

# The Capital Bee



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By late May the black locusts have faded in Kentucky and the blackberries of the unkempt places make up a great portion of the continuing spring honey flow.





## In Memory of Ken Daniels July 11, 1949– May 6th, 2022

We all were saddened at the news of the passing of our dear friend and fellow member and beekeeper Ken Daniels. Ken served as President for two years, 2016 and 2017, and as Vice-President in 2018. He was also a member of The Kentucky State Beekeeper's Association, Kentucky Proud, and Certified Kentucky Honey Producers. He and member Dan Ramey managed an apiary together under the label of Golden Harvest Honey and won many ribbons including blue ribbons and accolades at both the Franklin County Fair and The Kentucky State Fair. He along with his wife Kay, was a very active member participating in most of the association's activities contributing to their success. Some included the monthly CCBA honey booth at The Franklin County Farmer's Market, The Candlelight Tour honey booth, The Ky. State Fair Honey booth, CCBA Annual Potluck, the planning and execution of the Annual Bluegrass Beekeepers Bee School and Bee-Friendly activities associated with it, and many other functions and needs of the club. Each month He, Kay, and Dan ensured that the snacks were setup at the monthly meetings providing an added bonus to the fellowship time during our gatherings.

Stacey Luddke, retired art teacher of Collins Lane Elementary, dedicated her painted hive body in memory of Ken which will be on display in the foyer of the Franklin County Extension Office for a time. His friendship, and dedication will be deeply missed and is indeed something for each member to remember and challenged to duplicate. -*"Tell the Bees"*

CCBA AT THE 2021 STATE FAIR. KAY AND DAN IN FRONT, KEN, FAR LEFT IN BACK ROW.



KEN DANIELS AND DAN RAMEY AT THE OCTOBER '22 CCBA HONEY BOOTH AT THE FARMER'S MARKET IN FRANKFORT, KY.





# April's Program- An Educational Opportunity With Some Assembly Required



Part of the April Program was to assemble the woodenware for a complete Deep Hive Body. The association had voted to purchase a hive body for the purpose of Stacey Luddke's request to paint it and have it auctioned with the proceeds to go to the children's art program.

It was suggested that we use it also as a beginner beekeeper's education program how to properly assemble bottom boards, top and inner covers, along with the deep boxes.



Above Left, CCBA members gather around to observe, learn, and contribute to the assembling of the woodenware for the painted beehive.

Above Right, Treasurer George Fowler and Vice-President Michael Wiley assemble and give tips for assembly.

Above, the four panels show the finished product of the assembled woodenware from the April meeting. The design and painting are by Stacey Luddke who has recently retired from the Collins Lane Elementary in Frankfort, Kentucky. Her art class has participated in years past in the hive painting contest and auction during the Annual Bluegrass Beekeeper's School. It will be displayed in memory of Ken Daniels in the Foyer of the Franklin County Extension office, 101 Lakeview Court in Frankfort, KY.



## Spring Fest 2022

The first annual Spring Fest was held May 7th, Derby Day, at Perryville Battlefield State Park. Many thanks go to Secretary Marsha Bezold and Vice – President Michael Wiley for representing The Capital City Beekeepers. Since we were considered an educational organization the association was not charged for the booth space. Though the weather was a bit wet, they were able to exhibit and teach about bees and beekeeping and sell a few jars of honey. Plans are being made to make next year's event even better.



## MAY'S CCBA HONEY BOOTH



Members Marsha Bezold and Eddie McNutt at the May Farmer's Market Honey Booth.

The first CCBA Honey Booth at The Franklin County Farmer's Market was held on May 14th. As in year's past it coincides with Kid's Day and had two members, Marsha Bezold and Eddie McNutt with honey to sell. Eddie also had lotion bars decoratively

molded that was offered to Market-goers. Kids received a free honey stick and activity/coloring book. We were able to explain and show folks about beekeeping with tools of trade onsite including a deep hive with frames (minus the bees). Next Honey Booth is June 11th.



A future beekeeper. Kids were allowed to try on a veil and handle tools of the trade.

# Beekeeper's



# Almanac



## GOT BROOD? IN YOUR SUPER THAT IS

If you find that you have brood in your honey super the problem is easily remedied. This is a great use of a queen excluder. Simply remove the frames and look for the queen on each frame and if she is not found then shake the bees from that frame into the brood chamber. If you find the queen, simply place her back into the brood box and add the queen excluder between the brood chamber and the honey supers. Check and shake each frame if she is not found. The idea is to make sure the queen is below the excluder if you missed her. The brood will all emerge in three weeks and hopefully the bees will backfill the empty cells with honey.



Inventor of Honey Extractor

## Why didn't I think of that?

1865, Major Franz Elder von Hruschka, an Austrian who later moved near Venice, Italy invented the extractor when he saw his son swing a comb of honey in a basket and noticed the honey was thrown from the comb.

Before the extractor, honey was sold in the comb or the comb was crushed and the honey drained.

Langstroth said it best of the innovation—"...a plan devised...for emptying the honey from the comb, without injuring the comb."

## What is Blackberry Winter?

-A brief "cold snap",- considerable cooler temperatures—in late spring that coincides with the black berry bloom.



You Just Gotta Smile



# Capital City Beekeepers Association - Treasurer's Report

## Prepared on May 21, 2022

### for the May 24, 2022 Meeting

#### General

Beginning Balance (April 21, 2022) \$2487.19

#### Receipts

Dues (1 Ind.) \$10.00

Interest (4/30) \$0.22

**Total Receipts** **\$10.22**

#### Expenditures

Purchase of honey sticks and coloring books \$86.57

**Total Expenditures** **\$86.57**

**Current Available Balance** **\$2410.84**

Checking Account: **\$2360.84**

Cash change fund **\$50.00**

#### Notes:

Wilson check for May was 359.00 (5 participating members).

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

#### Educational Funds (Saving)

Beginning Balance (April 21, 2022) \$728.03

#### Receipts

Interest (4/30) \$0.09

**Total Receipts** **\$0.09**

**Total Expenditures** **NONE**

**Ending Balance**

**\$728.12**

Submitted by:

George Fowler, Treasurer

# Capital City Beekeepers Association Meeting Minutes:

## April 26, 2022

\*Club hive inspections began at 6pm, prior to business meeting. The business meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm by Wes Henry. There were 15 in attendance.

\***March Minutes:** Were approved with following corrections: John & Ruth's last name, Jeffers, added; Allen Alsip's last name corrected.

\***Treasurer's Report:** Was given by George Fowler. Current balance is \$2487.19. There is \$728.03 in the Education Fund. Treasurer's report was approved.

\* **Guest Speaker:** Michael Wiley and George Fowler did a program on bee wooden ware assembly.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

\***Wilson's Honey Sales:** There is high demand for local honey, they are selling any honey that club members would like to sell. Members get \$7 for lb.jar.

\***Club Library:** Beekeeping books are available for check out.

\***Dadant Package Days:** Was April 7, Michael Wiley helped out and reported a good time. Dadant fed all of their volunteers very well!

\***Franklin County Fair:** The fair's listing for all Bee category entries and rules is now out. See Lynne Morris with questions. County fair will be July 19-23

**KSBA:** Spring Meet-was on KSU farm, George reported that it was a good meeting with a lot of information. Several of our club members went. This was the first KSBA meeting in 2 years.

\***Swarm List:** As of this date, have already had first swarm of season. Members can still sign up to be on swarm catcher list. Notification of swarms are sent out to members on the list via text. If you are not on swarm list and want to be or if you signed up and have not yet received any swarm texts, see Marsha.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

\***Farmer's Market:** Our club will sell at the Farmer's Market on May 14, set up 7:30/doors open 8am.

George Fowler motioned that CCBA purchase the honey sticks/coloring books for distribution to kids on Farmer's Market Kid's Day. Michael Wiley 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.

\***Bee Location:** We have had multiple landowners in Franklin & Scott Counties seeking beekeepers who want additional places to keep their bees. If you need to expand your apiary and are interested, see Wes Henry.

\* **Springfest:** CCBA will be at Perryville Battle Field State Historic Site, May 7<sup>th</sup> 9am to 4pm. Our club members will be allowed to sell honey and any other bee products with no charge for booth as we are an educational organization. Set up time is 8:00am. Currently Marsha Bezold & Michael Wiley are selling.

# Capital City Beekeepers Association Meeting Minutes:

April 26, 2022

Continued

**\*Club Honey Prices:** Discussion ensued on the feasibility of increasing honey prices at club events. The cost of honey production and beekeeping in general has gone up significantly. Wilson's currently charges customers \$12.50/lb. jar and 2022 KY State Fair will be \$14/lb. John Antenucci motioned that the club prices be changed as follows:

1 lb. \$15

2oz. bears \$4

8 oz. (1/2 lb.) \$8

12 oz. bears/bottles \$12

2 lb. jar \$28

Any other products (soap, comb honey, etc) price up to beekeeper

Quart Jar \$40

Mary Charton 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed

\*Meeting concluded with handing out of door prizes. George Fowler motioned that we adjourn.

Marsha Bezold 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Meeting adjourned 8:20pm

Next Bee Club meeting will be Tuesday May 24, 6pm.



# CCBA Opportunities

## **CCBA Regular Meeting**

May 24th, 2022

Franklin County Extension Office

101 Lakeview Ct., Frankfort, KY

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



## **May CCBA Honey Booth**

June 11th, 2022, 8:30-12 noon

Franklin County Farmer's Market



## Heartland Apiculture Society

### Conference 2022

June 28th-July 1, 2022

University of Southern

Indiana, Evansville, IN



## Eastern Apiculture Society Conference 2022

August 1-5, 2022

Ithaca College, Ithaca, NY



**Eastern Apicultural Society**

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