



Bee Buzz

NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2021

Upcoming St Clair Beekeepers Virtual Meeting

Our next club membership meeting will be held on Sunday, January 31, 2021 at 7 p.m. At this time we are planning on holding the meeting online via ZOOM . You may join this meeting from your smart phone, tablet or computer. We will send an email with a link to join the meeting around January 25th so be watching for it. The topic of the meeting has not been determined.

INTRODUCTION TO BEEKEEPING

One Day Virtual Class

February 20, 2021 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

This class is a comprehensive introduction to the fascinating and complex life of the honey bee colony and the fundamentals of managing a hive of bees as a beekeeper. The topics covered include: Bee Biology and Colony Behavior, Equipment You Will Need, Your First Hive– Acquiring Bees and Setting up Hive, I Opening and Inspecting Your Hive, Pest Management and the Beekeeping Year: Seasonal Management Activities. Your enrollment includes textbook and other related resources. More Information and a registration form are available on the website.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR NEEDED

The club is still in need of a Program Director. In order to have educational meetings we need a Program Director to arrange the speakers and topics. The position is a three year term and entails the following duties:

- ◆ Develop a committee of interested members
- ◆ Set up an annual plan of programs with the committee for club meetings which will serve to educate our membership
- ◆ Serve as the contact for outside speakers
- ◆ Provide membership with information about the program for monthly meetings

If you are interested in filling this position please contact President Julie McKinney.

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Things haven't
changed much....



Beekeeping 100 years ago....

This is from a book published in 1919 called the How To Do Things –The Farm Journal in Philadelphia

Preparing Bees for Winter

Merits of Outdoor and Indoor Wintering

For many years I have been an ardent advocate of wintering bees out-of-doors, right on their summer stands, for at best it is troublesome business to have to cart the hives into a cellar each fall, and cart them out again in the spring.

Where bees can be kept successfully during the honey season, they can likewise be wintered outdoors successfully if proper protection be given each hive.

When wintered outdoors the bees have a decided advantage over those wintered indoors, in that they may take occasional cleansing flights on warm days, and by thus voiding their feces and emptying their bowels, are not so prone to dysentery as bees are compelled to retain their feces until they are set outdoors in the spring.

Outdoor Overwintering Best

One of the most successful beekeepers of Canada, who for many years stored his bees in an up-to-date and expensive concrete repository has recently become an advocate of outdoor wintering and in hives properly protected, has been a successful under the new method as under the old and feels that it has been a decided savings of work. Another advantage lies in the fact that it simplifies the matter of taking care of the out yards, and does not compel the carting of bees from the yard may miles to the home cellar.

In the Northern States it would be suicidal to leave the bees out-of-doors in single-walled hives. Where they are to be left outdoors for the winter, they should be in double walled chaff hives with the hive entrance considerably contracted.

Club Librarian Position Filled

A BIG THANK YOU goes out to Katelyn Eichorst. Katelyn has volunteered to fill the position of Club Librarian, As the club librarian, Katelyn is responsible for bringing the small library of books, magazines, and other resources the club has to the meeting and keeping track of who has checked out the material. The next time we can meet in person, check out the materials we have and introduce yourself to Katelyn.

Getting to know the President

Club President

Julie McKinney is starting her 12th year of beekeeping with 16 hives. Her 40+ year hairdressing career was cut short by arthritis and surgeries. Robbed of the opportunity to continue to serve her clients, helping them in their daily lives, she picked up the Cape of Beekeeping.

Julie relishes mentoring new beekeepers and growing the love of beekeeping throughout the community as she truly believes Saving the Bees is saving the world. In her 2nd year as President of SCBA, Julie looks forward using her passion and gregarious personality to further grow the Club. Julie believes in the democratic order the Club structure brings to our diverse gathering of members. Her unwavering passion to unite knowledge and to have every voice heard gives both new and veteran members certain knowledge they are equality welcome at SCBA.

As Conservator and Beekeeper at the Old 6 Mile Museum in Granite City, Julie continues serving the greater community as not only the Keeper of Bees, but as the keeper of history and provider of community event space. In addition to hosting Bee yard Club meetings, Julie also plans and produces annual vendor fairs, community yard sales and unique events at the museum & garden. Julie is here to help and serve —every day but Tuesday — that's #MommyDaughterDay .



A Little Bee Humor

Q: Who is the bees favorite singer?

A: Sting!

Q: Who is the bees favorite pop group?

A: The bee gees!

Q: What is a bee's favorite part of a relationship?

A: The Honeymoon period.

Q: What did the sushi say to the bee?

A: Wassabee!

source: <http://jokes4us.com/animaljokes/>





St. Clair Beekeepers Association

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**Promoting interest in bees and
beekeeping in Southern Illinois.**

The purpose and function of the St. Clair Beekeepers Association is the promotion of interest in bees and beekeeping by such means as encouraging...

- Good beekeeping practices
- The utilization of bees for pollination of agricultural crops
- The dissemination of information about bees and beekeeping

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