



The Buzz

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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 April 12 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. Bring a snack to share if you want.

The program for the evening:

- Treasurer's report - Dan Rubino
- Membership Report - Dan Rubino
- Bookstore Report: Omar Kamara
- Chores of the Month

Swarms!!!!

As swarm season quickly approaches, get your swarm traps, lures and cutout equipment ready to go. Pete Soltész will talk about swarming and even show some of the equipment he uses to perform a cutout after a swarm has taken up residence where it may not be so welcome.

Welcome Our New Members

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

Mel Tracy	Carroll Shannon
Laura Tracy	Barry Zelinski
Vilma Bell	Debbie Zelinski
Vladimir Uspenskig	Sue Zielinski
Ed Bell	Thad Smith
Kim Kulton	John Glennon
Steve Landes	Dauma Glennon
Blake Robinson	

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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/2013/09/CDBA-membership-form-2014_rev-A.pdf

Membership Renewal

Don't forget to renew your membership for 2014 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/>

Swarm Removers and Cutout List

Through our club website, the Cook Dupage Beekeepers Association offers a convenient way for residents of local towns to contact a beekeeper when the need arises to remove and relocate honeybees that are currently swarming or have moved into a house, garage, tree or some other unwelcomed location. For beekeepers, it's a way to obtain free bees. If you would like to be on the list beekeepers available to remove swarms and/or cutout existing hives, please click on the link to complete the swarm list volunteer form.

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

Technical Difficulties Experienced!



There were some technical difficulties with the swarm list volunteer form which have been fixed. If you have sent information through the website in an attempt to be placed on the swarm removers list, but you do not see yourself when

searching one of your zip codes, please resubmit your information and you will be added. Sorry for any inconvenience. Click [here](#) to go directly to the page and search to see if your information is on the site.

Chores of the Month

HAPPY NEW BEEKEEPING YEAR!!!!

April is typically the month that new hives starts in our Area. The first package bees are delivered and installed and the buzz of bee's wings fill the air. In our area it's time to:

- Finish the assembly and preparation of your hives, hive stands and other parts.
- For new beekeepers, download the forms to register your bees with the Illinois Department of Agriculture ([click here](#)).
- Mix up some bee food. Springtime is the "light" syrup time where 1 part sugar is mixed with 1 part water (a 5 lb bag of sugar to 2.5 quarts of water). Heat the mixture until it is clear. Cool and store until needed.
- Monitor the pollen patty, if necessary you may need to add another.
- Inspect your existing hives for strength and any diseases or mites.

- Review your in hive frames to see if you should remove any that are damaged, or have an excess amount of pollen. You may even want to replace a few frames of drawn comb to provide more room and ventilation for your overwintered bees.
- Check to see if the brood boxes should be flipped to put the empty bottom box on the top and allow the bees to move up. The more space the bees think they have the less likely they are to swarm.
- Review the procedure for installing your bees and prepare to install any packages you receive.
- If you have ordered a package of bees by mail, be sure to let your post office know so they won't be surprised.
- If treating with chemical, be sure to complete your treatments 4 weeks before the first serious nectar flow begins. DO NOT add supers before the 4 weeks have passed.

From the Bookstore

Below is a list of titles of books that are sold out from the bookstore and some recommended books that could be ordered if members show sufficient interest in them. Please stop by the bookstore at the meeting if you have interest in them.

Recommended Titles

1. Honey and Oil
2. Top-Bar Hive Beekeeping: Wisdom and Pleasure Combined by Wyatt A. Magnum
3. Honey Bee Biology and Beekeeping

Sold-out Titles that could be replaced

4. BEECONOMY: What women and bees can teach us about local trade and global market by Horn
5. Beekeeping Basics (Penn State)
6. Complete Idiots Guide to Beekeeping by Dean Stiglitz
7. Honey: Natures Golden Healer by Havenhand
8. Honey Trail by Grace Pundyk
9. Queen Rearing Essentials by Dr. Connor
10. The Beekeeper's Bible: Bees, Honey, Recipes & Other Home Uses by Jones
11. The Practical Beekeeper by Michael Bush
12. The Thinking Beekeeper: A Guide to natural ... by Christy
11. Top Bar Beekeeping by Crowder & Harrel
12. World without Bees by Allison Benjamin
13. Swarm Traps and Bait Hives by McCarthy Taylor

Beyond Beginning Beekeeping

The Cook County Farm Bureau and the Cook Dupage Beekeepers are conducting a round table discussion for those with some practical experience in beekeeping.

CDBA Beekeeper Jim Lindau will open the round table discussion with a short presentation on "How to be Successful at Beekeeping". This will cover the daily issues beekeepers face, and ways to deal with current challenges in beekeeping. The remainder of the class will be an open roundtable discussion with a panel of seasoned beekeepers to provide input, answer questions, and share their experiences with the class. One night Class on May 1st. Check out the [CDBA website](#) for registration information.



Don't forget to check out the [classified ads on the CDBA website](#). Some of our local members are selling

woodenware and beekeeping accessories. Don't forget to buy local and support your fellow Cook Dupage Beekeeping Association Members!

If you are a member and wish to list items on the classified page, use the [Contact Us](#) page to send your information.

Mark Your Calendars



Beyond Beginning Beekeeping: May 1st (One night class)

Monthly Mentoring Meetup : May 4th, 8:00am Hinsdale McDonalds

Cook Dupage May Meeting: May 17th Christ Lutheran Church

2014 Heartland Apicultural Society (HAS) Conference: July 10 – July 12

Cook Dupage Honey Extraction Demo: July 19th at Christ Lutheran Church. 11am – 2pm

CDBA Executive Board

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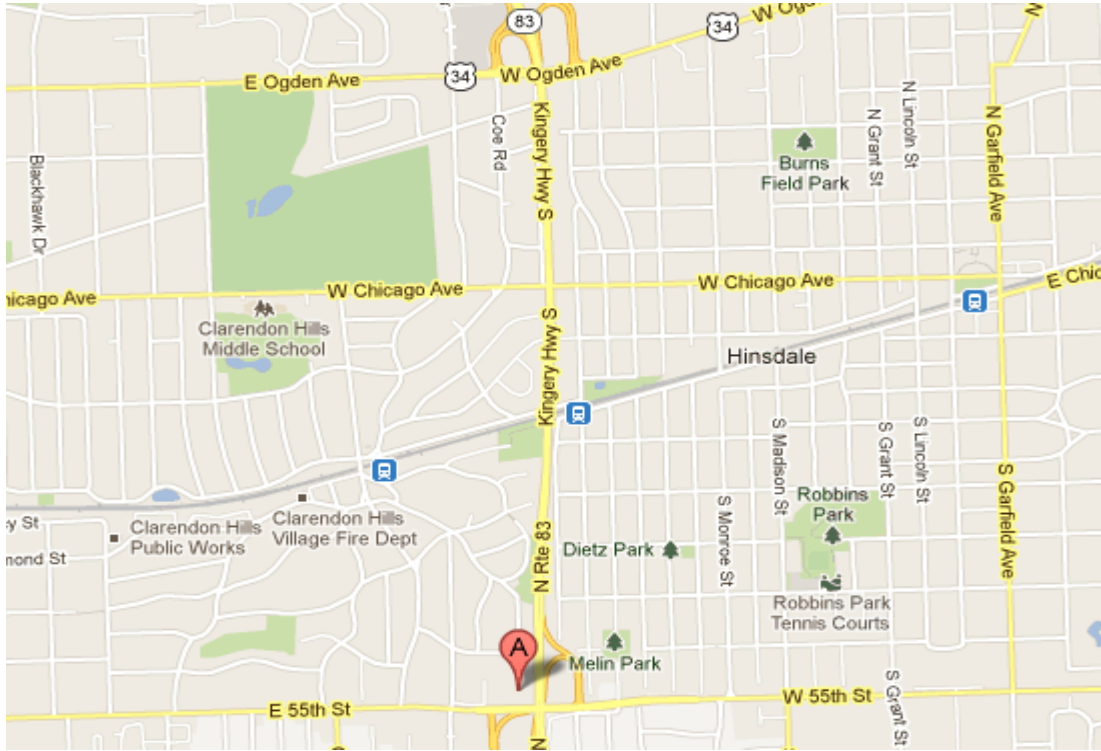
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CDBA Monthly Meeting Sat. April 12, 2014

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](#)