



Ironweed is one of the first harbingers of the fall flow to come. Planning and diligence by the keeper can bring a harvest of fall honey's.

*The Official Newsletter of the Capital City Beekeepers*

## 2019 KY State Fair

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Left to right, Ken and Kay Daniels, Wes Henry, Jan Rafter, Michael Wiley, Marsha Bezold, Dan and Beatty Ramey, Jack Kuhn and Wayne Parrish.

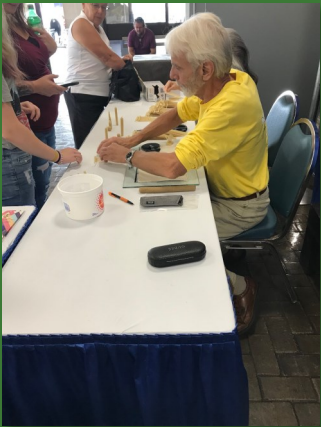
The day dawned August-hot and humid (fair weather) as members of the CCBA met as in years past the Frankfort Walmart parking lot to make the drive to Louisville to the Kentucky State Fair. Each year the Association works the KSBA Honey booth in the West Wing of the State fair and conventions center where members of KSBA from around the state can sell their honey. Local associations like CCBA schedule times and dates to do the same and a portion of the proceeds from that day's sale is given back to the participating association's. According to 2019 KSBA state president Chris Renfrow, there had already been record sales.

This year was the first for the Certified Kentucky Honey Program and though beekeepers that were certified had their honey at the traditional booth in the west wing, another honey booth in the south wing (Ag Land) was dedicated to selling nothing but [Certified Kentucky Honey \(see Picture pg 3.\)](#) We also had the opportunity as always, interacting with folks and talking bees, honey, old times, and beekeeping and taking a break or two to enjoy the fair itself.

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The observation hive was, as always, a popular sight for fair-goers. We had the opportunity to talk to many people about the workings of a colony and showing folks the queen who couldn't find her.



CCBA Secretary, Jan Rafert above, instructs on how to roll a beeswax candle.



CCBA "worker bees" in action at the KSBA West wing Honey Booth with finding local (to buyers) honey, tastings, stocking, answering questions, and more.

## CCBA Members Win Blue at State Fair!



Members Jack Kuhn and Ken Daniels and Dan Ramey achieved a great accomplishment by winning not only one but multiple blue ribbons at the 2019 State Fair this year. Pictured above is Jack with his three blue ribbons in the Open Honey Class for "four one pound glass Queenline or classic jars" of light and also amber honeys, and "Any frame of extracted honey light" in the case behind him.

At Left are Dan and Ken Daniels with their blue ribbon for "Four 2lbs glass Queenline or Classic jars of light extracted honey".

All State fair results for the [Bees and Honey Division](#) can be found by clicking [here](#).

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“The Kentucky Certified Honey Program (KCHP) was established by KSBA in an effort to promote the sale of local honey to consumers in Kentucky. We wish to promote the many beekeepers in Kentucky that raise their bees, harvest, process their honey, and sell their honey all within the State of Kentucky. All beekeepers within the State of Kentucky are eligible for certification by making formal application to KSBA and paying the appropriate annual dues. The annual dues include membership in KSBA at no extra cost. Each local association will receive \$3 back for each of its members that become certified...As Certified Honey Producers, beekeepers will have agreed to follow the program guidelines and to apply the certified honey label with a registered trade symbol to the bottles of honey that they sell. The labels are for sale to Certified Producers” [To apply Click the logo or here.](#)

## 2019 Cert. Ky. Honey Booth



Michael Wiley, left, speaks with a member of the Kentucky Backyard Beekeepers (KYBB) Association as they work the Certified Honey Booth. Nothing but Certified Kentucky Honey members honey was sold at this booth in the South wing. KYBB is based out of Grant County.

2019 American Beekeeping Federation Honey Queen (right), Hannah Sjostrom talks with a fair-goer at the Kentucky Certified Honey booth. Earlier this year, 2019 honey Princess Nicole Medina attended the Bluegrass Bee School in Franfort ([see The Capital Bee, March 2019](#)). As a “...public representative. The purpose of the Honey Queen and Honey Princess is to increase the consumption of honey, as well as educate the public about the beekeeping industry nationwide. They travel throughout the United States during the year of their reign.”



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## Mite Info



Member Jack Kuhn passed around a varroa sample container and at the last meeting and instructed everyone to look at the 5 mites on the bottom of the alcohol wash. He realized later, that he had changed the wash and there were no mites. No one mentioned there where no mites in the container during the meeting, LOL. Here is a picture of mites collected from an alcohol wash. This hive had one percent mite count June 11, two percent June 25 and 9 percent July 11.

# CCBA August Activities

## CCBA August Farmer's Market Honey Booth



Four members were present to sell honey and interact with Franklin County Farmer's Market shoppers August, 10th. More than just honey was offered this month. Beeswax candles were also sold with one lit for display. Sales again were brisk and as Ken Daniels commented, "I've never ate donuts by candlelight before".



Certified Ky. Honey stickers applied and offered by CCBA



Kay Daniels makes pollinator presentation

## Pollinator Presentation Given

Franklin County Farmer's Market does a monthly kids education program at the Paul Sawyer Public library. In August it was about pollinators including honey bees. Board member, Connie Lemley contacted the Association concerning the pollinator program asking for a member's help in making the presentation. Members were sent emails and it was discussed at the July meeting and Kay Daniels (left) offered to deliver. Kay made the presentation using pictures and posters to the group on August 6th. Thanks Kay for doing this important outreach to our local community.

## Varroa and Beetle Presentation

CCBA member Jack Kuhn, presented a webinar on "Varroa Mite Management and Hive Beetle Control" on the night of Tuesday, August 20 th, 7 pm at the Franklin County CES office. Members were invited to attend as he gave it. It was broadcast live to a bee club in Scott County, TN and to the Harrodsburg Beekeepers as well utilizing a PowerPoint presentation. It was originally scheduled to last 1.5 hours. However, due to the storm that night connection was lost and regained but eventually abandoned.

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It is always good to see youth getting involved in beekeeping and showcasing the art. Above is the Youth/ 4H entries for the 2019 State Fair.



The varied sizes and shapes and colors of jars, labels, and honeys from around our great State— A Kentucky kaleidoscope.

If you would like to join CCBA please remitted your 2019 dues, at the next meeting, August 27th, or [find and print a membership form from our website](#) and mail with your check to:

Jan Rafert  
1662 Talmage Mayo Rd.  
Harrodsburg, KY  
40330

## Capital City Beekeepers Association Meeting Minutes May, 2019

### Capital City Beekeepers Association Meeting Minutes of 23 July, 2019

#### **Meeting:**

President Wes Henry called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the June meeting as they were published in the newsletter. Michael Wiley made the motion, Dan Ramey seconded it, and the members present carried the motion.

In the absence of Treasurer George Fowler, Wes called for a motion to approve the financial report as it was also published in the newsletter. Eddie McNutt made the motion, Kay Daniels seconded and the motion was approved.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Swarm Committee** – the secretary reported that no swarms had been reported within the last month. Wes Henry said that he caught a small swarm and Eddie McNutt stated that he caught a large swarm, which was from his colonies.

Wes announced that so far three members have used our extractor.

**Farmers Market** – Ken Daniels reported that at he and Wayne Parrish sold honey at the last Farmers Market and that a lot of kids were present. The question was asked if members are able to sale honey only on our Saturday of the month, or if we can also sale on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays. Although it was thought that we could sale on both Tuesdays and Thursdays, the market board has agreed to our Saturday and Tuesdays and not on Thursdays. Our next Saturday at the market will be on August 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Franklin County Fair** – Jack Kuhn won First Prize Blue Ribbons for all the categories that he entered. Honey Judge, Tana Peers, awarded the Grand Prize Best of Show Ribbon to our display. Needless to say she was impressed.

#### **Old Business:**

On behalf of George Fowler, Wes reminded the members of the upcoming Spellalooza on August 9<sup>th</sup>. This event supports the Thorn Hill Education Center in their adult education programs. George invites all who are interested to join him at a table to provide information and to sale honey. Fifteen percent of the honey sales go to support the Center.

Ken Daniels said the shirt and cap order has arrived and the items are ready to be

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## Dates to Remember

**CCBA August  
Monthly Meeting**  
Aug 27th, 2019, 6-8  
p.m.

[Franklin County  
Extension Office  
101 Lakeview Ct.,  
Frankfort, KY](#)

**CCBA Farmer's  
Market Booth**  
September 14th,  
2019

[Franklin County  
Farmer's Market  
Frankfort, Ky](#)

**Ky. Certified Honey  
Producers Meeting**  
September 14th,  
2019  
9-12 p.m.

[Hardin County Ext.  
office,  
Elizabethtown, KY](#)

**CCBA Annual  
Potluck**  
October 22nd, 2019  
6-8 p.m.

[Franklin County  
Extension Office  
101 Lakeview Ct.,  
Frankfort, KY](#)

## 2019 Franklin County Fair Honey Division Rules

picked up by those who ordered them.

We provided a brief summary of the KSBA summer meeting. Tammy Potter provided information regarding American Foul Brood. She has had twenty-one cases in her tenure as State Apiarist. Test kits for AFB are available at Dadant & Sons and it can be treated with BroodSafe. Tammy also said that to help prevent AFB in our colonies, we should not re-use black comb or feed bees with the honey of another colony. The Honey Bee Health Coalition's webpage is an excellent source of information for all bee health issues.

Also mentioned at the summer meeting were the need for 250 eight-ounce bottles of honey for the Farm Bureau breakfast; guidelines for the two State Fair Honey Booths; KSBA needs a Secretary, Treasurer and Legislative Representative; a meeting for Certified Honey Producers and the presidents of member organizations will be held on August 3<sup>rd</sup> and the Fall KSBA Meeting will be held on November 9<sup>th</sup> in Shepherdsville.

Once again, for those of us who will be volunteering to man the State Fair Honey Booth, will meet at the Frankfort Walmart at 7 a.m. on August 20<sup>th</sup>. The July issue of *Beelines* contains more information regarding the State Fair.

### **New Business:**

The Frankfort Library has requested that a club member to speak to an audience of mostly children on Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. We appreciate Kay Daniels volunteering to honor this requested.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan W. Rafert  
CCBA Secretary

For the program portion of the evening, a question and answer period followed the business meeting. Topics addressed were Varroa mite management, hive management regarding combining hives and doing splits, and the yearly hive management calendar centered around holidays that was developed by John Antennuci. This calendar can be found in the association's October 2017 newsletter, which is available on our website: [capitalbees.weebly.com](http://capitalbees.weebly.com)

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## Treasurer's Notes:

The May Check from Wilson Nurseries totaled \$353.25. This was redistributed to four participating members.

The treasurer maintains a \$50.00 cash change fund for use at meetings and events.

The club maintains a related savings account necessary to maintain our membership in the Commonwealth Credit Union. Current balance in that account is \$8.00.

Report Submitted  
by George Fowler,  
CCBA Treasurer

## Treasurer's Report Submitted by George Fowler, Treasurer

### Capital City Beekeepers Association - Treasurer's Report July 24, 2019 to August 27, 2019

Beginning Balance            \$2842.49

#### Receipts

Interest on Checking Acct.(7/31)  
\$0.26

**Total Receipts**  
**\$.26**

#### Expenditures

County Fair Prizes  
**\$90.00**

**Total Expenditures**  
**\$90.00**

**Available Balance**            **\$2752.75**  
**Checking Account: \$2702.75**