

The Skep

August 2023

Columbiana & Mahoning Beekeepers' Association Newsletter

President's Corner

Hello Fellow Beekeepers,

Thank you, John Grafton, for what he is looking for when he is judging products at the fair. Registration form is online for [entering products](#) due 8/20/2023. We will be counting candy this month and how stuff will be placed under the table.

Container prices are listed below and will have them available at the meeting.

We are selling honey from last fall at the fair.

-Bruce D.

Contact the following for testing bees and comb due to the derailment.

U.S Department of Agriculture
Bee Research Lab
476 E Barc
Beltsville, MD 20705
301-504-8821
<https://www.ars.usda.gov/main/site-main>

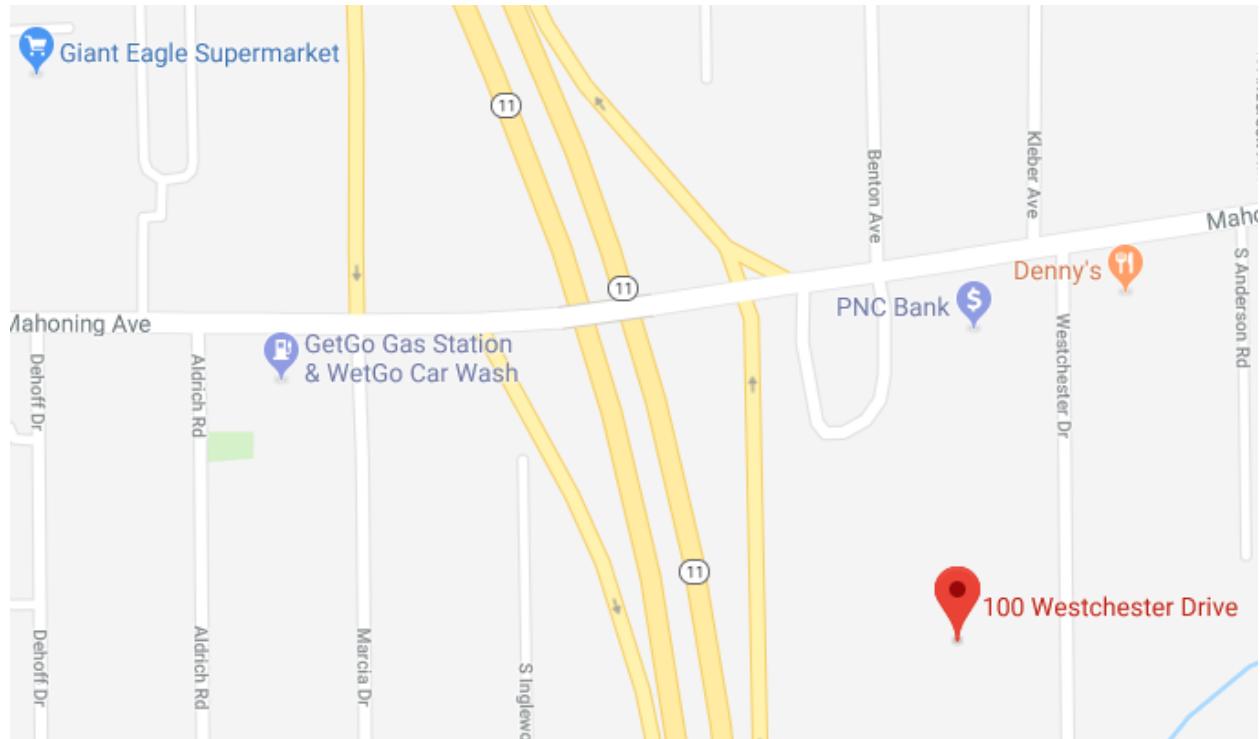
August Meeting Information:

Meeting Date: 8/20/2023,
Monthly Membership Meeting and
Luncheon

[Austintown Senior Center](#)
[100 Westchester Drive](#)
[Suite 110](#)
[Austintown, Ohio 44515](#)

Potluck Lunch at 1 pm
Membership meeting at 2 pm

Guest Speaker: None, preparing items for fair.



Meeting Highlights:

- New members and announcements
- John Grafton discussed how items will be judged at the fair and provided tips for award winning entries.
- Dorothy Discussed why bees are attracted to blue flowers

Buzzing Activities:

- If you cannot get away from your bees, there is a webinar now available: [Webinar](#)
- End Of Summer Classic September 9th at Lorain County Fairgrounds info at <https://www.loraincountybeekeepers.org>
- Rich Center Children with Autism Tomorrow August 3, 1:00 PM Observation hive, games

Announcements

- Lorie Mowad has a signup sheet for working the fair. Signup sheet for items to enter must be turned in by August meeting and all items must be labeled prior to bringing to fair. If entering item in fair, you must work the fair. Will be assigned a color to correspond with items so all items can be rotated and evenly distributed. If there are not enough volunteers, there will not be anyone to discuss the observation hive and will be forced to close early
- Seeking Skep Editor to start January 2024
- **Containers For Fair Items:**
 - Clam Shells \$0.05
 - Comb Label \$0.10
 - Ross Round Label \$0.25
 - Glass Classic Jars \$1.00
(Cannot purchase lid separately)
 - Hard Cut Comb Cases \$2.00

Looking for Swarms 2023	The Receive List
Davis, Steven & Kelly	330-881-0755,
Gabrick, Robert & Chris	330-549-3771, 330-7182935
Jakim, James	916-304-5859,
Marshall, Floyd	330-821-0563,
McKim, Mike, Ashley	330-398-7662, 330-303-3063
McMillan, Bob (Honey Sales)	724-651-6125,
Ocasio & Arroyo, Grimilda & Bobby	330-536-8714, 330-774-2808
Temelkoff, Paul & Sonja	330-759-2804, 330-519-8975

Mentor List 2023	
Chmelik, Bob	330-799-6279, 330-501-8843
Chuey, John	330-549-3527, 330-501-2924
Davis, Steven & Kelly	330-881-0755,
Hood, Richard & Cynthia	330-538-3522, 330-207-6179
Jakim, James	916-304-5859,
Kovach, Donald	330-272-3711,

Happen in the Hive:

August:

- Check for queen cells and brood diseases.
- Add supers for fall flow.
- Requeen if honey flow is on.
- Provide shade and water.

September:

- Provide more supers as needed.
- Check for brood disease.
- Requeen failing colonies.
- Remove excess honey.

Faux Honey Slime Recipe Number 1

Together we have been learning about more ways to share our bee education. Here is another opportunity for us to do so. This also allows sensory engagement while learning about bees.

Ingredients:

1 1/4 cup Water (1 cup hot - 1/4 cup room temp)
1/3 teaspoon borax
5 oz clear glue
1 tube food coloring yellow gel
1 pkg gold glitter extra fine (optional)
1 pkg small bees (optional)
2 small bowls
Something to stir with
Paper towels
Container for storage

***This is for sensory play - it is not edible - not for human consumption.**

Recipe and Picture Directly From: [How to Make Honey Slime - Carolina Honeybees](http://How%20to%20Make%20Honey%20Slime%20-%20Carolina%20Honeybees)



Directions:

1. Add 1 cup of hot water and the borax to a small bowl and stir well.
2. Pour the glue into a small bowl and add 1/4 cup of room temperature water. Stir gently but firmly until well mixed.
3. Add your food coloring to the glue mixture.
*Gel food coloring works well. I use 5 drops of yellow.
Then mix a bit of red and green to make a brown and added only a small bit of that trying to achieve a perfect honey color. Stir well.
4. To this colored glue mixture - extra fine glitter can be added - it really makes the honey slime colors pop.
* Use extra fine glitter to avoid a scratchy feeling and you only need a little. I add 1/2 tsp of gold and 1/2 tsp of dark gold.
5. If you wish to really go for the bee theme - now is the time to add your small plastic bees, bee buttons or gold sequins (etc) to your glue mixture - stir them in.
6. Pour this glue mixture into the bowl with water mixture or borax solution. Let sit for 30 seconds. You will see the mixture start to form a clump or form a glob.
7. After 30 seconds, use your hand to grab the honey slime and put it into an empty bowl. Knead it for a few seconds.
* It may feel sticky as first, if it still feels sticky after a minute of kneading - add a small amount of the borax and water to it.
8. Once it reaches the consistency you like- it is time to put it in a jar with a tight lid. Clean up any drips etc right away.

Honey Slime Recipe Number 2

This honey slime recipe is made with honey. Another sensory engagement. Can be used also in your fair basket. Two fun slime recipes this month, both with different ideas, all related to incorporating learning ideas about the honeybee.



Ingredients:

- ½ cup honey
- 1 cup cornstarch (powdered sugar can also be used but may require more than 1 cup)
- 3 to 5 tablespoons oil (I used vegetable oil)

Myjoyfilledlife.com, says,

"A bonus to our honey slime is it is edible! I didn't think it tasted very good, but you know it's safe for your children to play with if they can eat it too."

Recipe and Picture Directly From: [Honey Slime - So Easy & Just 3 Ingredients! - My Joy-Filled Life \(myjoyfilledlife.com\)](https://myjoyfilledlife.com/honey-slime-3-ingredients/)

Directions:

In a microwave safe container, mix together the cornstarch and honey by pressing with the back of a spoon. Mix as much of the cornstarch into the honey as you can.

Place the mixture into the microwave for 15 to 30 seconds or just until warmed.

To the honey mixture, add 1 tablespoon of oil at a time until it forms a dough.

Turn the dough out onto parchment or waxed paper. Knead (and smooth) oil into the dough until it reaches a stretchy, slime-like consistency.

If the honey slime becomes sticky or stiff while playing, add a little more oil.

Store in an airtight container at room temperature. If refrigerated, the slime will become stiff. Bring to room temperature before playing.

Swarm List (Get) 2023

Name	Service Area	Phone
Hector Colon	Youngstown, Austintown, Canfield	330-782-0512
Bruce, Deafenbaugh	Columbiana, Unity, New Springfield, East Palestine	330-565-5414
Chuck, Laird	Mahoning, Trumbull Counties	330-646-9546
Terry Volad	Mahoning	330-881-8467
Lori, Mowad	Poland , New Middletown, New Springfield	330-770-2937
Paul, Pinto	Canfield	330-233-0923
Donald, Kovach	Youngstown, Canfield, Boardman, Austintown,	330-272-3711
Tina, McCoy	Columbiana/southern Mahoning	330-503-4297
AJ, Rehlinger	50-mile radius from Canfield OH	330-261-8458
David Shoaff	Leetonia, Lisbon, Salem, Columbiana	330-416-0995
Don Duda	Mahoning, Columbiana	330-503-6725
Tom McMonagle	Mahoning, Columbiana	330-787-7562
Larry Miller	Columbiana	330-651-5658
Eddy Erhardt	Columbiana, Springfield, Poland	330-207-7025

2023 Officers

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Nate Williams	2023	330-510-1128
Andrea Deafenbaugh	2023	330-565-5414

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Click on the company name to visit their web site.