

Bio for Peggy Garnes

I live in Medina County with my husband, Chuck and have been keeping bees for over 20 years. I belong to 6 county associations, an Ohio queen rearing group, am a life member of EAS and OSBA and a sideliner member of ABF. At the Medina County Beekeepers Association, I started my beekeeping with membership and helped out with refreshments, then held the 3-year position as Director, one year as Vice-President and 5 years as President. I currently just finished 3 years as Fair Chairperson for the club at the Medina County Fair. I have been the OSBA Regional Representative for the Western Reserve Region and the EAS Ohio Representative. I produce nucs and raise queens, run well over 100 hives and enjoy teaching queen rearing classes, beginner and intermediate classes. I am active in speaking at churches, schools and civic groups educating the public about the honeybees.

As President of OSBA, I would like to focus on maintaining and making sustainable the Affiliate, 4H and Traveling Speaker Programs for the betterment of Ohio beekeepers. There are many programs currently that OSBA supports that I would like to see continue but these mentioned would be my top 3 programs. I will work to promote working relationships with local clubs, regional groups and anyone wanting to support honeybees and pollinators. I will strive to set aside any personal feelings to have a working board and a beekeeping community all cooperating together for the honeybee.