



Monthly Apiary Newsletter

January 2017

Presentation:

January 9th, 7:00pm, at the Defiance Extension Office. We will be discussing emergency feeding and what else we can be doing in the apiary. Planning ahead for 2018 season: increases, splits, pollen trapping, propolis trapping, and honey production. What equipment, resources, and time you have and what you will need. We will have an open Q&A discussion the last 15 minutes, write down any questions!

Remember that all BSBA meetings will be the 2nd Tuesday of each month till November at the Defiance County Extension Office, starting promptly at 7pm. During these Winter months, if there is any type of County Snow Emergency we will not have a meeting, posting it on 98.1 Mix, Facebook BSBA page, and email.

Defiance Northtowne Mall Farm Fair:

Jan 12 - 9am till 9pm, Jan 13 - 9am till 9pm, & Jan 14 - 10am till 4pm. We will have table/booth at the Farm Fair with hive equipment, hive products, hand-outs for BSBA, classes and internships. We would like to ask for volunteers to help with the booth, answer questions, and share your experience with others. Your welcome to stay an hour, up to 5 or 6 hours, we would appreciate any help.

Introduction to Beekeeping:

We would like to have a few volunteers to help with the February 3rd, 1-day class. This will be 6 hours of the basics. I will be covering the basics with a PowerPoint presentation, volunteers will help with stations on frame building, box construction, and help with Q&A throughout the day. Please contact Jamie Walters if you can help.

Wooster Spring Workshop:

Friday, March 3rd has evening presentations, meet & greet, and the vendors will be open. Saturday, March 4th is the main event, registration starts at 8am with multiple presentations throughout the day. This is a great event for further education and for Spring specials from dealers, 850+ attendees. Registration will be open in mid January. Online registration <http://www.tricountybeekeepers.org/register>

BSBA Pollinator Sanctuary & Training Facility:

After 1.5 years of debate, questions, answers, etc. we finally have a 2 acre area. Thank you to the Defiance County Commissioners. This has a parking area and just down the road from the Extension Office. I will have more to show & tell at the January 9th meeting. This facility will have a 40' x 40' fenced in area. Internship participants may have hives there for training classes, to relocate splits, and increases. I would like to ask your thoughts on having a Saturday Summer event or other events.

BSBA Fence Sponsorships:

We are actively searching for sponsors of the fence area. Each section of fence is \$250 each, this includes a name plaque on the top rail (inside & outside) with the sponsors information. We have 16 sections of fence to be sponsored. We do have our 501(c)(3) your sponsorship is tax deductible. Your name will also be placed on the 4'x 8' sign at the front of the property and will be welcome to join us along with the Defiance County Commissioners, Ohio State Beekeeper President, OPHI Representative, and others during our ground breaking ceremony, TBA. If you know of anyone, business, or company that would like to sponsor, please let me know and I will get you all of the paperwork.

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Calendar of Events

BSBA Meeting

Defiance Extension Office
Jan 9th @ 7:00pm

Defiance Farm Fair

Northtowne Mall
Jan 12, 13, & 14

Introduction Beekeeping

Defiance Extension Office
Feb 3rd @ 9:00am

Advanced Internship

Defiance Extension Office
Feb 10th @ 8:30am

Beginning Internship

Defiance Extension Office
Feb 24th @ 8:30am

2018 Wooster Workshop

Wooster, OH 44691
March 3rd & 4th