

# *The Capital Bee*

The Official Newsletter of The Capital City Beekeepers Association

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### *"Tapers and Teas"*

*The winter months give us time to clean and use the wax-cappings from the extractions of warmer-times-past and for such things as bees-wax candles.*





# 2023 BEGINNER BEEKEEPER'S SCHOOL

CAPITAL CITY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED, LUNCH ON YOUR OWN IN FRANKFORT, KY.

**WHEN:**  
JANUARY 7, 2023  
8AM - 5:30PM EST

**REGISTRATION:**  
REGISTER AT:

[HTTPS://CCBA-BEGINNER-BEE-SCHOOL-2023.EVENTBRITE.COM](https://ccba-beginner-bee-school-2023.eventbrite.com)



ADMISSION IS FREE FOR CCBA MEMBERS.  
\$10 TO JOIN!  
PAYMENT OF CHECK OR CASH ACCEPTED AT THE DOOR.

**WHERE:**  
FRANKLIN COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OFFICE

**Topics Discussed:**

- Introduction to Beekeeping
- The Biology of the Bee
- The Honey Bee Colony & Lifecycle
- Locating & Setting Up the Bee Yard
- "Woodenware" & Equipment
- Beekeepers Tools & PPE
- Lighting your Smoker
- Getting & Installing your Bees
- Nucs & Packages
- First Year Management
- Pests
- Feeding
- Varroa Mite Control



## WINTER-'KEEPS TO DO LIST

- ◆ Use OA to treat for a cleanup treatment on mites now that they're brood-less.
- ◆ Read a good "bee book"
- ◆ Use the "downtime" to clean wax, repair/ clean equipment and/or assemble new equipment
- ◆ Order packages, nucs, and queens for Spring.

*I eat my peas with honey  
I've done it all my life  
It makes the peas taste funny  
But it keeps them on the knife!*  
- Ogden Nash

### BEYOND THE BISCUIT

THERE'S SO MANY OTHER CULINARY USES FOR HONEY. EXPLORE THE MANY OF THE POSSIBILITIES FROM OUR FRIENDS AT ABF AND HONEY QUEENS AND PRINCESSES [HERE](#).



### Sub Artic Beekeeping

Ever wonder what it might be like to keep bees in the Sub Artic,? Did you even think it was possible? Listen to this pod cast episode with Jamie Ellis with a Sub Artic Beekeeper. Just click on the icon below.



# 2022 Holiday Market

The 2022 Holiday Market is the last regular Franklin County Farmer's Market of the year and The Capital City Beekeeper's have in the past participated and braved the elements. Though it can some years be very cold it was seasonably so and bearable. It was a "packed house" with guest vendors and activities for the



*Award winning honey, gift bags and candles were offered.*

children. Members Kay Daniels, Dan Ramey, George Fowler and Wes Henry were present and able to sell honey. Many times most members have sold all they

wish to and are settled in for the winter, however, there was a good honey crop this past year and many members still have some to sell. Besides honey, Kay and George also offered their beeswax candles and gift bags of assorted hive-products which always make for good gifts. We noticed too, that at this Market there was a more diverse crowd that may not regularly

frequent the Farmer's Market due to the various guest vendors in attend-



*Dan Ramey, Kay Daniels and George Fowler at The Market*

ance this day. Besides a day for sales, was also the invitation to many who

were interested in keeping bees to sign up for the coming Beginner's Beekeeping Class in January.



*Wes, Kay and George making ready for the day.*

Some scanned the QR code on the posted flyers and signed up right then and there.

# A Peruvian Beekeeping Encounter



During the Candlelight Tradition in November Ron Ciccerello, a friend of CCBA Treasurer, George Fowler stopped in and told us of a recent birding expedition to Inquito, Peru. While there a Peruvian beekeeper stopped him and wanted to show him his hives. Ron has shared these pictures with us here.

Above: Beekeeper unwrapping his hive which consists of a stack of individual boxes. Each box appears to be a bit more shallow than our honey supers. These are smaller, stingless bees.

Right: A view of the interior of one of the boxes showing the small mounds that the bees build for honey storage. These appear to be made of wax and mud. Note the thickness of the boxes used in this mountain area.



Left: The beekeeper extracts honey by using a syringe to pierce the top of each mound.

The native bee is commonly known as the stingless bee (Meliponines)

See this recent article in Bee Culture magazine concerning beekeeping in Peru.

# Capital City Beekeepers Association - Treasurer's Report

Prepared on December 17, 2022.

No meeting scheduled for December.

## General

Beginning Balance (November 11, 2022) \$1910.57

## Receipts

Sale of Bumper stickers \$7.00

## Dues

New Members \$10.00

Renewing Members \$115.00

**Total Receipts \$132.00**

## Expenditures

None

**Total Expenditures \$0.00**

**Current Available Balance \$2042.57**

**Checking Account: \$1992.57**

**Cash change fund \$50.00**

## Notes:

Wilson check for November totaled \$111.00 for 5 members.

Wilson check for December totaled \$414.00 for 6 members.

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

## Educational Funds (Saving)

Beginning Balance (November 11, 2022) \$878.75

## Receipts

Interest (9/30) \$0.12

**Total Receipts \$0.12**

## Expenditures

None

**Total Expenditures \$0.00**

## Report

**Ending Balance \$878.87**

Submitted by:

George Fowler, Treasurer

Note: On the November report, the beginning balance should have been \$1128.61 and the ending balance should have been 878.75.

# Capital City Beekeepers Association

## November 15, 2022

Business meeting was called to order at 7:13pm by Wes Henry.

There were 14 members and 3 guests in attendance.

Prior to the business meeting: Dr. Thomas Webster gave a presentation on Bees and Flowers, their interaction and how flowers actually attract bees.

Jimmy Chambers with the USDA in Versailles spoke on the Emergency Livestock Assistance Program (ELAP). This program compensates beekeepers for weather related losses. For more information contact Jimmy at (859) 873-3411 jimmy.chambers@usda.gov

**October minutes** were posted in the newsletter, minutes were accepted with no changes.

**Treasurer's Report:** Dues for 2023 are now coming in. 2022 fees collected for Frankfort Farmer's Market was \$210 which covered our cost to set up a booth. For educational funds, \$250 donation has been made to the Collin's Lane art program from sale of painted hive. There is still \$878 in savings reserved for educational funds. Checking account has total \$1910.00. Alan Alsip moved to accept treasurer's report, McKenzie Preece 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Passed.

**Library:** Book donations are always accepted. Magazines that are checked out do NOT need to be returned. Magazines may be kept.

**Farmer's Market:** Club had 5 members at the November market. December 10 will be Holiday Market from 10am-1pm. From January to April is the Farmer's Market winter schedule. The seller's fee is waived for winter market. The schedule is every other Saturday. If you are interested in selling, see Wes.

**Old Business:** \*\* October potluck was a success, we had close to 60 attendees. Thanks to everyone who set up, donated door prizes, and to John Antenucci who cooked the meat. \*\*Candlelight Tradition had good traffic/sales. Thanks to Gibby's for letting us use their space.

**2023 Board of Officers:** 2023 slate of officers was voted in. There were no nominations and the board remained the same. McKenzie Preece moved to accept slate, Eddie McNutt 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Wes Henry-President, Michael Wiley-Vice President, George Fowler-Treasurer, Marsha Bezold-Secretary.

### **New Business:**

\* Lynne Morris has agreed to be our fair liaison for 2023.

\* There is a need for experienced beekeepers to be mentors for new beekeepers to install nucs and packages

\*A beekeeping class for brand new beekeepers has been proposed for [Saturday January 7<sup>th</sup>]. Topics to be covered- equipment, packages, nucs, terminology, all basics. This would be free to members and \$10 for nonmembers.

\*Wes would like to have classes for advanced beekeepers later in the year.

\*McKenzie Preece runs a kid's bee club which meets right before our bee club meetings from 5-6pm. There are currently two to five attendees and any beekeeper help would be appreciated.

George Fowler moved to adjourn, Alan Alsip 2<sup>nd</sup>.

There will be no meeting in December. Next bee club meeting is January 24, 2023

Minutes submitted by Marsha Bezold

# CCBA Opportunities

## **Beginner's Beekeeping Class**

January 7th, 2022

[Franklin County Extension Office](#)

101 Lakeview Ct., Frankfort, KY

[See Class Flyer here, pg. 2](#)

## **Regular January CCBA Meeting**

January 24th, 2022

[Franklin County Extension Office](#)

101 Lakeview Ct., Frankfort, KY

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

(No Meeting in December)

## **Franklin County Farmer's Winter Market**

January 7th and 21st, 10am-11:30am

404 Wilkinson Blvd., Frankfort, KY

If interested contact Wes Henry [wesnky@yahoo.com](mailto:wesnky@yahoo.com)

***No CCBA Regular Meeting for December.***