



The Buzz

March 2013

Newsletter for the Cook DuPage Beekeepers Association
An Affiliate of Illinois State Beekeepers Association

Monthly Meeting

The Cook DuPage Beekeepers will hold their monthly meeting on the evening of March 23 at Christ Lutheran Church of Clarendon Hills, located on the northwest corner of Rt. 83 and 55th Street. The doors open at 6:30 pm and the meeting starts at 7 pm. Please come early and chat with fellow beekeeping friends.

The program for the evening:

- Treasurer's report - Dan Rubino
- Membership Report - Dan Rubino
- Bookstore Report - Patrice Beal
- 2lb bee package raffle – tickets will be sold and winner drawn at the meeting.

Guest speaker Susan Schmitz, CDBA member and Trials and Education Manager from the Ball Seed Company, will provide you with ideas on some things you can do and favorite plants to use at home in your garden and landscape.

There will also be a package installation demo during the break for new beekeepers.

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CDBA Magazine Discount Rates

Members of CDBA can get the American Bee Journal and Bee Culture at special Association discount rates but there is a procedure for this. Make a check out to "American Bee Journal" or "Bee Culture" for the discount amount and send to membership secretary Dan Rubino (or bring them to the meeting). The magazine check is separate from your dues check. Dan Rubino will group them together each month and send them in with the special Association discount coupon issued by the magazines. Please do not mutilate your membership form by cutting off the bottom as they are kept on file in a 3-ring notebook. Reduced rates for the magazines are published on the membership form located at: http://cookdupagebeekeepers.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/CDBA-membership-form-2013_rev-E.pdf



Advanced Beekeeping Class

The Cook DuPage Beekeepers Association and Cook County Farm Bureau continue to work together to bring you an advanced beekeeping class. Topics will include queen rearing, and reading brood patterns to determine hive health among other topics.

Course Dates: Class begins Tuesday, April 9, 2013 for two consecutive Tuesdays (April 9 & 16)

Time: 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Registration: Call Debbie at 708-354-3276 or email membershipdebbie@cookcfb.org

Cost: \$40 (Must be a member of Cook County Farm Bureau or Cook DuPage Beekeepers Association Members and have kept a hive for at least one season.)

Location:

Cook County Farm Bureau Meeting Room
6438 Joliet Road
Countryside, IL 60525

Check out the CDBA website for other area classes.

<http://cookdupagebeekeepers.com/news-and-events/schools-and-seminars>

Member Profile: Jim Lindau

How long have you been keeping bees?

I started keeping bees in 1981 in Alaska.

How did you get started in beekeeping?

I was interested in getting some honey so I took a class at the Junior College in Anchorage, Alaska. I started with two packages of bees.

How many hives do you maintain...how many bee yards?

I currently have 40 colonies. They are spread out over 4 locations. They are divided evenly between russians, italians and carniolians.

What type of equipment are you running (10 frame vs 8 frame, top bar, all mediums, etc)?

I use standard 10 frame Langstroth hives but only use 9 frames. Most of my hive bodies have follower boards on the outside which helps to insulate the brood nest and keeps the bees from making burr comb. It is also easier and more efficient to work the hive with only 9 frames. I use nucs quite a bit and also make some cut comb honey.

Is beekeeping a hobby for you or do you keep bees commercially....or somewhere in between?

I am currently trying to build up the number of hives to around 100. My goal is to create over-wintered nucs for sale locally. I know it will take some time to develop the good genetic stock to do that, but that is my goal. I have started a beekeeping equipment manufacturing and supply company called BuzzWorthy BeeWorks.

(<http://www.buzzworthybeeworks.com>) We sell both 10 and 8 frame equipment, assembled or unassembled. I taught a beginning beekeeping class at Joliet Junior College this spring too. I have been active in the Will County Beekeepers and currently their vice President. I am also a member of the Cook Dupage Beekeepers and volunteered at the Morton Arboretum last summer. All things considered, I guess beekeeping is much more than a hobby for me.

What do you like most about beekeeping?

I enjoy meeting the people at the meetings and classes. They tend to be interested in environmental issues and genuinely nice people as a rule. I also like the way learning about honey bees takes you down so many varied and interesting paths.



Welcome Our New Members

The Cook Dupage Beekeepers Association would like to welcome its newest members. Welcome aboard!

John Adamowski
William Brancato
Carla Carpenter
Sean Mitchell
Robin DeLapena
Dani Nichols
Raymond Gallup
Keith Golz
Ivan Hrdjun

Alojz Jurcik
Suzanne Kraus
Arthur Main
Don Montgomery
Jacob Nikolas
Diane Carothers
Hardy Steinmeyer
Victoria Svazas
Theo Watanabe

Membership Renewal

Don't forget to renew your membership for 2013 at the March meeting if you haven't done so already. New members are welcome too. See the website for more information.

<http://cookdupagebeekeepers.com/about-us/how-to-join/>

Illinois State Beekeepers Association Annual Summer Meeting

The Illinois State Beekeepers Association will hold their Summer Meeting on Saturday, June 29, 2013 at the Gurnee Holiday Inn Convention Center, Gurnee, Illinois. The meeting will be co-hosted by the Lake County Beekeepers Association. All attendees must register by June 20, 2013; we will not be able to accommodate any walk-in registrations. Dr. Larry Connor will be the keynote speaker for the meeting.

The meeting starts at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 4:30 p.m. Lunch is included in the registration fee. The registration form is available on the Illinois State Beekeepers Association website: www.ilsba.com

Gurnee Holiday Inn Convention Center
6131 West Grand Avenue
Gurnee, Illinois 60031



Swarm and Cutout List Renewal

The Cook Dupage Beekeepers Association Swarm list needs to be renewed for the 2013 beekeeping season. If you would like to be on the swarm removal list for 2013, please click on the link to complete the swarm list volunteer form.

<http://cookdupagebeekeepers.com/contact-us/swarm-capture-volunteer/>

The club will be selling individual Brood Builder with Honey-B-Healthy pollen patties at the March meeting. Beekeepers with only a few hives can purchase individual patties instead of having to buy more than they need from a supplier.



<u>CDBA Executive Board:</u>	
President Dan Parizek	Director (2015) Matt Schmitz
Vice President John Hansen	Director (2014) Marge Trocki
Treasurer Dan Rubino	Director (2013) Tony Gedritis
Secretary Marilyn Ellison	
<u>Committee Chairs:</u>	
Membership Dan Rubino	Historian Maureen Kilmer
Education Patrice Beal	Hostess Sharon Tworek
Webmaster Joe Slowinski	Sergeant at Arms Ed Borsuk
Newsletter Editor Joe Slowinski	

Chores of the Month

March is time for the beekeeper to kick it into high gear. The new beekeeping season is almost upon us and you want to be ahead of the wave.

In our area it's time to:

Finish repairing and assembling the equipment you will need for your bees. Be sure you have enough bottom boards, hive bodies, inner covers, frames and telescoping outer covers. The hive bodies and supers may be painted to protect them from the elements, or camouflage them into the background.

Identify where you are going to put your hives. Exposure to the south or east establishes a good location for the hive, especially if it is protected from the north and west winds.

If you are placing hives in a new location, check the local ordinances to be sure that bees are allowed in your location.

On a warm sunny day, do a quick hive inspection to determine the status of the hive. Feed if necessary and if the queen has laid a lot of eggs in the upper brood chamber, reverse the chambers to provide more room for brood so you get a good build up.

Check the hives for lost colonies. Identify the reason and prepare the hive for a new colony.

If feeding is necessary, continue with a candy board or granulated sugar, be prepared to switch over to a 1 – 1 sugar water solution. If you are in doubt on if the bees should be fed, do it. Late winter and early spring are still dangerous time for starvation to occur.

Feed the bees some protein, place a pollen patty into the hive to help build up the colony. There are thoughts that pollen patty can help improve the health of the bees.

If you have determined you will treat your bees for foulbrood and nosema, now is a good time to do so. Follow the directions for using Terramycin or Fumagillin.

As the weather warms, remove the winter wrappings if you applied them last year.

New in the Bookstore This Month:

Top-Bar Beekeeping: Organic Practices for Honeybee Health

by Les Crowder and Heather Harrell

The Practical Beekeeper: Beekeeping Naturally Volumes I - III

by Michael Bush

Much of our old stock will be placed on sale in order to make room for new books. Be sure to take advantage of the bargain prices for these "oldies but goodies".

Survey Says....

At the final meeting of 2012, CDBA members completed a survey indicating the categories of books they would like to see in the bookstore. 98% indicated Bee Health and Treatment as the number 1 preferred topic. Books with Technical Beekeeping expertise and books on Organic beekeeping were preferred by 60% of those surveyed.

98% wanted to continue the lending library service and 98% approved of charging a late fee to encourage timely return of materials. (Note: Those who bring back materials on time get to enter their names in a drawing. The late fee money would purchase a prize for that drawing. The more times you use the library and return materials on time, the more tickets you put in the hat!)

The Education chairperson is working on a system to track returns efficiently and, with the Board's approval, will introduce it at the April meeting.



2013 Illinois State Fair Honey Competition

We are making preparations for the 2013 Illinois State Fair Honey competition. The different categories are listed below. The event takes place August 8-18 in Springfield. If you would like to help fill one of the categories for the CDBA or if you would like to help in any other way with the fair, please contact Terry Breen via email: puma1cat@aol.com

Honey Competition Rules

<http://cookdupagebeekeepers.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/05/State-Fair-Honey-Competition-Info.pdf>

- 14694 Display of white comb honey, not less than 12 sections
- 14695 Frame of honey for extracting, either full depth or shallow frame may be shown
- 14696 Frame of white honey for cut-comb or for packing in glass, shallow frame preferred
- 14697 Frame of amber honey for cut-comb or for packing in glass, shallow frame preferred
- 14698 Display of amber cut-comb in plastic one- pound boxes, 6 boxes
- 14699 Display of white cut-comb in plastic one - pound boxes, 6 boxes
- 14700 White comb honey in round section (3 sections)
- 14701 Display of light extracted honey, not less than 50 lbs., strained without pressure filter
- 14702 Amber comb honey in round sections – 3 sections
- 14703 Display of amber extracted honey, 30 pounds, strained without pressure filter
- 14704 Display of dark extracted honey (6 one- pound jars)
- 14705 Display of a variety of Illinois honey in various size containers, 30 pounds
- 14706 Display of designs in comb honey and comb building by the bees under the control of the apiarist
- 14707 Light or amber chunk honey in glass jars, not less than 3 jars (2 1/2 lb. square jars)
- 14708 Light chunk honey in glass or plastic jars, not less than 3 jars (1 lb. round or plastic jars)
- 14709 Amber chunk honey in glass jars, not less than 3 jars (1 lb. round or plastic jars)
- 14710 Display of beeswax molded in commercial shapes (not less than 15 lbs.)
- 14711 Art designs in beeswax, not less than 10 pounds
- 14712 Color photography - 8" x 10" original color apiculture photography, framed
- 14713 Finely crystallized (or creamed) honey in 1 lb. glass or clear plastic container, not less than 3 containers
- 14714 Honey gift pack - may be box, basket or other suitable container of apiary products, contents to be 5 lbs. or less
- 14715 Best Display Booth

14716 Sweepstakes

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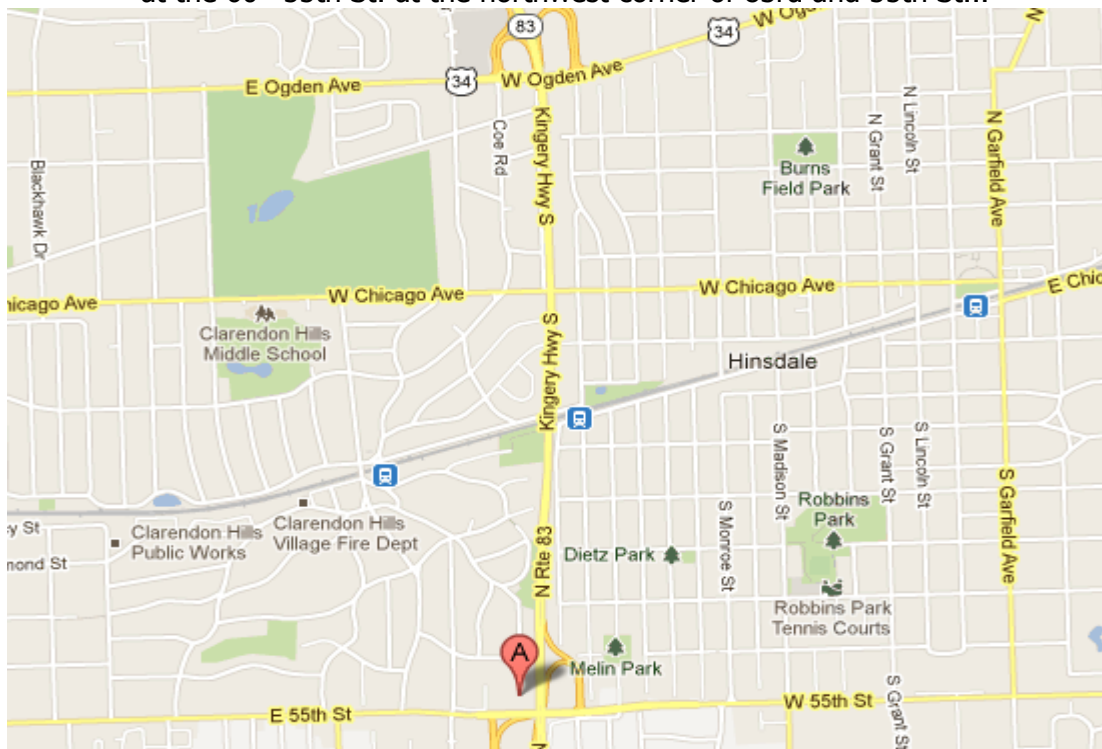
Next meeting Mar. 23, 2013

First Class Mail

CDBA Monthly Meeting Sat. Feb. 16, 2013

Christ Lutheran Church of Clarendon Hills

at the 60 –55th St. at the northwest corner of 83rd and 55th St...



[Link to map on Google Maps](#)

