



Monthly Apiary Newsletter

April 2018

Presentation:

April 10th, 7:00pm, at the Defiance Extension Office.

Amy Stone, Extension Educator Lucas County will be presenting about pollinator trees. All of the different types, how to properly plant & care for them. How the benefits of 2 mature basswood trees will outproduce 1 acre of clover. I will have hand-outs of local area resources where you can purchase Ohio pollinator trees. We will have an open discussion afterwards on the current conditions and what you should be doing in the apiary about swarming.

Spring Feeding:

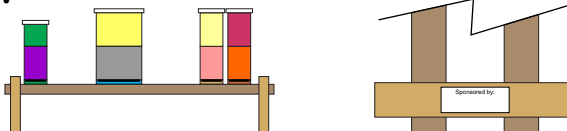
By Thursday evening, the night time temperatures will be above freezing. Placing 1:1 sugar water feeder above the inner cover, covering with an empty box, then place the telescoping cover on top. This will stimulate brood rearing and Spring build-up. You can also use some Honey-B-Healthy in the sugar/water solution. Remember it is not rocket science, 1 cup of water to 1 cup of cane sugar, mix till dissolved, warm water works best. Use mason jar with very small nail to puncture 6 to 8 holes in the lid. Invert to make sure it pulls a vacuum and place directly over the inner cover hole or slot. You could also place pollen patty above the top bars, this helps, if the weather should be bad enough that they can not forage.

Club Registration 2018:

Friendly reminder, individual registration is \$20 per year, family registration is \$25 per year. See Membership Application & Waiver of Liability form on Pg. 2 & 3.

Pollinator Sanctuary & Training Facility:

We have sponsorships for hive stands with a plaque for \$65.00 each, 10 of the 24 hive stands are still available.



Useful tool:




BeeSmart Pollinator Gardener is a useful app put out by the Pollinator Partnership. Using your zip code, you can select by a pollinator (bees of course), bloom color, sunlight, soil type, and plant type that you better educate yourself on. You can use this to see what type of plants; perennial, tree/shrub, annual or vine to plant or help identify for the flowering season, nectar and/or pollen flow. The app is free to download and use. I constantly use this app when I'm looking to buy bee friendly flora to plant in my forage area.

Just another helpful tool to use in the hobby of beekeeping.

Drift Watch:

<https://driftwatch.org/> is replacing the older (OSCR) Ohio Sensitive Crop Registry that beekeepers would register to help protect against pesticide or chemical spray. This site is a voluntary communication tool that enables crop producers, beekeepers, and pesticide applicators to work together to protect specialty crops and apiaries through use of mapping programs. Create an account and then place your apiary(s) on the map, this will show chemical applicators, County & State agencies, so to protect your hives from spray.



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Calendar of Events

BSBA Meeting

Defiance Extension Office
April 10th @ 7:00pm

Advanced Internship

Defiance Extension Office
April 14th @ 8:30am

Beginning Internship

Defiance Extension Office
April 28th @ 8:30am

BSBA Meeting

Defiance Extension Office
May 8th @ 7:00pm

Advanced Internship

Defiance Extension Office
May 12th @ 8:30am

BSBA

Membership Application

Black Swamp Beekeepers Association

Individual membership cost is \$20.00 for any part of the membership year from January 1st through the end of December. Family memberships are \$25.00, annually. Spouse/partners with children/stepchildren will be considered a family unit. A lifetime membership can be made in a one-time payment of \$250.00. Please make checks payable to Black Swamp Beekeepers Association (BSBA) and return to Treasurer or a standing Board Member.

Each household member who wishes to be registered as an BSBA member must complete and submit a separate, signed form. A Waiver form must also be signed by each household member – see the next page

PLEASE PRINT

Date:	New Membership <input type="checkbox"/>	Renewal <input type="checkbox"/>	Are you a member of Ohio State Beekeepers Assoc?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Name:		Are you an additional family member residing at the same address?		Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
		Write Primary Member's name here.			
Address/City/State/Zip:					
Telephone Numbers (Include area codes)		Which is your primary #		Email:	
Home Telephone #		Home <input type="checkbox"/>			
Cell Number#		Cell <input type="checkbox"/>			
Occupation (Optional)			Years Beekeeping:	# of colonies	
Level of Expertise:	Would you like to/do you want to/have:				
Novice <input type="checkbox"/>	Be a mentor?		Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Hobbyist <input type="checkbox"/>	Receive email updates?		Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Sideliner <input type="checkbox"/>	Publish your name & contact info in BSBA directory?		Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Help with group events at the community apiary?		Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Give contact info to people who want to buy your product?		Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Become a committee member or volunteer?		Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Have honey to sell?		Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
How many pounds of honey did your colonies make last year? (1 gallon = 12 #)		What was your percent of colony survival from last season?		What is the name on your honey label?	
What is your company website or FaceBook?		Company Email?		Would you like to post any bee products or services on our BSBA Face Book / Newsletter?	
				Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Products for Sale:					
Services offered:					
Swarm collection	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>		Wax, propolis, pollen	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Colony removal/cut outs	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>		Sell nucs, queens	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have any other services that you could offer to BSBA? (i.e. technology, printing services, marketing, merchandise, legal services, accounting/insurance, craft/art, raw material, etc.)					
Other Comments or member benefits you consider important					

Black Swamp Beekeepers Association Liability Waiver

To cover the issues of possible injury while participating in Black Swamp Beekeepers Association, the undersigned acknowledges and agrees that

There is a potential risk of injury from activities involved in beekeeping, and while particular rules, equipment and personal care may reduce the risk, the risk of injury does exist; and I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation; and, I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for my participation. If, however, I observe an unusual significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from the participation and bring such to the attention of the nearest official immediately; and, For myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives, and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS Defiance County, Defiance County Commissioners, Black Swamp Beekeepers Association, their officers, other participants, and if applicable, owners used to conduct the class ("RELEASE"), WITH RESPECT TO ANT AND ALL INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property. TO THE FULLEST EXTENT OF THE LAW, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARLY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT

PRINTED NAME: _____

DATE: _____ SIGNED: _____

FOR PARTICIPANTS MINORITY AGE (UNDER AGE 18)

This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian with legal responsibility for this participant, do consent and agree to his/her release as provided above of all the releases, and for myself, my heirs, assigns, and next of kin, I release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releases from any all the liabilities incident to minor child's involvement or participation in these programs as provided above, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THEIR NEGLIGENCE.

CHILD'S NAME: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN PRINTED NAME: _____

DATE: _____ SIGNED: _____

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER: _____