.

While reading the book, I felt as if I were fortunate enough to be listening in to a conversation between two beekeepers.

You can tell that the author delights in his interactions with the honey bee, and so will the reader.

Although I won’t be hunting for wild bees any time soon, I will be able to incorporate quite a bit of his helpful information into the management of my apiary.

How much did I like the book? I invested some more money in my beekeeping library and ordered myself a copy through Amazon (using the OSBA Amazon Smiles program so that a small donation goes to OSBA). I know that during the cold winter months, this book will help to satisfy a beekeeping itch.
OSBA 4-H Sponsorship Program 2017

The Ohio State Beekeepers Association supports new, young beekeepers through our 4H Partnership Program. Realize that the success of a new beekeeper is not reliant on the work of the student and money alone but by the effort of a partnership. Thus the 4H Partnership Program encourages participation of the guardian, 4-H adviser, local association and mentor.

The number of scholarships available per year will vary based on the amount of available funds and donations. Number will be posted each year on the OSBA website. 2017 there are 5 scholarships available.

Selection Criteria

✓ Youth must be between the ages of 12 and 18 by January 1st of the current year of the scholarship.
✓ Applicant must be currently enrolled in a public or private school, or homeschooled.
✓ Must be a current member of 4-H
✓ Applicant must complete and return all paperwork, including permission and agreement form signed by parent or guardian. The application with supporting documents, as well as the waiver/binder form must be received by the Program Coordinator between October 1, 2016 through November 21, 2016.

Selection Process

✓ After all applications have been received; a selection committee will carefully consider each one and select finalists.
✓ Finalists and/or their mentors may be contacted for a phone interview.
✓ The 4-H Beekeeping Partnership Program Scholars will be announced by January 6, 2017.
✓ Selection by the committee is final.

For additional information, questions or comments see the OSBA website at www.ohiostatebeekeepers.org or contact us at 4h@ohiostatebeekeepers.org or call 567-703-6722

Current OSBA 4-H Sponsorship Winners– Updates

Gabrielle Adams:

Gabrielle won 3rd place with her honey at the Great Geauga County Fair. She has harvested over 60 of honey this season from her 2 hives and is now preparing her hives for the fall/winter season.

Erica Shafer: August Report

After submitting 3 entries in the Columbiana County Fair, I won 1st place for my fancy mold, 2nd place for my liquid honey, and Grand Champion for my honey frame.

I was asked by the 4-H advisor to set up an informational table. I spent the first half of the day in the Hay and Grain barn and the other half in the 4-H barn. I set up an observational hive, and a display with a veil, a queen marker, a stick from a swarm, a jar of honey, and multiple pamphlets provided to me by the Columbiana-Mahoning County Beekeeping Association. I received the 4-H Bright Futures Award and the purple Showman of Showmen chair

Because I won at the project fair, I got the opportunity to compete in the Ohio State Fair. I unfortunately didn’t win anything at state but it was a great experience. I was also able to go into the OSBA tent

My mentor showed my best friend and I how to make hand dipped beeswax candles. I entered three, one pound honey jars, a honey frame, and a fancy wax mold at the Canfield Fair. I won 4th place on both my liquid honey and my honey frame, and I won 2nd place on my wax mold
state fair officials as early as January to plan for next summer’s fair. Bagley says the committee welcomes and encourages anyone who would like to join in the planning process.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS

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Bee Samples for Varroa and Nosema Testing at OSBA Fall Conference

The OSU Bee Lab will be testing bees for both Varroa mites and Nosema spores. We’re especially interested in comparing the Varroa and Nosema levels between one of your strong hives and one of your weak hives in an apiary. We will need about ½ cup of bees collected from the middle of each colony, over the brood nest if possible. To collect them put the bees in to a cup or so of rubbing alcohol from the drug store and store in a mason jar or plastic bottle. Bring the preserved bees to the OSU Bee Lab table at the OSBA Fall meeting and we will run a standard alcohol wash on them and examine them under the microscope for Nosema spores.
Editor’s Corner: Terry Lieberman-Smith

Although we are approaching the last quarter of 2016, the OSBA hive of activity has not slowed down one bit. Like our dear honey bee, we are always working on making preparations for the future, to ensure a healthy and successful next year.

For the first time, OSBA is building a Strategic Plan to help us better meet the future needs of Ohio beekeepers. This plan will help us focus our resources on both short term and long term projects that will help us reach our Mission Statement.

The OSBA Fair Committee has already started outlining improvements to the multi-day event. The committee wants to ensure that all visitors to our pavilion have information about the importance of our honey bees, and a memorable visit to the pavilion whether by a introduction to the “indoor apiary”, or a view of a live bee-beard.

We have redesigned some of the items in the New Beekeeper Outreach Program. Last year we sent out over 1,000 new beekeeper “Welcome Packets” to local associations for their Beekeeping School enrollees. This redesign will provide better information in a more professional manner.

The OSBA Pollinator Oasis Blend is now available in a variety of package sizes, thanks to customer demand. You ask, we listen!

Our Apiary Diagnostic Kit Beta Testers are busy finishing up the final inspections using the kits. Their feedback will be instrumental in fine-tuning this kit for beekeepers. If you don’t monitor what is happening in the hive, how will you know if (when) changes occur that might be the onset of critical issues? Thank you beta testers for your willingness to work through all the tools, guides, and surveys.

We aren’t just sitting around waiting to hear back from ODA as to the status of our USDA Block Grant, we are developing plans so that when we hit the ground running, we will not have wasted time, and we can take advantage of the winter season to coordinate all the details. This grant will be an amazing educational opportunity for beekeepers across the state...really!

The Amazon Smiles Program, new this year, is a funding source for our youth and other educational programs. It is a painless way to ensure that these outreach activities can continue to thrive. Do you shop on Amazon? Yes? Great! Then all you need to do is click the link on our website and Voila, Amazon will donate 1/2 of 1% of your purchase amount to OSBA. You pay nothing extra. While 1/2 of 1% may sound like chump change, when accumulated over a year’s time, from over 5,000 beekeepers......it can add up to lots of jingle. The sounds of education.

Speaking of education, as of October 1, OSBA is accepting applications for the OSBA 4-H Sponsorship Program. This year 5 youths were each awarded woodenware for two hives. They are working with local associations for the mentoring opportunity. These 4-H students will present their projects the OSBA Fall Conference. We have adjusted the timeframe to accept applications in order to better fit the 4-H timeline.

We have asked for a one time change to the OSBA Constitution to help ensure limited interruption for OSBA programs, and an easier learning curve for incoming Executive Officers.

The OSBA Affiliate Program will be accepting local associations by the end of the year. Your Executive Board went through many iterations of “easy applications”. This program will provide local associations with our 501c3 umbrella, reduced costs of both liability insurance and D&O insurance, access to discounted software, webhosting, and other features that will help clubs not only save money, but also adhere legal guidelines. Lots of details, lots of regulations, great opportunity for clubs. Putting together an easy to follow, easy to understand, step-by-step application takes time, and we certainly want to make sure that all the pieces fit together before we rollout the program.

Not to forget the OSBA Fall Conference, Saturday, November 5th at Tolles Career and Tech Center. Each year bigger and better. We want this event to keep your beekeeping spirit healthy and glowing as we head into the winter months. Beekeeping education to keep your mind sharp, vendors to help provide you supplies as use your time wisely during the winter building up your apiary equipment, and great fellowship as you strengthen your ties to the beekeeping community.

Speaking of community....it always amazes me that so many beekeepers are unaffiliated with local associations. As I meet people while volunteering at the OSBA Pavilion at the Ohio State Fair, Lithopolis, Pollinator Days, etc. I am constantly meeting beekeepers who do not have the safety net of belonging to a local beekeeping association. Many are not even aware that one might exist right down the road from them! Most clubs abound in outreach, fellowship and education. Looking for a club? Visit our website and check out the availability of a club near you.
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