



**Beginner Beekeeping Classes -
Please share!**



Summit County Beekeepers Association, Inc. is offering its annual Beginning Beekeeper classes in February. There will be three ZOOM sessions and three in-person sessions.

**\$95 per individual
\$125 per family**

**February 11 - 8:00 AM-12:30 PM
February 18 - 8:00 AM-12:30 PM
February 25 - 8:00 AM-12:30 PM
March 3 - 6:30 PM- 8:30 PM**

Two additional in-person sessions will be offered in April and May (TBA)

**To register, please visit
<https://summitbeekeepers.com>**



Inside the Hive in February

*By Randy Katz,
Summit County Apiary Inspector & Vice President of SCBA*

Let's hope the girls are keeping their internal temperatures in the mid nineties and they have plenty of reserve honey stores to maintain their energy. On the (very) random sunny 45-50+ degree days – you should observe them doing cleansing flights, getting out and relieving themselves and stretching their wings! It's always interesting when there is snow covering the ground, you'll notice yellow spots around the colonies, suppose that is bee-pee. Clever friends always remind me of the same old grandpa joke, "where do bees go to the bathroom?"

Things to do in February...

- Use a small stick and clear the entrance of any dead bees plugging the way out. This will also allow much-needed airflow through the hive.
- Start building frames and extra boxes to supplement your dreams next year. Be prepared for the rapid brood increase and have an extra Nuc or two available.
- Read and learn about queen rearing, swarming, and crafts with wax.
- Purchase a pollen trap, propolis catcher, drone frame, etc...
- Start planning your flower garden with pollinator-friendly seedlings (Tithonia – my favorite)!

Upcoming Events

Tri- County Beekeepers Meeting

" Vibrant Viable Beekeeping"

The 44th Annual Spring Beekeeping Workshop will be held on Friday and Saturday March 3 - 4 in Wooster Ohio. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to learn from renowned experts, attend workshops, and make new beekeeping friends. For more information or to register:

<https://tricitybeekeepers.org/product/2023-spring-workshop/>

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Beekeepers of the Month



Jeanine & Bob Wirebaugh

A picture of a bee on a flower was the catalyst to grab Jeanine Wirebaugh's interest in learning more about the world of beekeeping. That was eight years ago and Jeanine and her husband Bob have not looked back since. "Right now, we have got two hives," she said. "We had a rough season last year and lost five." Undeterred, she has every intention of continuing her hobby. "When I was shown this picture of a bee on a flower, and found out the lady's husband was a beekeeper, we got talking and I got interested in it," said Jeanine. "I was told about a class taking place called Beekeeping For You, which sounded like a perfect way to find out if I would like it, so Bob and I went and a few hours later we left thinking it was exciting and we were ready to try." The couple signed up for classes with the Summit County Beekeepers Association and the rest fell into place. "We love it and have been excited about it ever since. It is a hobby for us, nothing more, we are not trying to grow a business but if I do have excess honey, I will sell it to my neighbors." She said: "Beekeeping has been a fun thing for me and Bob to do together, we really enjoy it. People love it when they find out you are a beekeeper, they always say that it is cool, it is a great conversation starter." The couple live in Tallmadge and have kept their hives in their back garden without any problems. Jeanine said of the Summit County Beekeepers Association: "I love connecting with other beekeepers."

It doesn't matter how long it has been since you last went to a meeting, there is always something to learn from somebody, the knowledge from all the different beekeepers is such a great and positive experience." She said the biggest challenge she and Bob have faced is keeping up with the mites and keeping the hive healthy. "I give them the best I can provide for them."

Recipe of the Month

Baked Honey Chicken Tenders

Golden baked chicken tenders using honey and breadcrumbs for a crispy coating. From Charlotte Anderson at Carolina Honeybees.

Prep Time: 15 mins

Cook Time: 16 mins

Total Time: 31 mins

Yield: 3 servings

Ingredients

1 pound chicken tenders

2 tablespoons mayo

1 tablespoon honey

1/2 cup Italian breadcrumbs (or Panko) (optional)

1/2 cup Parmesan cheese

Directions

Preheat oven to 425 degrees

Mix mayo and honey and toss tenders until coated

Toss coated tenders in breadcrumbs

Place on foil lined baking sheet and sprinkle with parmesan

Bake for 8 minutes, then turn and bake another 8 minutes

Enjoy!

Nutrition Facts

Per serving: calories 399; total fat 16g ; saturated fat 5g ; cholesterol 112mg ; sodium 769mg ; carbohydrates 20g ; dietary fiber 1g ; total sugars 7g ; protein 41g ; vitamin c 2mg ; calcium 242mg ; iron 2mg ; potassium 626mg.

Have a favorite honey or other bee product recipe you'd like to share? Send it to newsletter@summitbeekeepers.com