

CARROLL COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

THE CARROLL BEE

<http://www.carrollcountybeekeepers.org/>

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Temperatures have dipped into the thirties and most of us have buttoned up our hives for the winter. How many colonies survive this winter will be a matter of concern for beekeepers and researchers who are looking for trends. One winter with heavy losses does not mean there is trouble, but a series of bad winters is a concern. Commercial beekeepers cannot afford to replace 30 to 50 percent of their colonies each spring. Even if they are equipped and staffed to handle the losses, they may not choose to remain in a business with declining margins. Backyard beekeepers generally don't rely on their bees for a living, but the death of fifty percent of a backyarder's colonies can be a major financial burden and can lead to discouragement about beekeeping. Carroll County beekeepers are not immune to winter losses as evidenced by this last winter.

CCBA's mission is to help beekeepers, and to that end we want to collect data. I ask all you beekeepers out there to record how many viable colonies you have on Thanksgiving Day and again on April Fool's day, then provide the numbers to CCBA. This data will provide us with a real survival percentage for the winter of 2013-2014. The plan is to collect this data every year so CCBA can see if there is a trend in Carroll County. Besides, beekeepers are always interested in how their fellow beekeepers are doing. Our conversations usually start with "How are your bees?" rather than "How are you?" So before you sit down to celebrate and give thanks for the good things that have happened this year, take a moment to make a note about your bees. We'll remind you to do it again on April first.

Fred Sypher

POTLUCK DINNER

The membership divided into thirds means

if your last name begins with...	bring this...
A thru F	SIDE DISH
G thru M	MAIN DISH
N thru Z	DESSERT

UPCOMING EVENTS

C.C.B.A. Annual
11/20/13 7:30 Meeting, Pot Luck Bear Branch Nature
PM Dinner/Officer Center
Elections

ICELAND GREENHOUSE HONEYBEES



Honeybees used for pollinating in greenhouses in Iceland must be newly emerging honeybees when they're set free in the greenhouse; otherwise, they will not return to their hive within the greenhouse. Instead, they'll try to leave by flying into the ceiling of the greenhouse toward the sun.



EASTERN APICULTURAL SOCIETY

2014 Conference: July 28 - August 1, 2014

Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, Kentucky

In Eastern Kentucky, when we are excited about the future, we say “we are fixing” to do something or go somewhere. This colloquialism implies that Kentuckians are problem-solving people, one reason I’ve been partial to using it.

“*Esprit de Bee!*” will be this year’s theme in honor of troops returning from Afghanistan **and** the 100th anniversary of the Smith-Lever Act. Come to the lectures and hands on training from some the foremost honey bee experts in the world, such as **Jennifer Berry, Dianna Sammataro, Micheal Palmer, Dewey Caron, Jeff Harris, Maryann Frazier, and Wyatt Mangum** and a whole host of other local and international experts.

Agriculture Development Team beekeepers, who will be on the program. Come hear Dr. Nicola Bradbear, founder of Bees for Rural Development, talk about beekeeping programs in India and Africa. Or listen to best-selling mystery writer-beekeeper Abigail Keam talk about her series, featuring beekeeper Josiah Reynolds in *Death by a Honeybee, Death by Drowning, Death by Bridle, and Death by Bourbon*.

Mosey on a self-guided bee tour to Shakertown, to Berea College student-run farms, to Dadant's Bee Above all, enjoy the uncommon ways our Commonwealth continues to enrich our beekeepers, both here and abroad.

Fascinating Topics

Lectures, Workshops, Hive Openings, Beekeeping Supplies, access to some the best experts in the world.

- In the Apiary with the bee wranglers
- Class on Queen production
- Honey Bee Diseases
- Top Bar Hives
- Honey show
- Master Beekeeping Certification
- Honey Cookery and Meade making
- Quilting Bees

Sun	Early Registration
Mon	Short Course 8:30am-4pm
Tue	Short Course 8:30am-4pm
Wed	Short Course 8:30am-4pm Main Conf. 8:30am-5pm Venor Area open
Thu	Main Conf. 8:30am-5pm Venor Area open EAS Auction - evening
Fri	Main Conf. 8:30am-5pm Venor Area open EAS Banquet - evening

Please sign up for e-mail notification when the newsletter is posted at <http://www.carrollcountybeekeepers.org>. Also, please share your beekeeping experiences with the club by submitting articles/pictures/upcoming events by the last day of each month (for the upcoming month’s newsletter) to Stella Fouts at Newsletter@CarrollCountyBeekeepers.org.

Stella Fouts, editor

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