



The Official Newsletter of the Capital City Beekeepers

CCBA 2019 Annual Potluck

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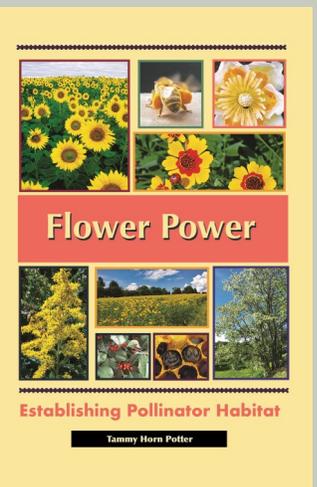
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Hive tools, homemade and beautifully stitched hot pads, mead and blackberry wine, a year's subscription to the American Bee Journal (the gift that keeps on giving), winter patties, a veil, gloves, these and more adorned the table reserved for door prizes at the 2019 annual CCBA potluck. The October meeting is traditionally set aside for the members and their family and/or friends to get together to fellowship and eat, hear a good speaker on some interest to both the beekeepers and those with them, and maybe win one of the afore mentioned giveaways. Peppered with just a little necessary business, we enjoyed it all including those usual and unique dishes to go along with John Antenucci's out-of-this-world, for-hours-smoked-brisket. It is always as they say, "to die for".

Our State Apiarist Tammy Horn Potter was the guest speaker and spoke to her new book, *Flower Power* and a copy was also given away to one holding the lucky ticket. We had the opportunity afterwards to purchase one and have it signed by Tammy as well.

According to the bylaws, officer nominations are always a part of this meeting before the last of the year in November. All except for the vice President, which we received the nomination for member Lynn Morris, are the same for 2020. The final vote will be at the November 19th meeting. Many thanks to all who came early to setup and decorate tables, cleanup afterwards, individuals and our local Dadant branch for donating the door prizes, and everyone who shared their recipes in the dishes they brought to accompany the meat. A thanks also goes out to the Franklin County Homemakers who traded meeting rooms with us, as they have for the past few years too. Door prizes or not, it is always a good thing to eat and talk bees and such with fellow 'keeps, friends and family alike.



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“The Kentucky Certified Honey Program (KCHP) was established by KSBA in an effort to promote the sale of local honey to consumers in Kentucky. We wish to promote the many beekeepers in Kentucky that raise their bees, harvest, process their honey, and sell their honey all within the State of Kentucky. All beekeepers within the State of Kentucky are eligible for certification by making formal application to KSBA and paying the appropriate annual dues. The annual dues include membership in KSBA at no extra cost. Each local association will receive \$3 back for each of its members that become certified...As Certified Honey Producers, beekeepers will have agreed to follow the program guidelines and to apply the certified honey label with a registered trade symbol to the bottles of honey that they sell. The labels are for sale to Certified Producers” [To apply Click the logo or here.](#)

2019 KSBA Fall Meet

The Fall Board Meeting and Meet/ Bee School for the Kentucky State Beekeepers was held November 8th and 9th in Shepherdsville, Kentucky. The evening before, Friday the 8th was the Board meeting and more than the required

- twelve local organization’s representatives- for a quorum were present to conduct business. President Wes Henry represented the CCBA and Secretary Jan Rafert was also present but in the President’s role for the



2019 KSBA President Chris Renfrow (Left) leads the KSBA Board meeting, the evening before the Fall meet/bee school.

Ft. Harrod Association. Changes to the school grant program, Certified Kentucky Honey, Dates for the Spring and Summer meets were established, and more was discussed for presentation at the meeting after the bee school/ meet on Saturday.



CCBA Members Jan, George, Kay and Ken listen to Leslie Cobb as she opens the Fall Meet.

Saturday had six CCBA members present- Ken and Kay Daniels, George Fowler, Jan Rafert, Sarah Preston, and Wes Henry. Leslie Cobb with Ky Dept. of Ag. opened the day with a presentation on “*The Buzz on Labeling Honey in Kentucky*”. Three breakout sessions

followed and included such topics as Apimondia 2019, Oxalic Acid: Fall and Winter treatment, Mite Resistant Queens, How to Make Beekeeping a Career, and more by such speakers as Kent Williams, Tammy Horn Potter, Leonard Davis, Chris Renfrow, Dorthothy Morgan and Curtis Simpson.

The KSU Autoclave was on hand and folks brought enough equipment for two “runs”. The important and valuable tool not only



Sarah Preston gives an update on Cert. KY Honey.

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The KSU autoclave was of great interest at the Fall Meet. Folks brought their equipment to have propolis and wax removed. Pictured above is hive boxes, lids, and frames ready for the second round. Below is the first run with every space used before securing the door for the cleanup.



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quickly removes used and unwanted wax and propolis from equipment, but also “sterilizes” it too. There was equipment for the usual Langstroth type hive but also warre’ and top bar hives.

The day ended with the Fall meeting. The KSBA 2019 Beekeeper of the Year was announced and

David Shockey was awarded that title. David is a part of the Hardin County Beekeepers and spearheaded a mentoring program there years ago and



2020 KSBA officers: L to R, Mike Mabry, Pres., Jake Osbourne, Pers. Elect, Joe, Sec. , Wes Henry Treas. and Jan Rafert Prop Asst. Treas..

is being implemented successfully to this day. He also served as Secretary and Treasurer with KSBA. The meeting concluded with new officers being nominated and elected. CCBA President Wes Henry was elected bras Treasurer. After the Constitutional amendment is duly approved, CCBA Secretary Jan Rafert will become Assistant Treasurer. Other officers include Mike Mabry, President, Jake Osborne, President elect, Joel Gonia, Vice President, Joe, Secretary.

[The Kentucky Queen Bee Breeders Association](#) was setup at the Fall Meet. Along with great information and opportunity to join (***See link above***), an electronic microscope was present to allow folks to actually see the result of “ankle biting” behavior in bees. On the display of the microscope a “legless” mite can be seen to the right.



J.J. locking down the door of the KSU Autoclave. Each locking bolt is torqued properly.



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NOVEMBER MEETING
PROGRAM:

Making Mead Wine

Amateur wine maker, Steve Crabtree, will conduct a demonstration on how to make mead or honey-wine, touted



as *"the oldest alcoholic beverage in the world"*, at the CCBA regular meeting in November. He will be making up an actual batch and he will discuss the equipment, recipes, steps, and techniques. This will be a detailed and a hands on session. Steve has bottled about three batches of grape-based wine every year for many years now and has been working together with CCBA member Jack Kuhn making mead for two.

Capital City Beekeepers Association Meeting Minutes October 22nd, 2019

Business meeting was called to order at 7pm.

Minutes and Treasurer Report

September minutes in the newsletter were approved with Ken Daniels motioning and Tammy Horn Potter seconding.

The treasurer report (also posted in newsletter) was accepted. A separate line item was designated as an education fund. It was noted that \$50.00 from that fund was given to Marsha Bezold for offsetting expenses incurred while hosting the 2019 Honey Princess.

Nominations

October meeting was deadline for nominations for new board members. **Lynn Morris** was nominated for position of Vice President. Wes Henry will be staying on as President, George Fowler as treasurer and Jan Rafert as secretary.

Bluegrass Beekeeping School-Planning has started with a kick-off meeting on October 23 at Fayette Extension Office. Anyone who would like to be part of planning is welcome to attend that and future meetings. Next Meeting November 20th, Fayette co. Ext. Office, 6:30.

KSBA Fall meeting-November 9th Bullitt County High School.

Candlelight Holiday event in Frankfort will be November 21 & 22. Anyone with honey or honey/bee related products are welcome to sell. The club will have booth space at Gibby's.

The club honey extractor is currently being stored at Eddie McNutt's.

Tonight was our clubs annual potluck dinner immediately following the business meeting. Tammy Horn Potter is our guest speaker.

November's meeting will be moved to the 3rd Tuesday, November 19th due to Thanksgiving holiday. There is no meeting in December.

Motion to adjourn the business portion of tonight's meeting was made by Rick Evans. No second motion was made.

Submitted by Marsha Bezold

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Dates to Remember

CCBA November
Meeting
November 19, 6-8 p.m.
[Franklin County
Extension Office
101 Lakeview Ct.,
Frankfort, KY](#)

Frankfort Candlelight
Tradition Honey Booth
November 21-22
[Set up At Gibby's
204 West Broadway St.
Frankfort, Ky
5-9 p.m.](#)

2020 Bluegrass Bee
School Planning
Meeting
Wed. November 20th,
6:30-8
[Fayette County
Extension Office
1140 Harry Sykes Way,](#)

We will begin collecting the **2020 CCBA membership dues** at the November meeting. You can also [renew /join the Certified Kentucky Honey](#) (CKH) which also includes your KSBA membership. **(CCBA receives 3.00 by paying at the meeting)** CKH Secretary, Sarah Preston will be at the November meeting to collect those and you can pay for CKH with a card.

Cooking with Honey Recipes

Icebox Lemon Cookies



Food, Family, and Friends coming together for the Thanksgiving holiday make it one of my favorites. No hassle and pressure of the “gifting thing” allows for a better time in my book. It’s a time of sharing the priceless things of life. As beekeepers being able to use the goodness from the colonies we keep is a great bonus. Here are two recipes I found for the meal and dessert. Just click on the pictures to go to the full recipe. Enjoy!
~Wes

Honey Spiced Sweet Potatoes



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Treasure's Notes:

There was no Wilson check picked up in October because the treasurer was traveling. The October sales will be included in the November check.

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

Treasure's Report Submitted by George Fowler, Treasurer

Capital City Beekeepers Association - Treasurer's Report October 22, 2019 to November 19, 2019

General

Beginning Balance **\$2910.93**

Receipts

Dues – CCBA (1 Family) **\$15.00**

Interest on Checking Acct.(10/31) **\$0.26**

Total Receipts \$15.26

Expenditures

Pot Luck/ Door Prizes

Dadant Gift Certs **\$50.00**

Amer. Bee Journal Subsc. **\$59.36**

Speaker Gift **\$50.00**

Meat **\$129.30**

Purchase of Flower Power for library **\$15.00**

Total Expenditures \$303.66

Currant Available Balance **\$2622.53**

Checking Account: \$2572.53

Cash change fund \$50.00

Educational Funds (Saving)

Beginning Balance **\$478.51**

Receipts

Interest on savings account **\$0.06**

Total Receipts \$0.06

Total Expenditures NONE

Ending Balance \$478.57