

The Capital Bee

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Showboat Queen

There was no down time with the queen of the observation hive during the CCBA June Honey Booth. Marked red for this year's color, she was easily spotted and was a great teaching tool to young and old.

Beekeeper's Almanac

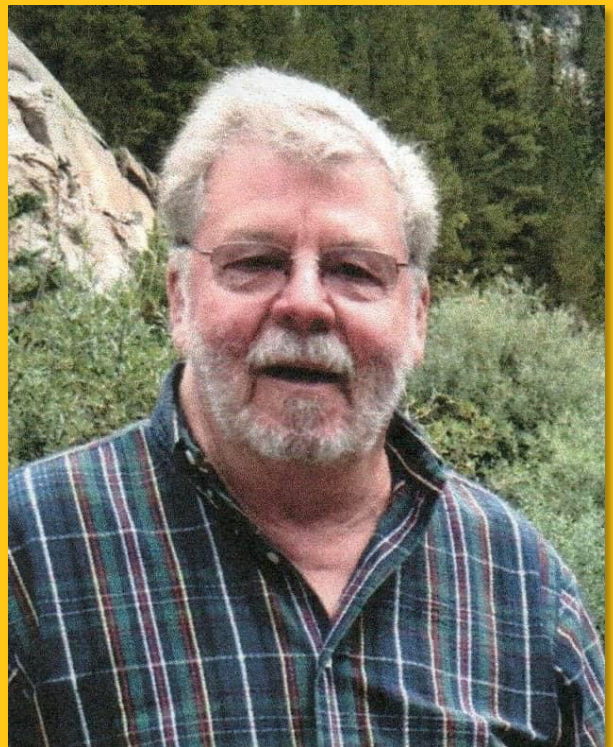
THE 'KEEP'S TO DO LIST

- ◆ Extract capped honey or test moisture on uncapped honey before extraction.
- ◆ Prepare and properly store “cleaned” surplus honey comb to prevent moth and mouse damage.
- ◆ Do mite washes and apply correct miticide for environmental conditions (see label).
- ◆ Continue to manage nucs/ splits- move to or add hive body or make room. Remember, nucs will swarm!
- ◆ As dry times come in summer and with “The Dearth” be ready to feed colonies light on stores.



Tell the Bees...

Unfortunately we learned of the passing of long time member Allan Alsip. We remember his kind and friendly ways. All were invited and informed of the celebration of life gathering that was held for Allan Sunday, June 25th at the Women's Club of Frankfort, Kentucky. As Secretary Marsha Bezold wrote in an email to the membership, “Allan was an active member of our bee club and passed away June 8th at the age of 84. He is survived by his long-time life partner, Susan Turner. Online tributes can be made at rogersfrankfort.com. Club members are encouraged to do so. “ A hive body will be draped during the meeting in July in his honor.



June's CCBA Farmer's Market Honey Booth



Members Dan Ramey and Kay Daniels were the sole-sellers for June's Booth with honey and candles. Pres. Wes Henry was also in attendance. All three were involved with the public in education and explanation. Kids as always were treated to honey straws and bee and bee-keeping activity material. Next booth, July, 8th.



On the Move in the CCBA Apiary



Jack and Wes met early on a cool June morning to load the hive heavy with bees and honey for transport. The temps made for a good time to move.



The top-bar hive has been a great novelty in the CCBA bee-yard for the past few years. It has been an education and comparison tool for the differences of the Langstroth type hive verses that of a popular design in years before. Member Jack Khun has been gracious to donate and manage for use in club programs, this and the other colonies. At the June meeting, Jack decided to offer the top bar for sale and the proceeds to go to the Franklin County 4H bee club. It was successfully sold and delivered to the new owner near Harrodsburg, Kentucky. It was sold for \$200.00.

Woodford County Info and Education Booth



Left to right, Wes Henry, Ellen Melchner, Susan Wiesenberger and Mackenzie Preece.



Mackenzie interacting with all those of all ages.



Adults were even interested and engaged.



Ellen with the kids and the observation hive.

June 17th found CCBA members at the Woodford County Farmer's Market in the shade of a tent and setup to greet and speak with young and old alike about bees and beekeeping. Member Susan Wiesenberger invited the association at the behest of the Woodford County Master Gardeners the month before, but was rained out and rescheduled. Member and Franklin County 4H Agent, Mackenzie Preece assembled the observation hive which is always a great tool and attraction. Member Ellen Melchner was also in attendance to help as the weather cooperated beautifully.

Capital City Beekeepers Association - Treasurer's Report

Prepared on June 22, 2023 for the June 27 meeting.

General

Beginning Balance (May 19, 2023)		\$2300.57
Receipts		
Dues	\$20.00	
Farmers Mkt sellers fees (May)	\$20.00	
Farmers Mkt sellers fees (June)	\$10.00	
Sale of shirts	\$85.00	
Sale of honey straws	<u>\$22.00</u>	
	Total Receipts	\$157.00
Expenditures		
Purchase of stamps	\$25.20	
Honey Straws & coloring books	\$122.42	
Medallion for county fair	<u>\$21.50</u>	
	Total Expenditures	\$169.12

Currant Available Balance **\$2288.45**

Checking Account: **\$2238.45**

Cash change fund **\$50.00**

Notes:

Wilson check for June 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 (May 19, 2023)	\$908.42
Receipts	
Interest (5/31)	<u>\$0.12</u>
Total Receipts	\$0.12

Expenditures

No expenditures this period

Total Expenditures **\$0.00**

Ending Balance **\$908.54**

**Submitted by George
Fowler,
CCBA Treasurer**

Capital City Beekeepers Association

May 23, 2023 Minutes

Business meeting began at 7:37pm with 25 members in attendance.

After business meeting Jack Kuhn will be doing a honey extraction demonstration.

-April minutes and treasurer's report were approved

-Library: No new additions, please keep any magazines you take out.

Farmers Market: May 13 was the first official farmers market honey booth of season. Marsha Bezold sold out of honey and Wes Henry sold out of wax. Farmer's market next month is June 10.

County/State Fair: Lynn Morris showed the club the final mockup of the Grand Apiarist clay medallion for the County Fair. County Fair is July 18-22

-4H: have done their hive inspection and added another box.

There were over 30 swarms reported in May. Any club members who would like to be on the swarm text list just need to let Marsha know.

OLD BUSINESS

-John Antenucci presented findings on getting a club discount for honey containers. Chris Palmer has come up with a series of discounts for the different types of jars: glass, plastic, and queenline. Discount will be determined by size of jars in each category and price. Examples: case of ½ lb bottle jars will be \$24.75 which is 5% cheaper than catalog price. Case of 1 lb classic glass jars \$29.75 which is a 25% discount. 2lb jars case \$20.20 which is a 12% discount. Additional prices for queenline and plastic will be emailed out to club members. Also, club members will still get their normal 5% discount on top of those discounted prices. **THESE DISCOUNTS ARE ONLY FOR PAID CCBA MEMBERS.**

-John Antenucci made a motion to accept the jar pricing as laid out by Dadant and participants must be club members. Mackenzie Preece 2nd. Motion passed

NEW BUSINESS

-June 17 Woodford Co. Master Gardener booth at the Woodford Co. Farmers Market

At meeting conclusion George Fowler moved to adjourn, Curt Wallace 2nd.

[Minutes submitted by Marsha Bezold, CCBA Sec.]

CCBA Opportunities

Regular May CCBA Meeting

June 27th, 2023

Franklin County Extension Office

101 Lakeview Ct., Frankfort, KY

CCBA Honey Booth

Franklin County Farmer's Market

July 8th, 2023, 8:30-12

404 Wilkinson Blvd., Frankfort, KY

Setup @ 7:45



FRESH. LOCAL. LIVELY.

Franklin County Fair

July 18th-22nd

Farm Bureau Pavilion

Franklin County Fairgrounds,
Frankfort, KY

Be thinking of your Honey and Bees Entries



Heartland Apiculture Society

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