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The Capital Bee

Broadway in downtown Frankfort was lit and decorated for the 2021 Candlelight Tradition. The members setup to sell our local honeys and candles November 11th and 12th. Get the scoop on [page 5](#).

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2021 Annual Potluck



The CCBA's October meeting is the Annual Potluck. Because of the Pandemic it was cancelled for 2020 and was sorely missed. Members on the decoration committee arrived earlier to beautify the dining tables (see picture left) an Autumn theme abounded with colored leaves and gourds and everything in colors that

reflect the season. As in the past, John Antenucci cooked to perfection, the brisket for the meat (pictured right) and provided sauces including his own Lazy Dog Barbeque Sauce. We were fortunate to have with us for the program/ keynote John Haney from Kentucky State University. John

John Haney with KSU was keynote with a presentation on the Autoclave

or J.J. ,as he's also known, is the head of the Autoclave that provides sterilization service for Kentucky Beekeepers. His presentation on the autoclave and it uses was very

interesting and useful as we had already planned for an Autoclave event for members the next day. Door prizes abounded from



donations of members and the Association as well. These included homemade items such as beeswax candles, mead, and potholders made with fabric with a "bee theme". Our local Dandant Branch also graciously donated items that included a smoker, a ten frame deep hive including frames.



A short business meeting also was called to order and nominations for the 2022 officers were also accepted. The proverbial phrase, "a good time was had by all" held true.

2021 Annual Potluck



At left is the table with the door prizes for the choosing. The large box was approximately 200 12 ounce bear honey bottles donated by a former beekeeper. Two members offered their meads also and the local Dadant branch offered many items.

John (J.J.) Haney's presentation on the mobile autoclave was most interesting but the great thing was that members would have the opportunity to take advantage of the service and see it in action the next day.



November's Honey Booth at the Franklin county Farmer's Market included three members and though it was typical November cold, had a busy day. Pictured at left was the setup for the day. It was a third opportunity in as many days for folks to purchase local honey and beeswax candles as the Candlelight Tradition was the Thursday and Friday before.



AutoClave Event



J.J. (above) torques each bolt on the door in preparation for the second of four “runs”.

John Antenucci cleaning a frame from the first “run”. Several members took advantage of the autoclave’s service .



The autoclave rig (at left) in total. A mobile unit, it is able to travel the state for the use of Kentucky beekeepers to sanitize equipment from harmful pathogens. The bright late October sky was testament to a glorious fall day.

“The weather couldn't have been better”, said J.J.

2021 Candlelight Tradition



Candlelight was cancelled last year and the opportunity to participate in 2021 was very welcomed. The CCBA was allow graciously to setup at Gibby's as in times past. The banner (See left) was displayed in front along Broadway in Frankfort.

Beeswax candles made by CCBA members were offered with the local honeys at this year's Candlelight Tradition. Candles were cast (see right) and rolled. Members were setup and ready both Thursday and Friday evenings and with rain seeming to dampen the folks coming out, were still able to interact and sell some product. Thanks to all who help setup and Gibby (Michael Gibson) for allowing us the space again.



From left to right was George Fowler, Ken and Kay Daniels, and John Antenucci. Wes Henry and Dan Ramey were also present though not pictured.



A Time for Waxing Eloquent



When the temps go south for the winter with an itch to do something “bee-wise”. One activity and needful thing if you’ve collected burr comb or have capping from extracting is the rendering and using the precious wax. With colony manipulations at a stand still, we now have the time to clean and use this other commodity of beekeeping. Wax has a plethora of uses most commonly that of candle making and reading by candle-light made with the wax from your own hive is a treasure unto itself.



10 Fast & Fabulous Ways to Cook with Honey

1. Mix equal parts honey and soy sauce and add ginger and garlic. Brush on salmon or chicken before roasting or grilling.
2. Use in your favorite granola recipe.
3. Toss cubes of roasted sweet potatoes with honey and red pepper flakes.

4. Make a honey mustard dipping sauce for chicken wings with equal parts honey, mustard, and mayonnaise.
5. Brush over fresh pineapple slices and run under the broiler.
6. Drizzle into your favorite Old Forge Bourbon cocktail.
7. Use instead of molasses in gingerbread and instead of corn syrup in pecan pie.
8. Pour over pancakes, scones, or buttered cornbread.
9. Drizzle over Manchego, Cheddar, or blue cheese.

Whisk honey into plain yogurt and top with fresh berries.

<https://www.old-mill.com/oldmill-recipes/how-to-cook-with-honey>



If you have no Honey in your Pot, have some in your Mouth.

~ Benjamin Franklin

AZ QUOTES

Let it out!

If not done so remember to allow for ventilation in the winter

apiary. Heat rising from the cluster can get trapped and drip onto the cluster. A simple popsicle stick can save a colony from this dilemma. Placed under the inner or top cover, allows just enough space for condensation to escape. Some folks also use straw or woodchips in a screened-bottom box (quill box) under the top cover.



Capital City Beekeepers Association - Treasurer's Report

Prepared on November 11, 2021 for the November 16, 2021 Meeting, Submitted by George Fowler, Tres.

General

Beginning Balance (October 21, 2021) \$2885.87

Receipts

Interest (10/31) \$.25

Total Receipts \$.25

Expenditures

Potluck – Speaker Stipend \$30.00

Potluck – Meat and supplies \$160.69

Total Expenditures \$190.69

Currant Available Balance \$2695.43

Checking Account: \$2645.63

Cash change fund \$50.00

Notes:

Wilson check for November has not yet been requested..

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

Educational Funds (Saving)

Beginning Balance \$580.00

Receipts

From KSBA – share for participation in State Fair

Honey Sale \$147.51

Interest (10/31) \$.08

Total Receipts \$147.59

Expenditures

Total Expenditures NONE

Ending Balance \$727.59

Capital City Beekeepers Association

Meeting Minutes of 26 October 2021

Program:

Following a most delicious potluck dinner, John "JJ" Haney gave a very interesting and informative presentation about his operation of the KSU's autoclave, the history of autoclaves, the application of the autoclave for Kentucky beekeepers only and instructions for those bringing wooden ware tomorrow to be sterilized.

Meeting:

President Wes Henry called the meeting to order at 7:51 p.m. by asking if everyone had received the newsletter with last month's meeting minutes. He then called for a motion to accept the minutes. Lani Basberg made the motion, George Fowler seconded it and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer George Fowler then presented the financial report as printed in the newsletter. He also mentioned that we have received a check from the KSBA in the amount of \$147.51 for our participation at the State Fair Honey Booth and that these funds would be deposited into our educational fund. Finally, since the CCBA is in good financial shape, that we consider again not charging next year's dues to existing members. Wes said that is something that would be tabled until next month's meeting.

Library Report:

Librarian George Fowler reported that there was nothing new to report and our library was in our usual meeting room.

Old Business:

Officer Nominations:

Wes reminded us that this meeting was our meeting for nominating next years officers. He said that he, Michael Wiley and George would retain their positions as president, vice-president and treasurer respectively. Positions needing nominations were those of secretary, program director, and the newly created position of Fair Liaison. When asked, there were no nominations made from the floor.

Potluck Dinner:

Wes expressed our gratitude to all who made our potluck such a success: Marsha Bezold and Kay & Ken Daniels for decorations; John Antenucci for providing and preparing the delicious beef brisket, "JJ" for his presentation; and to all who brought the additional food items and the door prizes.

Bluegrass Bee School:

There will be a planning meeting soon via Zoom with the Bluegrass Beekeepers.

Autoclave:

Members are welcome to bring their wooden ware tomorrow morning starting at 9 a.m. for sterilization. We should be done around noon.

New Business:

Frankfort Candlelight Tour:

Once again, Gibby's Restaurant, now closed, has agreed to let us use their storefront for the 2021 Candlelight Tour on November 11th and 12th. Set-up will begin at 4:30 p.m. on the 11th. We will check with the health department concerning the possibility of having honey tasting. There will be no charge for any member wishing to sell honey. More information will be forthcoming.

From the Floor:

George mentioned that ticks are active and warned of tick-borne diseases.

Adjournment:

At 8:07 p.m. George made a motion for adjournment. The motion was seconded by the secretary and unanimously approved by all present.

The next CCBA meeting will be on November 16th, the third Tuesday of the month and will include the election of 2022 officers.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jan W. Rafert, CCBA Secretary

CCBA Opportunities

CCBA Regular Meeting

November 16th, 2021 (Last meeting for 2021)

[Franklin County Extension Office](#)

101 Lakeview Ct., Frankfort, KY

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

CCBA Honey Farmer's Holiday Market Booth

December 11th, 2021

[Franklin County Farmer's Market](#)

Frankfort, KY

The CCBA library will now be available at the regular scheduled meetings at the Franklin County Extension office in Frankfort. The following procedure is now enforce.

[Capital City Beekeepers'](#)
[Library](#)

The Library is now
"Onsite"

1. Materials are available for active members to check out.
2. Material should be returned within one month of the date checked out so that material can be made available to other members.
3. Members will be able to check out no more than two books at a time and must return books previously checked out before obtaining additional materials.

Review of the inventory will show that some of this material will be more popular than others. Please be aware of this fact in ensuring its prompt return.