

Remembering Brad Poll — Woodenware and Mite Presentations—Will You Raise Good Bees?—Check Out the Titles in CCBA Library— Minutes and Treasurer’s Report— EAS CCBA Opportunities



# The Capital Bee

*The native Eastern Redbud is one of the first flowering trees of spring and provides an early pollen and nectar source. Though there is debate on the its quality of honey the honey-bee and other native pollinators have no issues in its use.*

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## Honoring Brad Poll



Sadly and with deep regret we received via a private message to the CCBA Facebook page earlier this month, the news of the passing of our fellow member Brad Poll. In the communication to the association, Secretary Jan Rafert expressed that Brad “was one of our most frequent attendees at our meetings, but more importantly he was a friendly, caring and gentle person.”

Brad’s memorial Service was held March 5th in Lexington, Kentucky, at Millward Funeral Home. Jan Rafert and Marsha Beezold attended and represented the CCBA. Brad expressed that memorial donations be made to two organizations, The Lexington Rescue Mission and The Capital City Beekeepers.

His obituary may be read at the following link <https://milwardfuneral.com/obituaries/1072-bradley-j-poll> . He was indeed “a proud member...”

## CCBA Presentations Help New and Veteran Keeps Alike

With the Covid restrictions, CCBA like many groups, continue to be creative in utilizing technology to keep in touch. FB Live presentations during our regular meetings has helped to carry on our efforts to educate and help beekeepers not only in our association but others as well. February’s regularly scheduled presentation by current Vice-President Michael Wiley focused on assembling woodenware. Even experienced folks learned something new. In addition to Michael’s presentation, Program Director Jack Kuhn also made a special and timely presentation earlier this month on mite treatments in spring. By clicking the links below, anyone can view or watch again, either or both.



Michael Wiley  
presented at  
Feb. Meeting

### Assembling Woodenware

Presented by Michael Wiley

<https://www.facebook.com/CapitalCityBeekeepers/videos/869827693868305>

### Should I Treat My Hives for Varroa Mites in Spring?

Presented by Jack Khun

<https://www.facebook.com/CapitalCityBeekeepers/videos/477835880013189>



Jack Kuhn presented  
earlier this month

# Keeping The Code

Using and understanding the color code for marking queens

By Wes Henry

Will You Raise Good Bees? As beekeepers we certainly aspire to such a thing, a seemingly rhetorical question. Why would we want any other? However, it's not a question as much as it is a way to remember a very useful tool to indeed, help us raise good bees, that of marking our queens. You might then ask, what color should I use? In keeping with a standard, that depends on the year and those simple five words to help us to remember "The Code". This mnemonic phrase, "Will You Raise Good Bees" helps us all with each word having the first letter of each color in order- White, Yellow, Red, Green, and Blue. Each corresponds to the last number of each year respectively. It helps to see the chart above. Notice that 2021 ends with a one, and so the color for this year's queens is white. The sequence "Wraps around" beginning again with years ending in the number six ending with Blue for zero.

Though a marked queen can help find her the greater good is that this helps us to know how old our queens are. I personally

have queens in my apiaries that I know are now three years old. I wouldn't know that unless I had marked them.

Having this mark allows me to also know if that queen has been superceded. If I had a marked queen and upon next inspection do not find her and instead find an unmarked queen I easily concluded she was replaced for whatever reason unless they swarmed. I understand the rule of being in your hives about every 10 days during season but sometimes that doesn't happen for whatever reason. I have experienced this but also

had a special instance where marking the queen made a great difference as to what was happening. The long story short, I discovered I had a hive with two queens oper-

ating just fine in a colony I started from a split. After multiple queen cells were removed I left them to do what they willed to do though it seemed the marked queen was laying a good pattern and all was well. After a few weeks I returned to find both the marked queen and an unmarked queen and afterwards always found the two on separate sides. I would not had know this if I had not marked the original queen.

Will You Raise Good Bees? As you can see, keeping to the code and marking your queen can indeed help. ~Wes

**International Queen Marking Color**

COLOR	FOR YEAR ENDING IN:
White (or Gray) ●	1 or 6
● Yellow	2 or 7
● Red	3 or 8
● Green	4 or 9
● Blue	5 or 0

# Capital City Beekeepers' Library

## Library Access During the Pandemic

The Beekeepers' Library now contains 53 volumes. When we begin to have regular in person club meetings, the library will be available at the meetings.

Until we begin to have our regular monthly meeting, the following procedures will be used to allow members to access the library materials.

1. The library inventory list will be distributed to the membership.
2. Members requesting material should text or email George Fowler stating what they wish to check out. **The best way to accomplish this is to email George at [geofowler@gmail.com](mailto:geofowler@gmail.com) with a subject line "Beekeepers Library Request."**
3. George will verify the material is available and a time can be arranged for the member to pick up the material from George's front porch.
4. Material should be returned within one month of the date checked out so that material can be made available to other members.
5. 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 requesting material and ensuring its prompt return.

The CCBA Library List of Titles are on the following pages. They are alphabetized by author and include publisher and year of publication and revision if available.

Adams, John	<b>Beekeeping - The Gentle Craft</b>	Doubleday 1972
Bishop, Holly	<b>Robbing the Bees</b>	Free Press 2005
Brackney, Susan	<b>Plan Bee</b>	Perigee Press 2009
Brown, Royden	<b>Bee Hive Products Bible</b>	Avery Publishing 1993
Browning, Marie	<b>Natural Soapmaking</b>	Sterling Publishing 1999
Buchman, Stephen	<b>Letters from the Hive</b>	Bantam Books 2005
Caron, Dewey	<b>Honey Bee Biology and Beekeeping</b>	Wicwas Press 2006
Center for Army Lessons Learned	<b>Agribusiness Development Teams in Afghanistan – Handbook</b>	US Army
Cogshall, William & Moore, Roger	<b>Beeswax</b>	Wicwas Press 1995
Connor, Lawrence J.	<b>Increase Essentials- Copy 1</b>	Wicwas Press 2006, Signed Copy
Connor, Lawrence J.	<b>Increase Essentials- Copy 2</b>	Wicwas Press 2006
Connor, Lawrence J.	<b>Bee Sex Essentials</b>	Wicwas Press 2008
Conrad, Ross	<b>Natural Beekeeping</b>	Chelsea Green Publishing 2007
Constable, David	<b>Beginner's Guide to Candle making -Copy 1</b>	Search Press 1997, 2004 Reprint
Constable, David	<b>Beginner's Guide to Candle making -Copy 2</b>	Search Press 1997, 2004 Reprint
Dadant and Sons (J. Graham, ed)	<b>The Hive and the Honey Bee</b>	Dadant Publication 2005 REV
Dadant and Sons (various editors)	<b>The Hive and the Honey Bee</b>	Dadant & Sons 1975
Dadant, C.P.	<b>First Lessons in Beekeeping - 4th Edition</b>	American Bee Journal 1919
Daley, Susan & others	<b>Beekeeping Business Plan Workbook</b>	University of Illinois 2003
Doolittle, G.M.	<b>Scientific Queen Rearing</b>	Wicwas Press 1996, Reprint of 1888 pub

Ellis, Hattie	<b>Sweetness and Light</b>	Harmony Books 2004
Guzman, Ernesto	<b>Elemental Genetics and Breeding</b>	Ontario Beekeepers Association 2007
	<b>For the Honey Bee</b>	
Hayes, Jerry	<b>The Classroom (Beekeeping Questions and Answers)</b>	Dadant 1998
Hoopingarner, Herman	<b>The Hive and the Honeybee Revisited</b>	Bee+Books 2006
Horn, Tammy	<b>Bees in America - Copy 2</b>	University of Kentucky Press 2005, Signed Copy
Horn, Tammy	<b>Bees in America - Copy 3</b>	University of Kentucky Press 2005
Horn, Tammy	<b>Bees in America - Copy 1</b>	University of Kentucky Press 2005, Signed copy
Hubbell, Sue	<b>A Book of Bees</b>	Houghton Mifflin Co. 1988
Kelly, Walter	<b>How to Keep Bees and Sell Honey</b>	Kelly Co. 1993
Killion, Eugene	<b>Honey in the Comb - Copy 1</b>	Dadant 1981
Killion, Eugene	<b>Honey in the Comb - Copy 2</b>	Dadant Publication 1981, includes DVD
King, Laurie R.	<b>The Beekeeper's Apprentice</b>	Thomas Dunne Books 1995, Sherlock Holmes Fiction
Kritsky, Gene	<b>The Quest for the Perfect Hive</b>	Oxford University Press 2010, Signed copy
Laidlaw, Harry	<b>Contemporary Queen Rearing</b>	Dadant 1979
Laidlaw, Harry & Page, Robert	<b>Queen Rearing and Bee Breeding</b>	Wicwas Press 1997
Marchese, C. Marina	<b>Honeybee - Lessons from an Accidental Beekeeper</b>	Black Dog & Leventhal Publishing 2009
Meyer, Owen	<b>The Beekeeper's Handbook</b>	Sterling Publishing 1983
Miksha, Ron	<b>Bad Beekeeping</b>	Trafford Press 2004
Nerius, Maria Given	<b>Soapmaking For Fun and Profit</b>	Three Rivers Press 1999

Oppenheimer, Betty	<b>The Candlemaker's Companion - Copy 1</b>	Storey Publishing 2001
Oppenheimer, Betty	<b>The Candlemaker's Companion - Copy 2</b>	Storey Publishing 2001
Pellett, Frank C.	<b>American Honey Plants</b>	Orange Judd Publishing 1947
Potter, Tammy Horn	<b>Flower Power - Establishing Pollinator Habitat</b>	Wicwas Press 2019, Signed Copy
Repasky, Stephen	<b>Swarm Essentials</b>	Wicwas Press 2013
Root, A.I.	<b>The ABC and XYZ of Beekeeping</b>	A.I. Root Co. 1945, Revision of 1887 ed.
Root, A.I.	<b>The ABC and XYZ of Beekeeping</b>	A.I. Root Co. 1974, 35th edition
Ryde, Joanna	<b>Beekeeping - Self-Sufficiency</b>	Lifestyle Books 2016
Sammataro, Diana & Avitabile, Alphonse	<b>The Beekeeper's Handbook</b>	Comstock Publishing 2011
Scullen, Herman	<b>Beekeeping in Oregon</b>	Oregon State Collage 1943, Pamphlet
Taylor, McCartney	<b>Swarms, Traps, and Bait Hives</b>	Author 2011
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Traynor, Joe	<b>Honey: The Gourmet Medicine</b>	Knovak Books 2002
U.S. Department of Agriculture	<b>Beekeeping in the United States</b>	Dept. of Agriculture 1998, 1998 Revision
Webb, Addison	<b>Beekeeping for Profit and Pleasure</b>	Macmillan Publishing 1944
Webster, Thomas	<b>Kentucky Beekeeping</b>	UK Extension Service 2007 REV
Webster, Tom & Caron, Dewey	<b>Observation Hives</b>	A.I. Root Co. 2007
Weed, Clarence	<b>Life History of American Insects</b>	Macmillan Publishing 1906
White, Elaine C.	<b>Super Formulas - Arts and Crafts</b>	Valley Hills Press 1993
Winston, Mark	<b>The Biology of the Honey Bee</b>	Harvard University Press 1987

# Capital City Beekeepers Association - Treasurer's Report

## Prepared on March 18, 2021 for March 23, 2021 Meeting

### General

Beginning Balance (February 18, 2021) \$2885.06

### Receipts

Dues (1 Individual)	\$10.00
Interest (2/28)	\$.22
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$10.22</b>

### Expenditures

No expenditures this period	\$0
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Current Available Balance \$2895.28**

**Checking Account: \$2845.28**

**Cash change fund \$50.00**

### Notes:

Wilson check for February = \$106.00 and was distributed to 4 participating members.

Wilson check for March = \$66.75 and was distributed to 3 participating members.

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

### Educational Funds (Saving)

Beginning Balance \$479.47

### Receipts

Interest (2/28)	\$.06
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$.06</b>

### Expenditures

**Total Expenditures NONE**

**Ending Balance \$479.53**



# Capital City Beekeepers Association

## Meeting Minutes of 23 February 2021

NOTE: Our second program and meeting of 2021 were conducted via Zoom.

### Program:

CCBA vice-president, Michael Wiley Jr., gave an instructive and thorough presentation on assembling hive bodies, boxes and frames. Assembling these items is easier and more cost effective than purchasing those already assembled. The entire presentation can be viewed via our CCBA Facebook page. Next month Brian Simmons will provide us with information on “Understanding Swarms”.

### Meeting:

President Wes Henry called this month’s meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and thanked Michael for his program

The first items on the agenda were the motions to approve the minutes of our January meeting and the monthly financial report, as found in the most recent issue of the newsletter. There were no objections or comments, and the minutes and reports were approved.

### Activity Reports:

#### Library Report:

Librarian George Fowler reported that there fifty-eight volumes composed of fifty-three titles currently in our library. An inventory will be sent to the membership in the near future, as will the library rules. The rules include that no more than two books may be checked out by a member at a time.

Wes suggested that if members see books on beekeeping at yard sales or elsewhere to pick them up for the library. At some point in time we may have a library budget. Remember that just because a book may be older, it doesn’t mean that it is out of date. Much of the basic beekeeping skills never change.

#### Newsletter:

Wes wants to remind members that he is always looking for ideas and/or items for our monthly newsletter. If anyone has any ideas for subjects that they would like addressed, wish to relate their experiences or has anything to contribute, please let Wes know. Our newsletter is not only for providing information to our members but also for our members to provide input, ideas and suggestions. Please help us to continue to improve this valuable and prized asset.

### Old Business:

#### Dadant Package Day:

Dadant & Sons will be distributing their packages during the first week of April. However, unlike past years, CCBA will not assist in the distribution, due to the Covid pandemic.

#### Master Gardeners Plant Sale:

Whether the Capital Area Master Gardeners will hold their annual plant sale this year has yet to be decided. If it will be held, different procedures will be utilized due to the current health situation

#### Bluegrass Beekeeping School – 2021:

No bee school, as in the past, will be held this year. However, discussions are being held about having virtual school that may, have over a period of days or weeks, one to four back to back sessions. Sessions would be between one hour and one and a half hour long and would be targeted to all level beekeepers; 1<sup>st</sup> year, 2<sup>nd</sup> year and advanced. Some of our Education Fund monies could be used to help fund speakers.

# Capital City Beekeepers Association

## Meeting Minutes of 23 February 2021

### Continued

#### New Business:

##### Lost & Abandoned Colonies:

A member, who lost a colony over winter, asked what to do about an abandoned hive and the possibility of wax moths. The answers provided were to pull the frames, put them in a freezer for one to two weeks and then let them thaw for two days before reusing.

##### Honey Bee Research:

CCBA member Eddie McNutt reported the possibility of participation in a study through the University of Kentucky on honey bee viruses being conducted by Dr. Clare Rittschof. The more beekeepers who participate, the better and more accurate the results.

##### Brood Patties:

Member David Miller said that Dadant & Sons had brood patties that had been infected with weevils, that the patties were free and that the weevil damage was not a concern and that the patties were still good. Anyone wishing to acquire some patties should call Dadant. (Note: the patties are not free but are reduced to a very much reduced price.)

##### What Should We Be Doing Now:

The meeting concluded with our own John Antenucci, beekeeper extraordinaire, providing us with valuable information on what beekeepers should now be doing. It's too late for Apivar and too cool for Mite-Away Quick Strips. About the only thing available for mite treatment is Oxalic Acid. First check your hives and see what's going on it. Because of the cool temperatures, the nurse bees may not cluster and may freeze. Check for brood and, if brood area covers the both the bottom and top boxes, do not disrupt. Otherwise it is safe to switch the top and bottom boxes. So check your hives and prepare for spring, the beginning of the active season.

##### Adjournment:

At 7:47 p.m. Wes called upon our expert closure, George Fowler, for a motion to adjourn. George rose to the occasion and made the motion, which was seconded by Brian Simmons. No objections followed, so the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting of the Capital City Beekeepers Association will be on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, with both the program and the meeting being broadcast on Zoom.

Relatively sincerely,

Jan W. Rafert  
CCBA Secretary

# EAS 2021 CONFERENCE

*Shepherdsville, KY*

**August 11-13, 2021**



The conference will be held at the Paroquet Springs Conference Centre, Shepherdsville, Bulitt County, Kentucky on August 11-13th, 2021. Shepherdsville is an approximate 15 minute drive from the International and Regional Airports in Louisville, KY and is readily accessible from major interstates.

The conference will offer two tracks - a presentation based and apiary based track in a relaxed setting providing an excellent opportunity to "Bee Connected" - something we have all been struggling hard to maintain over the past year.

## **PRESENTATION TRACK:**

*Some of the speakers featured in the presentation track include:*

C. Bee	John Benham
Deborah Delaney	Jamie Ellis
Kevin Inglin	Tammy Horn Potter
Juliana Rangel	Kent Williams.

## **APIARY TRACK**

The apiary track is being organized by Jennifer Keller and Don Hopkins. Topics being developed for the conference include: how to inspect hives, checking for varroa mites with sugar shakes and alcohol washes, brood diseases in the hive, queen considerations (identifying, requeening), how to make splits, sampling to test for *Tropilaelaps* and testing for hygienic qualities.



**REGISTRATION WILL OPEN IN EARLY MAY FOR EAS MEMBERS - NOTIFICATION WILL BE BY EMAIL AND THE EAS WEBSITE.**

There will be an outdoor BBQ on Friday, August 13th that is included in the \$300 registration fee for the 3-day conference. No walk in registrations will be accepted and masks and social distancing will be maintained throughout.

# *CCBA Opportunities*



**CCBA Monthly Meeting**

**March 23rd, 2021**

**Program @ 6p.m.: Understanding Swarms,  
presented by Brian Simmons, via ZOOM**

**Business meeting, 7 p.m.**

**Members sent link to ZOOM**

**Eastern Apiculture Society**

**2021 Conference**

**August 11-13th, 2021**

**Shepherdsville, KY (See Flyer pg. 11)**