



The Buzz

May 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 May 18 20th 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. Don't forget to bring an appetizer or dessert to share with everyone.

Guest speaker, Orazio Difruscolo from Country Financial will discuss liability insurance recommendations for beekeepers selling honey and participating in other beekeeping activities.

Meeting format will change slightly. Meeting will officially start at 7pm with refreshments. At 7:30 the formal agenda will begin with no break until the end of the meeting.

Volunteers Needed

We are still looking for volunteers to help out with a few events in 2013. If you would like to become more involved with the Cook Dupage Beekeepers please join the people planning our club's involvement with the following events:

- Dupage County Fair
- Illinois State Fair (more below)
- CDBA Fall Banquet

**Volunteer a little, or
volunteer a lot!**



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Swarm and Cutout List Renewal

The Cook Dupage Beekeepers' Association Swarm list has been 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/>



Like Us On facebook

The Cook Dupage Beekeepers' Association facebook page has been very active the past few months. Come check out what the CDBA members are talking about. Click [here](#) to take a look. Don't forget to 'like' our page when you visit.



From The Kitchen



No-Bake Energy Bites

- 1 cup (dry) oatmeal (old-fashioned oats)
- 2/3 cup toasted coconut flakes
- 1/2 cup peanut butter
- 1/2 cup ground flaxseed or wheat germ
- 1/2 cup chocolate chips
- 1/3 cup honey
- 1 tbsp. chia seeds (optional)
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract

Stir all ingredients together in a medium bowl until thoroughly mixed. Let chill in the refrigerator for half an hour. Once chilled, roll into balls of whatever sizes you would like (about 1" diameter is a good size). Store in an airtight container and keep refrigerated for up to 1 week. Prep time: 10 mins Makes about 20 – 25 balls.

CDBA Executive Board:

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Chores of the Month

May begins with one of the most important holiday to the bees, May Day! A chance to celebrate the workers of the world. After the traditional May Day parade, it is time for the worker bees to get busy. This is the beginning of the major nectar and pollen time in our area.

In our area it's time to:

- Make sure your bees have enough room and are kept busy. For a new hive, monitor how much comb has been drawn out in the hive bodies and add another body as they "run out of room". If necessary, move some of the undrawn frames in a space or two to allow the bees to draw comb there. Be careful though that you do not compromise the brood pattern. It may also be the time to reverse the hive bodies if you haven't done this already.
- For an older hive, it may be time to review the frames and see if you can swap out some older pollen filled frames for new ones. This gives the bees an opportunity to be busy as well as increase some of the space in the hive and improve circulation.
- Be prepared to "super up". If medicating remember that FOUR (4) weeks need to pass from the last medication treatment until the super can be added to the hive. For new beekeepers, think of adding the super once 8 frames have been drawn out in the last hive body of the core hive area (the yearly living space for your bees).
- Review the strength of your hive. By mid May it will be time to remove the entrance reducer and allow the bees to have free access in and out, they are going to be busy and you don't want to slow down the movement of honey and pollen in and out of the hive.
- Monitor the hive for queen cups and cells. It's especially important to watch for Swarm Cells. These cells usually are found at the bottom of the frame and are an indication that the hive may be too crowded and ready to swarm.
- If feeding your hive, keep an eye on the volume, we are approaching a time when the natural nectar will take over and the need for feed drops to nothing. Remove the feeder if they are not taking any nourishment.

May Book Report

By: Patrice Beal

“Honey - Nature’s Golden Healer”

The book is superbly written by British Beekeeper Gloria Havenhand. She combines a passion for health and bees, a strong writing voice, a good sense of humor (the book is dedicated to “My husband Donald and son Giles, for their never-ending and in-depth criticism. They are both excellent beekeepers. They think I am mad”) with a sound understanding of, and commitment to, scientific objectivity.

Gloria’s first career was teaching and lecturing in biological sciences. Her work for the Ministry of Agriculture and large health care companies compelled her to rethink our modern pill-popping culture. She now looks after “millions of bees” and runs Medibee, a bee product company from Derbyshire.

We have 3 copies in stock (won’t last long!) Retail Price is \$19.95 but only \$12.00 for CDBA Members.



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

Bookstore Reminder

Be sure and browse ALL the new books (and old) at the May meeting. There is a rich pool of information and enjoyment waiting for our members at a good price. And you don’t have to wait for (or pay for) shipping!

BRING BACK BORROWED A-V MEDIA TO THE MAY MEETING AND RECEIVE A RAFFLE TICKET FOR EACH ITEM YOU RETURN. A LATE FEE OF \$2.00 WILL BE CHARGED FOR EACH ITEM NOT RETURNED ON TIME.

Summer Beekeeping Events

Beekeeping Institute June 17 – 21

Come and participate in a week long beekeeping session on beekeeping at LONG LANE HONEY BEE FARMS, located between Champaign and Danville, IL Off I-74, taught by Certified Master Beekeeper David Burns (www.honeybeesonline.com) with special guest Alex Wild, Illinois biologist who studies and photographs insects (www.alexanderwild.com).

Mon., June 17 – Beginning Beekeeping

Tues., June 18 – Practical Beekeeping

Wed., June 19 – Advanced Beekeeping

Thurs., June 20 – Queen Rearing Course

Fri., June 21 – Insect Photography

Students can take the entire course or choose any individual course offering. There is a fee. For more information and to Register go online at: www.honeybeesonline.com.

June 29, ISBA Summer Meeting, Gurnee, IL

Speakers will include:

Steve Chard - Supervisor - Illinois Department of Agriculture

Dr. Larry Connor

Dr. Dewey Caron

Phil Craft - Retired Kentucky Department of Agriculture's State Apiarist

Beekeeping Camp for Kids – July 22 - 26

Kids, plan on attending the week-long Junior Beekeeping Summer Camp at Lyman Woods in Downers Grove. This camp is for 9-12 year olds, July 22-26; from 9-12 pm. Campers will be the first to utilize the new 5 colony bee yard. Full protective gear will be provided for each camper who will have opportunity to experience beekeeping first hand. They will also build a solar wax melter, learn how to make beeswax candles, and even harvesting honey from the hives. Space is limited. To sign up go to www.dgparks.org or call the Lyman Woods Interpretive Center at 630-963-9388 for more information.

Save the Dates For More Summer Events

- July 11 - 13 Heartland Apicultural Society Conference, Tennessee Tech University, Cookeville, TN
- July 20, Honey Harvest demo, Christ Lutheran Church, Clarendon Hills, IL.
- July 24 – 28, DuPage County Fair, Wheaton, IL.
- August 8 – 18, Illinois State Fair, Springfield, IL.
- September 7 – 8, Morton Arboretum Honeybee weekend, Lisle, IL.

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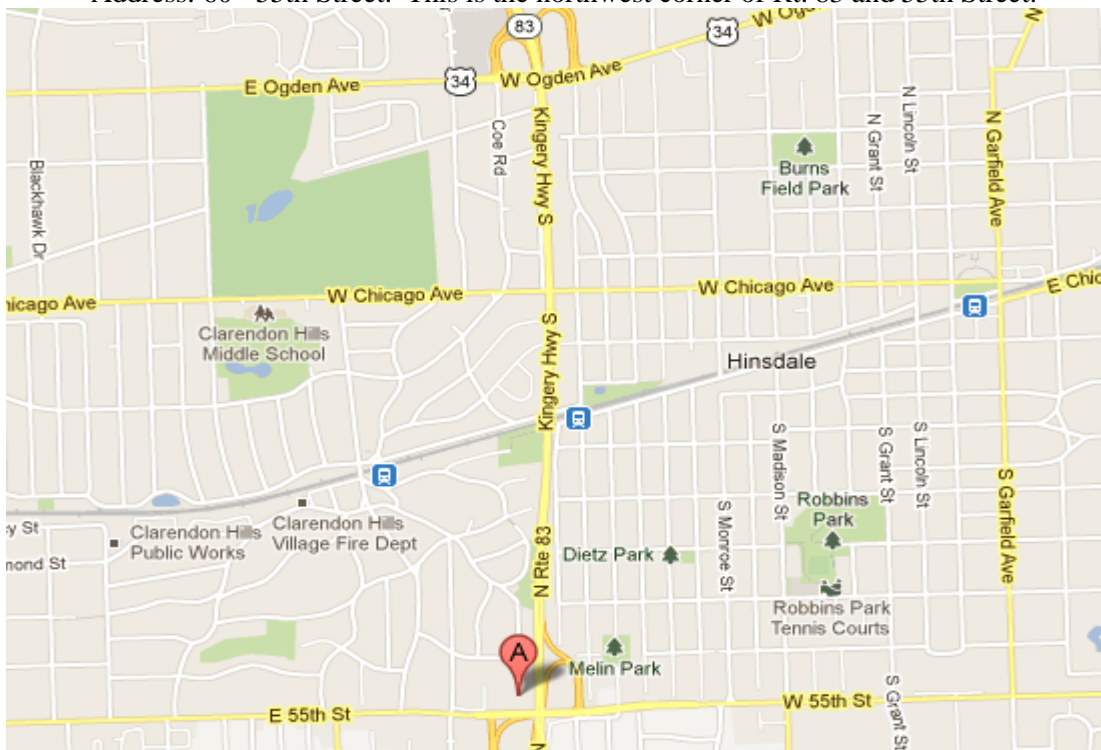
Next meeting May 18, 2013

First Class Mail

CDBA Monthly Meeting Sat. Feb. 16, 2013

Christ Lutheran Church of Clarendon Hills

Address: 60 - 55th Street. This is the northwest corner of Rt. 83 and 55th Street.



[Link to map on Google Maps](#)