



# The Buzz

July 2016

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

## July Meeting Update

The Cook DuPage Beekeepers Association will hold the next scheduled meeting on **Saturday, July 16, 2016** at Christ Lutheran Church of Clarendon Hills, located on the northwest corner of Rte. 83 and 55th Street. Doors open at 6:30pm and the meeting begins at 7:00pm. Please consider bringing a snack or beverage to share.

Our speaker for July is Dr. Gil Stein, Director of the Oriental Institute and Professor of Near Eastern Archaeology, University of Chicago. Dr. Stein's presentation topic is: Sweet History: Honey, Bees, and Beekeeping in the Ancient World. Dr. Stein provided these pictures of bee hieroglyphs and a Greek coin:



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## Have Honey to Sell?

Place your listing on the CDDBA website for your products! Signing up will get your information on the CDDBA website and allow interested customers to contact you for the purchase of hive products. The information supplied will be presented through an interactive Google map.

<http://www.cookdupagebeekeepers.com/2016-honey-supplier/>



# Chores of the Month

The nectar flow is in full swing and prudent beekeepers are watching their hives to make sure there is room for brood and storage. It's also a time when the bees like to spread their wings and look to divide the colony by swarming. In our area it's time to:

- SUPER UP – keep an eye on the hive to make sure the bees have room to store the honey and pollen. The super can fill quickly so a weekly review is suggested to make sure you are ahead of the colony.
- Trim the grass/weeds around your hive. Keeping the vegetation low around the hives give your bees a clear flight path to the hive, and makes finding a dropped hive tool and other beekeeping paraphernalia easy to spot. It also helps keep the air flow open around the hive and doesn't block the circulation for those keepers who are using a ventilated bottom board.
- Watch for warm weather. Your bees do their darnedest to keep the hive at the right temperature, help them out by making sure that the hive has the opportunity to get plenty of air.
- Keep an eye out for swarm cells and take appropriate action if you see the cells begin.
- Review the various pests and diseases that can infect and affect your hive and be on the lookout for the warning signs.



## Honeybee Health: Sweet Insights

Here's the buzz: Wisconsin farmers depend on bees for many crops to be productive. A first-ever survey on honeybee colony health by the U.S. Department of Agriculture provides insight into losses of managed bee colonies in Wisconsin and nationwide. And two new studies from Purdue University reveal assaults on bee health.

The USDA survey released this past month showed 2.59 million honey bee colonies on Jan. 1, 2016, which was 8 percent fewer than the 2.82 million on Jan. 1, 2015, for operations with five or more colonies.

U.S. beekeepers lost 17 percent of their colonies in the winter quarter of January through March 2016. In the same quarter in 2015, they lost 18 percent of their colonies, which was the highest honeybee-colony loss of the five quarters between January 2015 and March 2016.

Wisconsin beekeepers with five or more colonies lost 2,900 colonies January-March 2016, which was 64 percent fewer than the 8,000 lost during the same quarter in 2015. Beekeepers lost 9,000 colonies during the July-September 2015 quarter or 15 percent of the maximum colonies they had during the quarter. That was the highest colony loss of the five quarters between January 2015 and March 2016. The April-June 2015 quarter, with a loss of 4,600 colonies, was 7 percent and the smallest quarterly percentage loss.

USDA's new survey was part of the Obama Administration's National Strategy to Promote the Health of Honey Bees and Other Pollinators, released in summer 2015. The aim was to glean state-level estimates on key pollinator-health topics and provide baseline information about honeybee losses that will help guide honeybee-management decisions in the United States, according to the agency.

Click here for the full article: [http://www.agriview.com/news/crop/honeybee-health-sweet-insights/article\\_58232eef-e251-54a0-9d89-6d727c63f4b5.html](http://www.agriview.com/news/crop/honeybee-health-sweet-insights/article_58232eef-e251-54a0-9d89-6d727c63f4b5.html)

Fyksen, Jane. "Honeybee Health: Sweet Insights." *Agri-View*. Matt Meyers, 10 June 2016. Web 11 June 2016.

## Mark your Calendar

- **Thru July:** Every Tues/Saturday: Beekeepers at Work, Garfield Park Conservatory
- **7/8:** Movie in the Park: Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom, Cantigny Park
- **7/23:** Honey Harvest, Lyman Woods Apiary, Downers Grove
- **7/25 -7/29:** Junior Beekeepers Camp, Lyman Woods, Downers Grove
- **Thru 9/5:** Butterflies and Blooms, Chicago Botanic Garden

### Links:

- <http://www.dgparks.org/calendar>
- <http://www.garfieldconservatory.org/programs/growing-and-green-living.html>
- <http://www.cantigny.org/calendar?df=07%2F06%2F2016>
- <http://www.chicagobotanic.org/>

## June Picnic was a Success

Thank you to all who attended the annual June picnic on Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. We enjoyed delicious food, good company and camaraderie on a beautiful summer day. A special thanks to all the members who brought salads and desserts to share. A good time was had by all!

## “The Hive” in London

An artist recently built a metal hive in Kew Gardens in London. The artwork hive is connected to a real beehive and as the bees work the hive, they control the thousands of LED lights and microphones which emit meditative sounds. Read more about it by clicking here: <http://www.cnn.com/2016/06/20/arts/the-hive-wolfgang-buttruss/>



## Honey Kiwi Raspberry Fruit Dip



### Ingredients:

1 - ripe kiwi, peeled and diced  
1/2 cup - unsweetened frozen raspberries  
1/2 cup - pure honey  
8 oz. - low-fat vanilla yogurt  
Fresh fruit, for dipping

Yield: About 2 cups

### Directions:

In the bowl of a food processor, combine kiwi, raspberries and honey; puree. Stir in yogurt. Serve with sliced fresh fruit (strawberries, pineapple, watermelon, cantaloupe, honeydew melon, grapes, bananas, etc.).

**This recently powder sugared bee flew into a beekeeper's leg and left her mark behind:**



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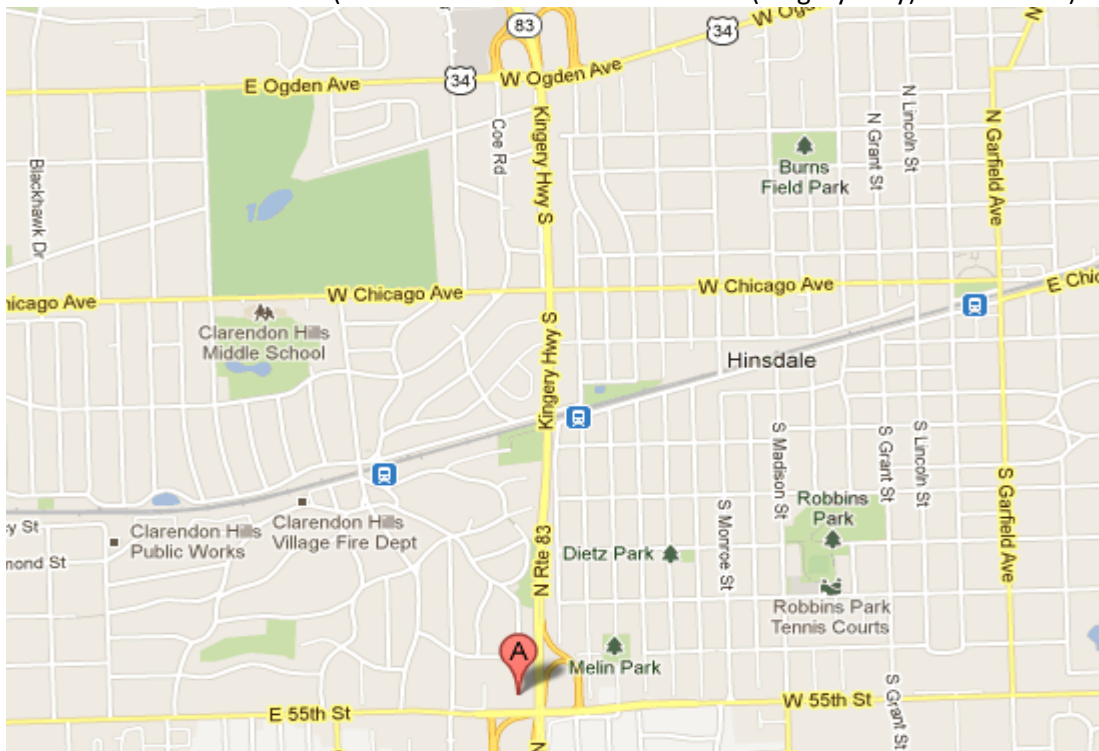
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- August 20<sup>th</sup>** Honey extraction demo. Speaker TBD.

### CDBA Monthly Meeting, July 16, 2016

Christ Lutheran Church of Clarendon Hills

Located at: 60 55th St. (At the northwest corner of Rte. 83(Kingery Hwy) and 55th St.)



[Link to map on Google Maps](#)