

The Capital Bee

The Official Newsletter for The Capital City Beekeepers Association

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*"Alone, we would falter and drop,
A dot on the canvas of snow.
Together we boil, we team, we hum.*

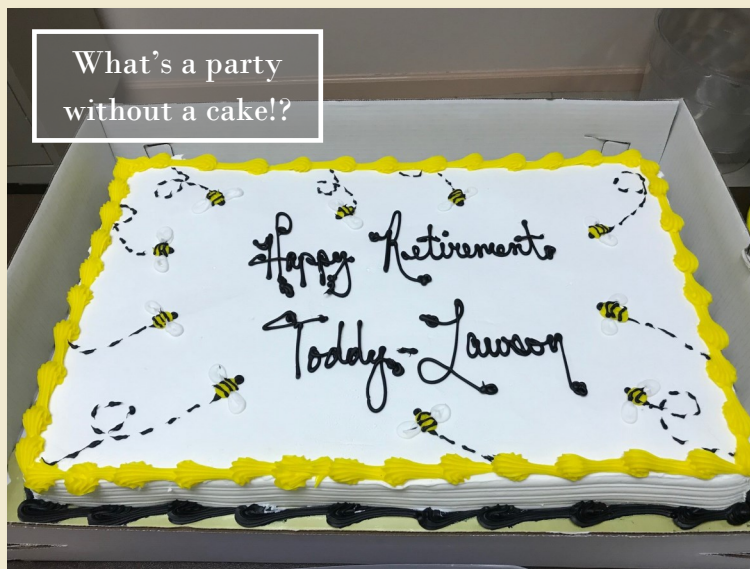
*Deep in the winter hive,
We burn like a golden sun."*

"Winter Bees", Joyce Sidman & Rick Allen



Honoring Lawson and Toddy

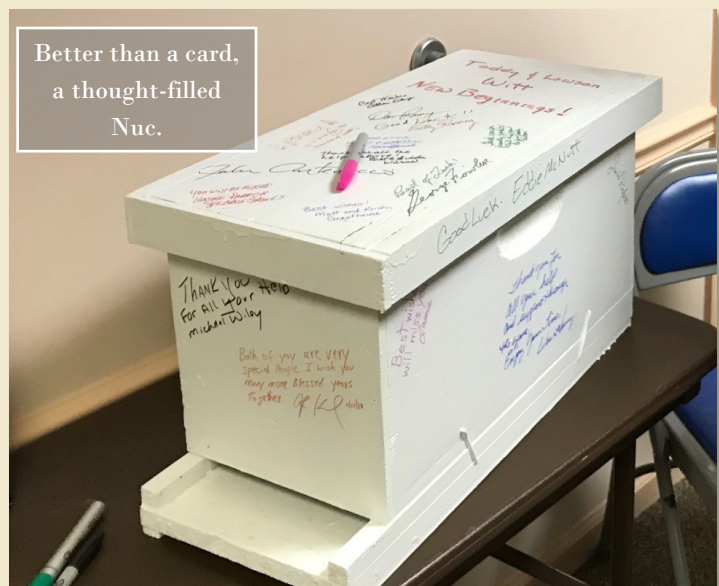
If anyone has been to Dadant's in Frankfort they know Lawson and Toddy Whitt. They have been there as long as I have been in beekeeping and frequenting the facility to not only purchase equipment but to "just sit and talk bees and whatever else, a spell". As Secretary Jan Rafert was quoted in the December 2018 issue of Beelines, *"Everyone who has dealt with*



What's a party without a cake!?

Dadant knows the Whitts and their willingness to assist with friendly dispositions". They have been faithful members to the CCBA for years and in honor of their retirement we took the opportunity during the November meeting to honor them with a reception

before the normal business and program. Folks brought sides to go with vegetable soup and chili and Dadant Manger Andrew Fogg provided the cake. As a token of our appreciation, John Antenucci brought forward the idea of having those in attendance sign and make any remarks of goodwill to Lawson and Toddy on a white painted nuc box (right) which would then be clear coated for preservation.



Better than a card, a thought-filled Nuc.

CCBA Honey Booth

Holiday Farmer's Market



Member Wayne Parrish keeping the CCBA Holiday Market Honey booth.

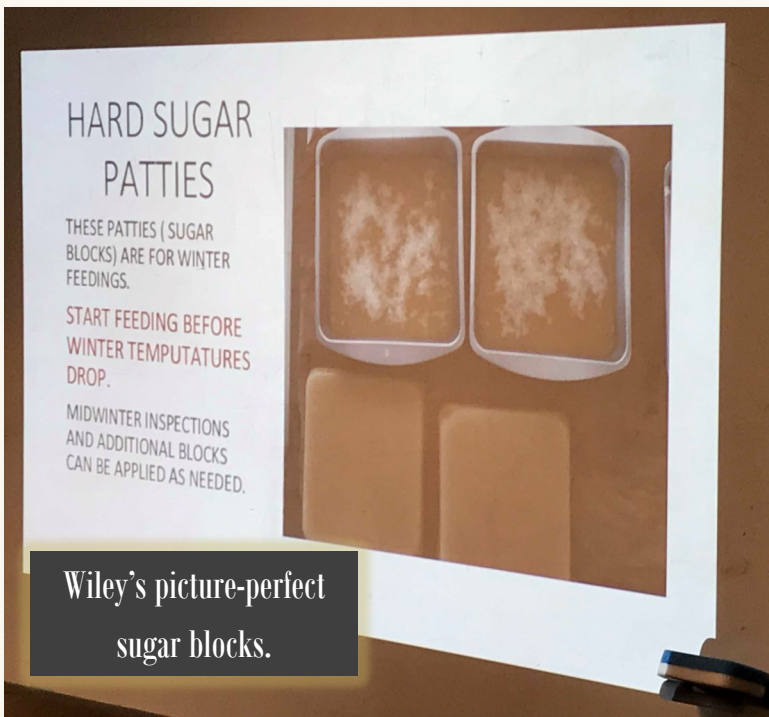


CCBA member and Program coordinator Jack Kuhn and his display of honeys at the Market.

The honey was flowing slow, slow, slow the second Saturday of December. It was the last 2018 CCBA Honey Booth at the Franklin County Farmer's Market -the Holiday Market. It was a frigid and cloudy second Saturday of the month, but there were many who braved the cold and took advantage of the offerings of hardy vegetables, jelly and jams, pickles, and other preserved vegetables and fruits, baked goods, meats, crafts, etc., and of course, local honey; including cut comb, chunk comb, and creamed honey with the usual extracted and bottled. Three members, Wayne Parrish, Jack Kuhn, and Wes Henry bundled up for it. It was hard to remember we once sweated manning the booths and now look forward to the first for 2019!

Wiley Presents November Program: Making Sugar Blocks

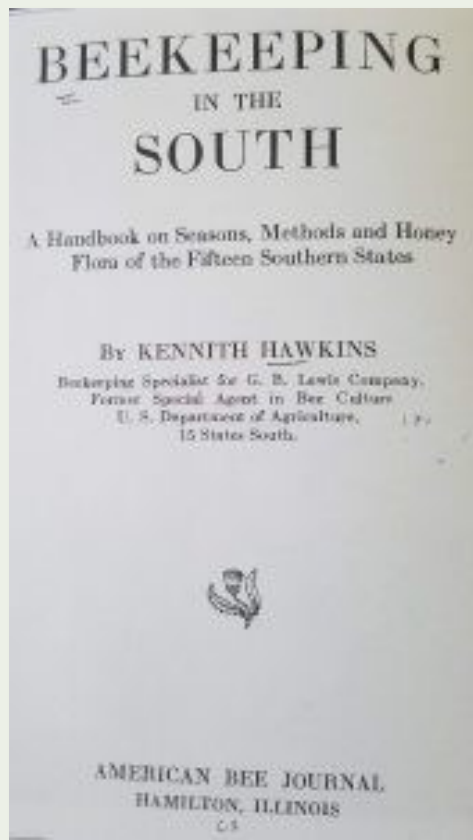
Member Michael Wiley led the November program with an informative, descriptive, and entertaining presentation on making your own sugar blocks for winter feeding. He shared his experiences and passed along the



necessary information to be successful. As far as the bees taking the feed, Michael reported observing firsthand in his own colonies, how readily the bees consume them and added that not only is this a great supplement to their diet

but the hard blocks can also be good for absorbing moisture in the hive. He also brought with him and advised us on the proper tools and utensils best suited for the project, such as a good candy thermometer, and heavy gloves such as welding gloves . [His recipe can be found on page 6](#) .





“This is a quaint article”, wrote Jack Kuhn on the subject line of an email to my inbox. The body consisted of a link only to a blog

Still for Beginner's Today

from the University of Florida. Clicking the link led me to “a quaint article” indeed, entitled “A century old tale of Beekeeping in the South” by the extension coordinator for the Honey Bee Research and Extension Lab at the University of Florida, Mary Bammer. She introduces the article as an excerpt (by permission) from a book written by Kenneth Hawkins and published by The American Bee Journal in 1921. The excerpt is for beginning beekeepers and a three step approach to success that is still relevant almost 100 years later. I enjoy these

journey's into “yester-keeping”- BV, Before Varroa- as I believe you the reader and bee-keep will too. You can access it in detail at the following link <http://blogs.ifas.ufl.edu/entnemdept/2018/12/15/a-century-old-tale-of-beekeeping-in-the-south/> or the book. Thanks Jack for sharing this with us.

Dorothy Morgan to speak at CCBA January Meeting



Dorothy receives 2018 KSBA Beekeeper of the Year from 2018 Pres. Jake Osborne.

Kentucky Queen Bee Breeders Association President Dorothy Morgan will be presenting the program at the CCBA's first meeting of the year, January 22, at 6p.m. Dorothy tied for the votes and was co-named “Beekeeper of the Year” at the Kentucky State Beekeepers Association 2018 Fall Meeting. You can learn more about The Kentucky Queen Bee Breeder's Association at

<http://kyqueenbreeders.com/>

Michael Wiley's Hard Sugar Bock Recipe

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HARD SUGAR BLOCKS; HARD SUGAR PROTEIN BLOCKS; FED IN THE WINTER

9. 40 oz water
10. 12lbs sugar (24 CUPS)
11. 6 - teaspoons Honey B Healthy
12. 5 - 7"x7"x1.75" metal pans
13. Heat water to a boil. Add Honey B Healthy, add sugar and mix well. Heat mix to 250 degrees. Keep mixing to avoid burning. (FOR WINTER PROTEIN SUGAR BLOCKS ADD 3 CUPS AP23 PROTEIN POWDER) (Remove from heat before adding AP23. STIR, STIR, STIR.) Little lumps will still remain but will absorb into the mix. **DO NOT POUR THIS MIXTURE INTO COOL/COLD PANS IT WILL EXPAND AND MAKE A MESS.**
14. CAREFULLY POUR SUGAR, WATER MIX INTO PANS. DO NOT LET THE MIXTURE COOL BELOW 210 degrees, **IT WILL HARDEN AND YOU CAN'T POUR IT.**
15. AFTER COOLING BLOCKS CAN BE POPPED OUT OF THE PANS.
16. **BE REALLY CAREFUL THIS MIXTURE IS HOT AND WILL STICK TO YOUR SKIN LIKE HOT GLUE.**

Ref: www.haleshoney.com, www.dadant.com

Our Bees, Michael C Wiley Sr. 2018 msgmcwiley.ret@gmail.com

2019 CCBA Officers

Members of the Capital City Beekeepers nominated to keep the 2018 officers in place for 2019. After a vote of members present in the November meeting the 2019 officers are:

Wes Henry, President

Ken Daniels, Vice-President

Jan Rafert, Secretary

George Fowler, Treasurer

Jack Kuhn will also remain as the program coordinator.

2019 State and Local Officers

2019 KSBA officers

President: **Chris Renfrow** (270) 556-0853
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CCBA November Minutes

After a potluck dinner in honor of Toddy & Lawson Whitt's retirement from Dadant & Sons, President Wes Henry called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Wes requested a motion to accept the minutes of the October meeting. Rick Evans made the motion, Michael Wiley seconded and it was approved by the members

Treasurer George Fowler gave the financial report, which included a beginning balance of \$2,632.65, receipts of \$338.59 and expenditures of \$341.19, leaving a balance of \$2,630.05. Wes Henry amended the report, saying that two members should be reimbursed by \$25 each due to their attendance at the KSBA meeting in March. Kathy Stephanski made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, Wayne Parrish seconded the motion and it was approved by the membership.

Swarm Committee: The secretary reported that there were no swarm calls in October.

Library Committee: George Fowler reported that a new book and DVD set titled Honey in the Comb by Eugene Kilion. President Henry said that he has read the book and watched the video and it's very informative. It was also mentioned that comb honey sold out very quickly at the KY State Fair.

Wes Henry reported on the Kentucky State Beekeepers Assoc.'s Fall Meeting held on the 3rd. Several CCBA members attended and CCBA has the highest percentage individual KSBA membership in the state. KSBA will be holding a business/board meeting on December 13th regarding amending their bylaws for the Kentucky Certified Program.

Ken Daniels reported on the recent hive paintings for auction at next year's Bluegrass Beekeeping School. Ten volunteers assembled and primed five hive bodies to be completed by five local schools. The painting of the hive bodies was greatly improved from past years by Michael Wiley and his spray gun. The hive bodies have been distributed to the schools and will be picked up on the Friday prior to the bee school.

John Antenucci reported on Frankfort's annual Candlelight Tradition on Thursday and Friday, November 15th & 16th. Both nights were good, but Thursday with its snowfall was a little better. Five club members sold a total of about 100 lbs. of honey.

Old Business:

President Henry called for nominations for the 2019 officers. To date two nominations to keep the current officers were received and one nomination that Ken Daniels be replaced as Vice President by Kay Daniels. Kay was reluctant to serve. A motion was made by Michael Wiley that the present officers remain in office. This motion was seconded by Wayne Parrish and the motion was passed by the attending members with one dissenting vote.

New Business:

President Henry informed the club that the planning meetings for next year's Bluegrass Bee School will be here at the Franklin County Extension Office on December 4th at probably 6:30 or 7 p.m. Anyone interested in attending is welcome.

President Henry asked for a motion to that membership dues be changed from \$10 per individual to \$10 per individual and \$15 per family. Family membership would include both spouses and their children under 18 years of age. Anthony Adams made the motion, Michael Wiley seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

Finally, President Henry summarized the club's past year's activities including the Swarm, Fair, Education and Program Committees.

A motion to adjourn was made by George Fowler and seconded by Toddy Whitt. The motion was carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Following the meeting, Michael Wiley gave a very informative presentation on making sugar and protein patties at home.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan W. Rafert

CCBA Secretary

CCBA Financial Report

submitted by, George Fowler, CCBA Treasurer

November 28, 2018 to January 22, 2019

Beginning Balance	\$2630.05
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Receipts

Dues – CCBA – Individual (12 members)	120.00
CCBA – Family (5 families)	\$75.00
KSBA (8 members)	\$120.00
Interest on Checking Acct.(11/30 & 12/31)	\$0.47
Total Receipts	\$315.47

Expenditures

Paint for auction hives	\$52.74
Reimburse Representative to KSBA meeting	\$25.00
Food for November reception	\$222.60
Retirement Gift for Lawson & Toddy Whitt	\$50.00
Book for CCBA Library	\$30.25
Admin (clips for hanging banner)	\$12.17
Dues forwarded to KSBA (8 members)	\$104.00
Total Expenditures	\$496.76

Currant Available Balance	\$2448.76
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Dates and Info

CCBA January Meeting
January 22nd, 6-8 p.m.
Franklin County Extension
Office

101 Lakeview Court,
Frankfort, KY

Bluegrass Bee School Planning
Meeting, January 28th, 6 p.m.

Franklin County Extension
Office

101 Lakeview Court,
Frankfort, KY

TIME TO RENEW **ANNUAL DUES**

Note Changes:

Members of CCBA voted in November ([See Minutes, New Business](#)) to keep Annual individual dues at \$10.00.

Beginning 2019 is a new Family Rate of 15.00 annually. Families are defined as couples and/or their minor (under 18 yrs. of age) children.

Remit to Jan Rafert, Secretary at the meeting or by mail:

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Harrodsburg, KY 40330

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