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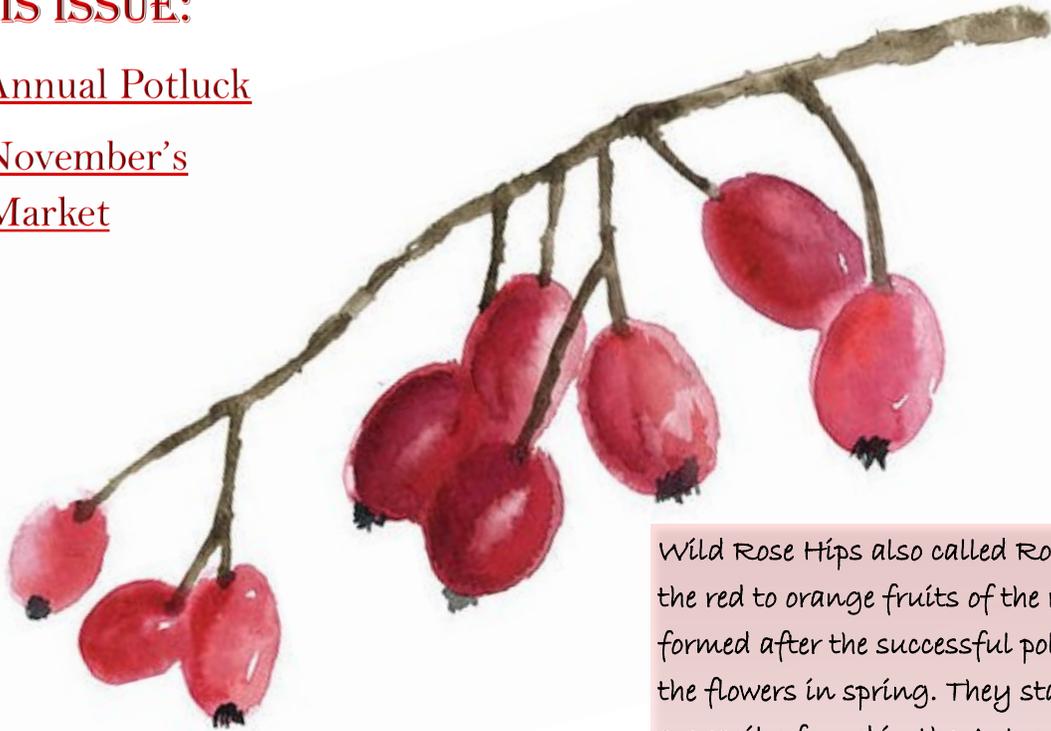
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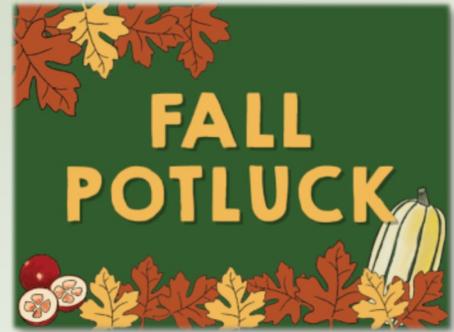
October's Meeting Minutes

CCBA Opportunities

Wild Rose Hips also called Rose Haws, are the red to orange fruits of the rose plant. formed after the successful pollination of the flowers in spring. They stand out and are easily found in the Autumn barrenness of the understory of woodlands and brushy unkempt places. An extraordinary source of vitamin C, the traditional hot rosehip tea sweetened with local honey, is health to a body and soul on crisp evenings.

JENNIFER WILSON KEYNOTE FOR ANNUAL POTLUCK

Wilson's Nursery and long time CCBA supporter Jennifer Wilson was the keynote speaker for the 2018 Annual Potluck. Utilizing her successful experience she made a very informative presentation on marketing honey and related hive products. In appreciation, the association members contributed a bottle of their extracted honey. In the excitement and enjoyment of the evening no pictures unfortunately, were taken. The differing colors, shape of bottles, and design of the labels made for a wonderful sight. Many thanks to all who helped set up, brought wonderful dishes, and donated door prizes.



As a reminder, We have as an association for the longest time have had a good friend in Jennifer and Wilson's nursery as she sells only our local honey to the public. Any member of the Association can drop off their honey for sale on consignment at Wilson's on the East/ West Connector in Frankfort.

November Farmer's Market

Temps in the twenties didn't keep two hardy members from setting up the monthly honey booth at the Farmer's Market pavilion in downtown Frankfort on the 10th. Marsha Bezold and George Fowler were there. As for pictures reports Marsha, "George and I were too busy shivering in the cold to even think about that".

It was the last of the year and in all it has been a very good year. Besides selling a lot of our premium local honey and other hive products, such as candles, we were able to interact with folks. In doing so, we created awareness of the importance of bees and pollinators with our discussions and using printed material, and once we were able to use the Association's observation hive early on. People were very surprised many times at the variety of local honey- the color, taste, aroma, etc.

Thanks to all who not only showed up to sell but also those who came by and helped in a variety of ways and fellowshipped. There's no doubt we will use this outlet next year and if you still have honey to sell remember Wilson's nursery welcomes the member's to sell their honey on consignment there and we hope to participate in the Holiday Market Dec. 8th.

KSBA 2018 Fall Meeting



Some of the first frost for the season was on the windshields and rooftops the Saturday morning I left Frankfort for the 2018 Kentucky State Beekeeper's Fall meet in Shepherdsville, KY. I wasn't alone as far as fellow-members of our local Association was concerned. Seven Capital City 'beeks arrived early

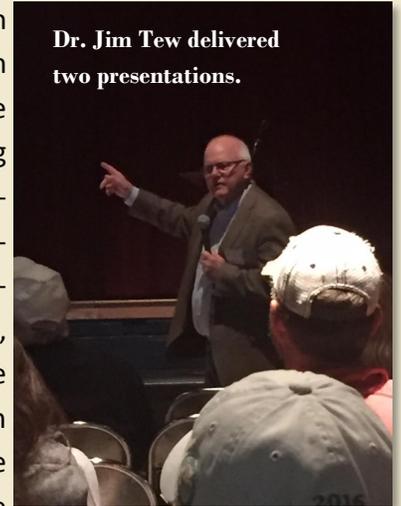


2018 KSBA Fall meeting was much more than business.

for the opening session. At registration beforehand, we gathered with beekeepers across the state to enjoy the coffee donuts and good talk and fellowship, and in the

including queen rearing, reading frames for quality assessment, beekeeping 101, and more. Lunch was provided and Dr. Tew gave another presentation on "The Desperate World of Failing Queens and Laying Workers".

Afternoon breakout sessions again were conducted before the business meeting and again included Beekeeping 201, a discussion on small hive beetles by Kent Williams, Varroa mites by State Apiarist Tammy Horn Potter, and more. The Meet concluded with the



Dr. Jim Tew delivered two presentations.



George, Michael, and Ken at registration.

conducted by KSBA president Jake Osborne and in his storytelling way delivered an informative and entertaining opening presentation on "Wintering Hives". Afterwards several break out sessions were available on subjects

conversation I was proud to discover that CCBA has the greatest percentage of its members of any other local association as KSBA members. Treasurer George Fowler represented CCBA Friday night at the board meeting. Dr. Jim Tew was intro-

ducing of business of the Association and door prizes. Besides the learning, there is a great sense of encouragement belonging to the statewide organization with the wealth of knowledge and know-how that comes from others, and besides the comradery of fel-



CCBA members ready for Jim Tew's presentation

low beekeepers. If you have not attended a KSBA meet you're missing out on a lot of the advantages of being there. A special business meeting to ammend the bylaws due to the "Certified Kentucky Honey Program" will be conducted December 13th at Hardin Co. Extension.

2019 School Hive Painting and Auction Under way...

For many years now, the Capital City Beekeepers have sponsored a hive painting and auction for local schools. This allows the students to learn about the importance of honeybees and use their creativity to also earn money for their art programs. Five local schools are again participating and the auction will be a part of the 2019 Bluegrass Bee School in March. Dadant's donated the woodenware as last year, and CCBA buys



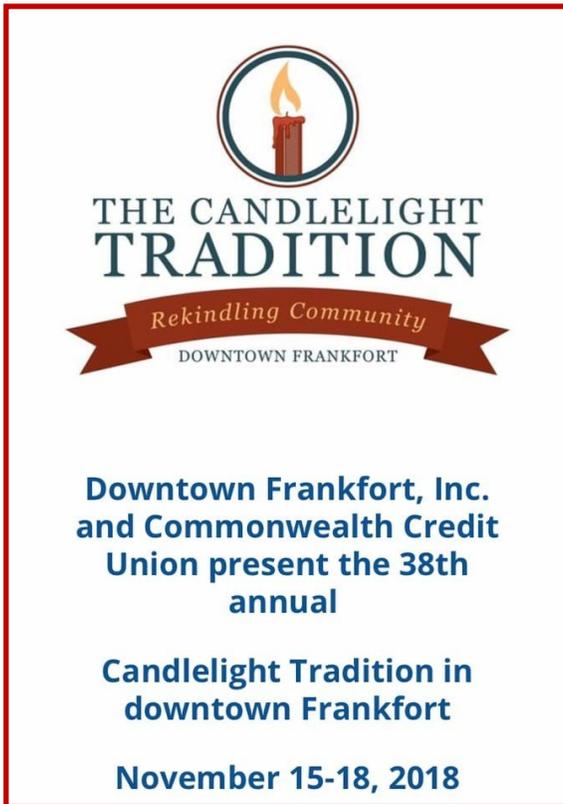
the frames and foundation. Earlier in the month, CCBA members met at Dadant's to assemble and prime the hive-bodys before delivering them to the schools. Those helping to make the woodenware ready was Alan Alsip, Ken Daniels, Jan Rafert, Michael Wiley, Eva Bancroft and her daughter Rachael, Jack Kuhn,

Claude Nutt and friend Rodolfo Bernal , and Dan Ramey. All put their hands to the work is evident in the pictures above.

As seen to the right, Michael Wiley brought his paint sprayer and made the job of priming the hive-bodys almost effortless.

Photos of the action were submitted by Vice-President Ken Daniels.





The honey season has been good this past year and for hobbyist-members to have participated in selling their honey in the many CCBA venues throughout the year and to still have a marketable amount for The Candlelight Tradition is a testimony to the claim. The Association was once again afforded the opportunity to have a tasting and to sell our local honey at the 38th annual holiday kickoff in Frankfort. John Antenucci was able to secure a location for us at Gibby's Restaurant on Broadway. The initial setup was on the Wednesday evening before and we were met with festive snow on Thursday as we began to market the harvest of the hives. Included in the offerings

were beeswax candles made by George Fowler. White coach-carriages and the frozen breath from the nostrils of sturdy draft-horses, and lighted lamp posts made for a picturesque scene across the railroad tracks from our glass front. John Antenucci, Jack Kuhn, Wes Henry, Michael Wiley and George Fowler were on hand both Thursday and Friday evenings (see pictures next page) to greet and help with folks interested. A lot of conversation and a jovial time was spent with those who stopped in, even if it was just to warm up. Even these folks were treated to a sweet and golden trial, as were all— a taste of all the honeys and to experiencing the variety of the local kind. We're grateful to "Gibby" himself for graciously allowing us the space for the event and as a token of our appreciation a collection of our local honey from all was gathered and given in gratitude.



The CCBA Banner hung from the rail curbside at Gibby's

Candlelight 2019 In Pictures

Below, Michael Wiley and his creative giftings of honey from his hives



Below, George Fowler and his setup at Candlelight.



Above, President Wes Henry and "Gibby" with his honey display.

Below, John Antenucci stands ready to wow folks with not only his pure local honey but also his variety of infused and artisan honeys.



Jack Kuhn stands behind the CCBA Banner after securing it to the rail and with his sweet-wares below.



2019 Association Dues

November's regular meeting will be our last for 2018. Membership with CCBA and KSBA both end in December. You can keep your membership and benefits current by either paying them at the November meeting

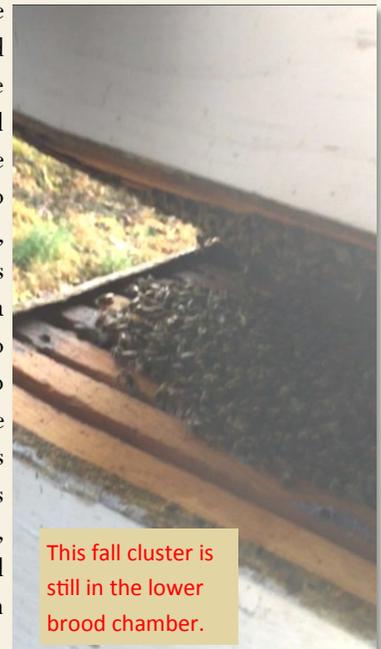
or by mail. Simply "click" on the picture of the membership application and send to Secretary Jan Rafert. His address is 1662 Talmage Mayo Rd., Harrodsburg, KY 40330. Keep in mind that Capital City Beekeepers receive

\$2.00 for processing KSBA dues so please pay your KSBA dues through CCBA by sending those to Jan or paying at the monthly meeting. Remember, if you wish to be a part of the [Certified Kentucky Honey Program](#) you must be a member of KSBA.



Patty Time

Usually at Thanksgiving I add winter pattys to the colonies. The thing to remember is that the patty needs to be easily accessible to the cluster without requiring the bees to break the cluster, feed, then chill before returning to the warmth of the colony. Therefore, place the patty on the top bars above the cluster and sometimes, as seen right, that means on the topbars of the frames in the bottom brood chamber. With enough stores to sustain the cluster in the bottom for now, in addition to the upper box(es) full of honey stores too, the 'keep has an assurance to the colony's ability to winter well. Another tip is to add a spacer, seen in the picture to the left, also called a "shim" (if adding the patty to the top box), gives additional space for the thickness of the patty. This picture was taken after adding the patty 10 minutes earlier. Though there is plenty of honey, winter patties give some added protein and nutrients to sustain our girls through winter's dearth.



The Keeper's Almanack

Beekeeper's "To Do"-

- ◆ Remove syrup feeders
- ◆ Ventilate top covers (some use popsicle sticks for spacers) this allows for condensation to escape— “wet bees are dead bees”
- ◆ If not done, reduce entrance/ install mouse guards.
- ◆ “Place winter patties on top bars above cluster (they may be in lower hive-body) and enjoy the holidays”- *John Antenucci's beekeeping by the Holiday's calendar* ([see October 2017 newsletter](#))
- ◆ Begin reading a great book.

Finding a good read or two in the throws of the clustering-time of beekeeping not only entertains and helps us as we miss the bees, but can and should, educate us in our craft. The CCBA library is a source and a book has been added and is a very good resource if you are interested in comb honey, “*Honey in the Comb*” by Eugene Killion and is accompanied by a DVD. This book takes you through the “the basics of producing comb honey by the Killion method”. Even though the Killion's have been producing comb honey commercially for more than three generations, much can be gleaned about “bee behavior, biology, and practical truths about beekeeping garnered through many years of experience.” I have read the book and watched the DVD and found a method that I hope to experiment with in the coming season, specifically, their method of removing the queen and decreasing the brood chamber to one deep and most of the bees, then adding supers immediately before requeening 5-8 days later. I smile at your present confusion and know your interest is piqued! You gotta read it and see it for yourself. ~Wes

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LIBRARY



CCBA - October 23rd., 2018 Meeting Minutes

Following a very interesting and most informative presentation by Jennifer Wilson of Wilson Nurseries regarding the cooperative relationship between Wilson Nurseries and the CCBA and providing information on effective marketing practices, President Wes Henry called to order a brief business meeting before beginning our annual potluck dinner.

Treasurer George Fowler gave the financial report, which included a beginning balance of \$2,595.42, receipts of \$215.23 and expenditures of \$178.00, leaving a balance of \$2,632.65. Michael Wiley made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, Rick Evans seconded the motion and it was approved by the membership.

Ken Daniels reported that the Farmers' Market's last month is November and our day will be the 10th from 7:30 until noon. He said that our location will be right at the entrance of the market. If you have honey to sell, this is a good opportunity. Each member wishing to sell honey pays a \$10 fee and sells their honey for \$12 a pound and \$7 for an 8 oz. jar.

President Henry asked for a motion to approve last month's meeting minutes as published in our newsletter. The motion was made by Jack Kuhn, seconded by Lani Basberg and approved by the members.

OLD BUSINESS

Wes announced the five schools (Elkhorn and Bondurant Middle school, Collins Lane, Good Shepherd and Peaks Mill Elementary) that will be participating in the hive body paintings for next year's Bluegrass Beekeeping School. Once again Dadant & Sons will provide everything for the hives except the frames and foundation. To prepare the hives for painting, club members are needed to assemble and prime the hive bodies. It was decided that the assembly and priming will be on Nov. 13th at 10 a.m. at Dadant's Frankfort facility.

NEW BUSINESS:

Frankfort's traditional Candlelight Tour will be held from the 15th to the 18th of November. Gibby's restaurant has graciously offered a storefront for our club's participation. Set-up will be on Wednesday the 14th and we will be manning our area on Thursday and Friday evenings.

Wes asked if there was any interest in the club buying winter patties, which come in packages of ten, to sell to members who only need a few. There seemed to be little or no interest by those in attendance.

Regarding nominations for 2019 officers, only two slips were submitted. So nominations will carry on into November. Our next meeting will be the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, the 27th, and at that meeting the officers will be elected.

President Henry adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan W. Rafert

CCBA Secretary

THE CAPITAL BEE OPPORTUNITIES

**November Meeting and
Retirement reception for Lawson
and Toddy Whitt**

November 27th, 5:30-8 p.m.

Franklin County Extension Office

101 Lakeview Court,

Frankfort, KY

**Farmer's Holiday Market-
December 8th, 7-12**

Franklin County Farmer's Market

Frankfort, KY

**No December Meeting, first
meeting for 2019- January 22nd,
2019, 6 p.m.**

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