



The Buzz

May 2014

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 17 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
- Chores of the Month
- Honey Competition Preparation

Guest speaker and Cook Dupage Beekeepers Association member Chris Saad will share his knowledge as it pertains to preparing honey for the various categories judged at the Illinois State Fair honey competition.

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to help out with a few events in 2014. 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
- CDBA Fall Banquet

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



Click to volunteer:

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

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The Illinois State Fair will be held from August 7th through August 17th. Pack up your families and head to Springfield to enjoy the festivities. While you are at it, bring some honey and enter the honey competition and meet some beekeepers from around the state. Visit the state fair site for more information.

<http://www.agr.state.il.us/isf/>



The Dupage County Fair will be held July 23 through July 27. Bring the family and visit the Cook Dupage

Beekeepers Association booth. Try some honey spun cotton candy. Check out the Dupage County Fair website for more information and the schedule of events.

<http://www.dupagecountyfair.org/>

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.



Junior Beekeepers Camp

Smoke out a real adventure at the Downers Grove Park District! Suit up and join their beekeeper to investigate firsthand the inner workings of a beehive. Learn all about hives and colonies while you build a hive and inspect real frames of bees. You'll even harvest honey from the hives, and take home your own jar of honey! If you attended last year's camp, sign up again- we will be working on all new activities!

Click [here](#) and search for activity 184054 for more information.

The Cook Dupage Beekeepers Association is again awarding a limited number of scholarships to young people wishing to attend the Junior Beekeeping Camp. Please follow this [link](#) to the on-line application. All entries need to be submitted by June 1st. The Cook Dupage Beekeepers Association Board of Directors will select the winning applicants.



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.

Hanover Park Community Apiary

Looking for a place to keep your bees? The Hanover Park Community Apiary is accepting applications for beekeeper permits. The Community Apiary is located at 2500 Army Trail Road and if anyone is interested in becoming a beekeeper, and keeping a hive at the Village apiary, please contact the Village's Environmental Committee at 630-823-5706 or complete the form at this link: http://www.hpil.org/docs/BeekeeperPermitApplication_2014.aspx

Mark Your Calendars



June 1: Monthly Mentoring Meetup, 8:00am Hinsdale McDonalds

Cook Dupage Picnic Meeting: Date and Location TBD

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

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

July 23 – 27: Dupage County Fair

August 7 -17: Illinois State Fair

September 20 – 21: Morton Arboretum Honey Days

CDBA Executive Board

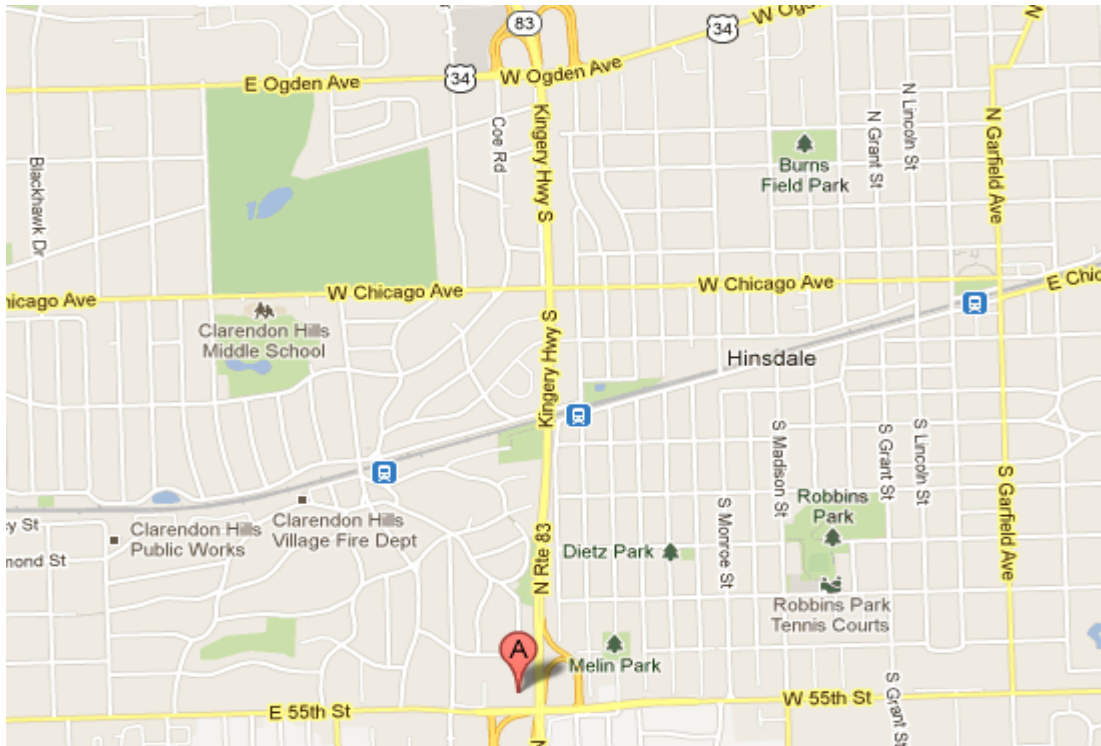
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at the 60 –55th St. at the northwest corner of 83rd and 55th St...



[Link to map on Google Maps](#)

