

The Capital Bee

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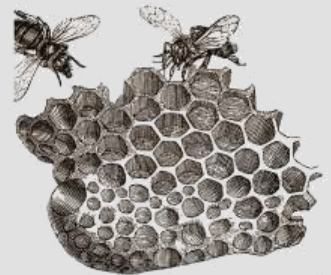
Ready and Waiting

The immature buds of the Black Locust blossoms in late April await the perfect time to mature and open. It is the great sweet-smelling hope of beekeepers in Central Kentucky. A hope of the coming major honey-flow that will make very lightest colored spring honey.

Beekeeper's Almanac

THE 'KEEP'S TO DO LIST

- ◆ Honey supers should be on production colonies. Add supers as they are filled.
- ◆ Be prepared to make “splits” to prevent swarming.
- ◆ If you find “swarm cells” make splits. Swarm cells make best queens.
- ◆ Have equipment ready to catch swarms when called.
- ◆ Continue to feed installed package/ nucs until they quit taking during the honey flow.



BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY
JULY 28-29, 2023



HAS returns to the campus of Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, KY. The 2023 conference will be two days, Friday July 28 and Saturday, July 29. We will start things off with a social event on Thursday evening.

Online registration is coming soon! [Sign up for email updates!](#)

“THE GOLDEN RULE OF BEEKEEPING”

“ALWAYS TO TAKE CARE TO HAVE A GREAT NUMBER OF BEES IN EVERY HIVE – TO KEEP THE COLONIES STRONG.”

-A BOOK ABOUT BEES,

REV. F.G. JENYNS,
1888



Black Locusts

The sweet nectar from the Black Locust is a major spring honey flow in Central Kentucky.



[Click here to learn more about this wonderful tree.](#)

Mentoring Members

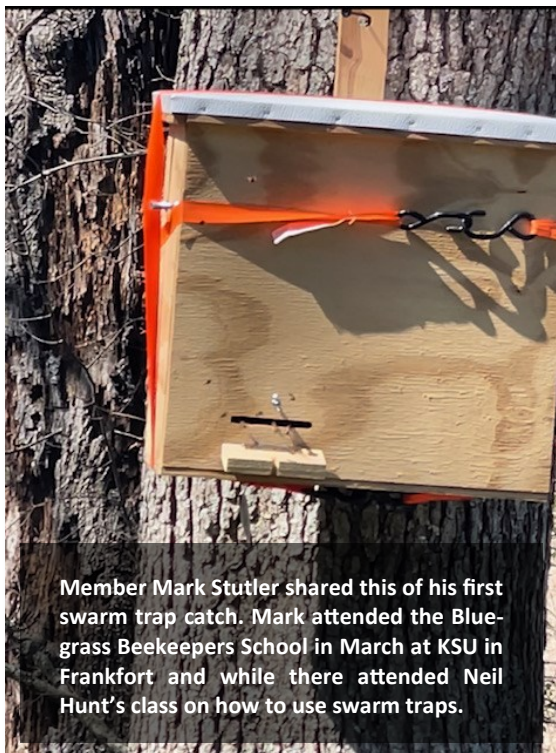
One of the most important things a local association is called to do is mentor new beekeepers. Two members in particular were helped with the installation of their packages in April.



At left Brandon Hamilton was helped by Vice-President, Michael Wiley.



Stacey Stamper, right was mentored by Secretary, Marsha Bezold.



Member Mark Stutler shared this of his first swarm trap catch. Mark attended the Bluegrass Beekeepers School in March at KSU in Frankfort and while there attended Neil Hunt's class on how to use swarm traps.

A Swarm Presentation

Lexington during the regular meeting for April. The talk included what a swarm was, why bees swarm, equipment and methods of hiving or catching swarms, and more. The subject of the use of swarm traps is being presented in the picture. Q and A followed.

CCBA President, Wes Henry (pictured below) conducted a presentation at the Bluegrass Beekeeper's Association in



How to Hive a Swarm

Method

Shake

Brush (if you can't shake, exp. First Swarm)

Cut and Place (cut limb with swarm attached)

Swarm traps

Leave until dark if possible (let folks know you're coming back, no surprises)

Non-Wal-Mart catch example

them (calls from folks that were disheartened about leav

Capital City Beekeepers Association - Treasurer's Report

Prepared on April 21, 2023 for the April 25 meeting.

General

Beginning Balance (March 24, 2023) **\$2205.57**

Receipts

Dues \$45.00

Total Receipts \$45.00

Expenditures

No Expenditures this period

Total Expenditures \$0.00

Currant Available Balance \$2250.57

Checking Account: \$2200.57

Cash change fund \$50.00

Notes:

Wilson check for April has not yet been received.

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

Educational Funds (Saving)

Beginning Balance (March 24, 2023) \$908.19

Receipts

Interest (3/31) \$0.12

Total Receipts \$0.12

Expenditures

No expenditures this period

Total Expenditures \$0.00

Ending Balance \$908.31

Submitted by George Fowler,
CCBA Treasurer

CCBA Meeting Minutes

March 28th, 2023

30 members & guests were in attendance at the March meeting.

Introduction of Tana Peers, Honey Judge. She was there to quilt, but just stopped in to say hi and encourage members to enter honey in the county fair.

Program

Dr. Tammy Horn Potter, Kentucky State Apiarist, presented. She introduced herself and passed out the new Kentucky Beekeeping flier from the Kentucky Department of Agriculture with QR codes to current programs. She described her job responsibilities as 1) Hive Health 2) Economic Development and 3) Education and Outreach. She talked about threats to the bees, including the Asian Murder Hornet, now known as the Giant Northern Hornet, passing around examples of this threat, and the less harmful, European Hornet which is common in Kentucky. The new threat to Kentucky agriculture is the Spotted Lantern Fly which is not harmful to the bees, but can affect the taste of the honey.

Wes Henry spoke after business meeting about early splits using a double screen board.

Committee Reports

-Motion to approve Minutes of the February meeting made by Eddie McNutt, 2nd by Bill Berger.

Treasurer:

-George Fowler presented the March treasurer's report. Motion to approve by Curt Wallace, 2nd by Kay Daniels.

Farmer's Market:

- Winter Market, nobody attended the March market. Upcoming markets on April 1 and April 15.

Old Business:

-Club dues are due, \$10 individual, \$15 family

-Bees have been ordered. Dandant bees are due in April 12.

CCBA Meeting Minutes

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Mentors - New beekeepers should find a mentor. See Wes for help finding one, or for volunteering to be a mentor.

Bluegrass Beekeeping School Wrap Up:

-Ellen reported 215 attendees including 18 speakers, 5 vendors and a number of volunteers. School showed a small profit, but there are still some outstanding income and possible expenses. As school is not designed to be an income generator, the committee was happy with the outcome. Participant comments were mostly positive and everyone seemed to enjoy the day. Thank you to all of the Capital City Beekeepers who volunteered their time and expertise to make this a great event.

New Business

Swarm List - Send Marsha Bezold your cell phone if you wish to be included on the group text when a swarm is reported. Reply to all only if you are interested in going for the swarm. First responder gets the nod. Marsha's number is 859-753-4450.

Price of Honey Jars - John Antenucci has been talking with Chris at Dadant about the increasing cost of jars. They are trying to put together a group purchase of glass jars at a discount. He asked if members were interested in doing this. Plastic may be included as well. John will have a proposal for the club next month.

Honey Prices - it was decided that we would table discussion of honey and jar prices until April meeting.

George Fowler moved to adjourn, 2nd by Susan Weisenberger

The next club meeting will be April 25, 2023

Minutes submitted by Ellen Melcher

CCBA Opportunities

Regular March CCBA Meeting

April 25th, 2023

[Franklin County Extension Office](#)

101 Lakeview Ct., Frankfort, KY

Program 6 p.m., Business meeting 7 p.m.

CCBA Honey Booth

[Franklin County Farmer's Market](#)

May 13th, 2023, 8:30-12

404 Wilkinson Blvd., Frankfort, KY

Setup @ 7:45

CCBA Observation Hive and Ed. booth

Mat 20th, 2023

Woodford County Farmer's Market

501 Marsailles Rd, Versailles, Ky

(Times to be announced)