



The Buzz

November 2016

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

November Meeting Update

The Cook DuPage Beekeepers Association will hold our next meeting on **Saturday, November 19, 2016** at Christ Lutheran Church of Clarendon Hills, located on the northwest corner of Rte. 83 and 55th Street. The doors open at 6:30p.m. and the meeting begins at 7:00p.m. Please consider bringing a snack to share with fellow friends. Note that this is the last meeting of the year. We look forward to seeing you there!

November Speaker: Greg Fischer

We look forward to welcoming our November Speaker, Greg Fischer, head beekeeper of 40 hives at the Morton Arboretum and the president of Wild Blossom Meadery & Winery in Beverly. With more than 30 years of winemaking experience, Wild Blossom Meadery & Winery is the first winery in Chicago and the only producer of mead on the Northern Illinois Wine Trail. Please join us as we hear Greg speak about his beekeeping and mead making experiences. We'll also feature a mead tasting and Greg will have bottles of mead for sale just in time for the holiday gift giving season.

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November Honey Sharing

Plan on bringing a sample of your honey harvest to share with fellow members for a Honey Sharing featured at our November general meeting. The Club will provide tasting sticks so that members can taste the fruit of your hard efforts from this past season.



Happy Thanksgiving

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Chores of the Month

November is a shoulder month, a time to prepare for the coming winter. It's a mix of warm and cool days where the last leaves have fallen and perhaps the first flakes of snow.

In our area it is time to:

- Check that an entrance reducer is in place to help keep the small critters out of the hive. Mice love to over winter in a nice warm hive.
- Apply winter protection: wrap the colony or use some other form of insulation for winter
- Provide a windbreak for bees on north or west side of hives if they are open to the wind (a snow fence or some other protection).
- Visit any landowners where you may have kept your hives and pay rent for the use of their property. A couple jars of honey usually does the job.
- If daytime temperatures remain warm, continue to feed your hives low on honey with a 2:1 sugar syrup.



Federal directive brings veterinarians and beekeepers together: Drugs for honeybee disease will require veterinary prescription in 2017

Come Jan. 1, 2017, hobbyist and commercial beekeepers alike will no longer be able to purchase antimicrobials over the counter, but instead, will need a veterinary feed directive or prescription for the drugs they administer to their honeybees.

The federal mandate requiring veterinary oversight of medically important antimicrobials in food-producing animals, including honeybees, is part of a Food and Drug Administration strategy to reform the way these drugs are legally used in food animals.

Dr. Christopher Cripps is a rarity as one of a handful of U.S. veterinarians knowledgeable about honeybee health and apiculture. Co-owner of honeybee supply business in Greenwich, New York, Dr. Cripps considers the FDA action an opportunity for veterinarians to access a relatively untouched animal industry valued by the Department of Agriculture at just over \$327 million in 2015.

"The FDA has said veterinarians and beekeepers have to get together," he said. "It's new to us, and it's new to beekeepers, who are used to having no one looking over their shoulder."

This past August, Dr. Cripps spoke at AVMA Convention 2016 about honeybee diseases, approved medications in apiculture, and what the new Veterinary Feed Directive means for veterinarians. Additionally, Dr. Cripps is part of a working group formed by the AVMA Food Safety Advisory Committee to help veterinarians understand the legal requirements of writing a VFD or prescription for honeybees.

Veterinarians can demonstrate their value to beekeepers, Dr. Cripps said, by delivering the same services they provide to owners of avian and mammalian livestock, such as preventive care, disease diagnosis and treatment, parasite control, and education in good husbandry practices. "I think the FDA is not looking for us to exchange our signature for money, which is basically how the beekeepers feel the veterinarians are going to be," he said. "The FDA wants us to know what's going on. We have a great education that puts us in a great position to help beekeepers understand the diseases their bees get and how to control and prevent them."

Dr. Nicolas Vidal-Naquet, a lecturer of honeybee biology and diseases at the Veterinary School of Alfort in France, views the new federal Veterinary Feed Directive as "a very positive decision." In an email to JAVMA News, Dr. Vidal-Naquet wrote, "This will lead veterinarians to get involved in apiculture, and this will lead

Click here for the full article: <https://www.avma.org/News/JAVMANews/Pages/161015a.aspx>

R. Scott Nolen, JAVMA. "Federal directive brings veterinarians and beekeepers together: Drugs for honeybee disease will require veterinary prescription in 2017" Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association Online, 28 September.2016. Web Oct. 23. 2016.

Mark your Calendar

- **11/5:** Wines in the Wild, Brookfield Zoo
- **11/11-13:** Christmas at the Mill, Graue Mill
- **11/18-1/2:** Illumination at Morton Arboretum
- **11/18:** Shades of Crimson Poinsettia Display, Catigny Park
- **11/24-1/8:** Holiday Flower Show: Sky Forest, Garfield Park Conservatory

Links:

- <https://www.czs.org/Wines>
- <http://www.grauemill.org/>
- <http://www.mortonarb.org/events/illumination-tree-lights-morton-arboretum>
- <http://www.cantigny.org/calendar?df=11%2F18%2F2016>
- <https://garfieldconservatory.org/event/holiday-flower-show-sky-forest/>

Consider Making your Thanksgiving Pumpkin Pie with Honey this Year

For a change of pace this Thanksgiving, try making your pumpkin pie with honey. Click [here](#) for the recipe.

Making Your Own Lip Balm

Click [here](#) for a how-to on making lip balm from scratch.

How to Wrap Your Beehive for Winter with David Burns

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Cog7eRBP9A>

Happy Thanksgiving!

The CDBA Board of Directors would like to wish you and your families a safe, happy and peaceful Thanksgiving.

Honey Pot Cider



Ingredients:

- 1-1/4 cup - apple cider
- 1 Tablespoon - Orange Blossom honey
- 1 pinch - cinnamon
- 1-3/4 oz. - Apple Jack brandy
- 1 - cinnamon stick
- 2 - apple slices

Directions:

Combine the apple cider, honey and cinnamon in a small saucepan and stir over medium heat for about 5 minutes or until heated through. Stir in the Apple Jack brandy and pour the cider into a mug.

With the tip of a small knife, pierce small holes in the apples and string them onto a cinnamon stick. Place the garnish across or in the cider.

CDBA Director Position Open

There is a Director position open on the board for 2017. If you are interested in working with a dedicated fun group of people and playing an active role in the CDBA, please send an email to jen.colandrea@yahoo.com for consideration by the board. Please consider contributing your time to our Club. We need your help!



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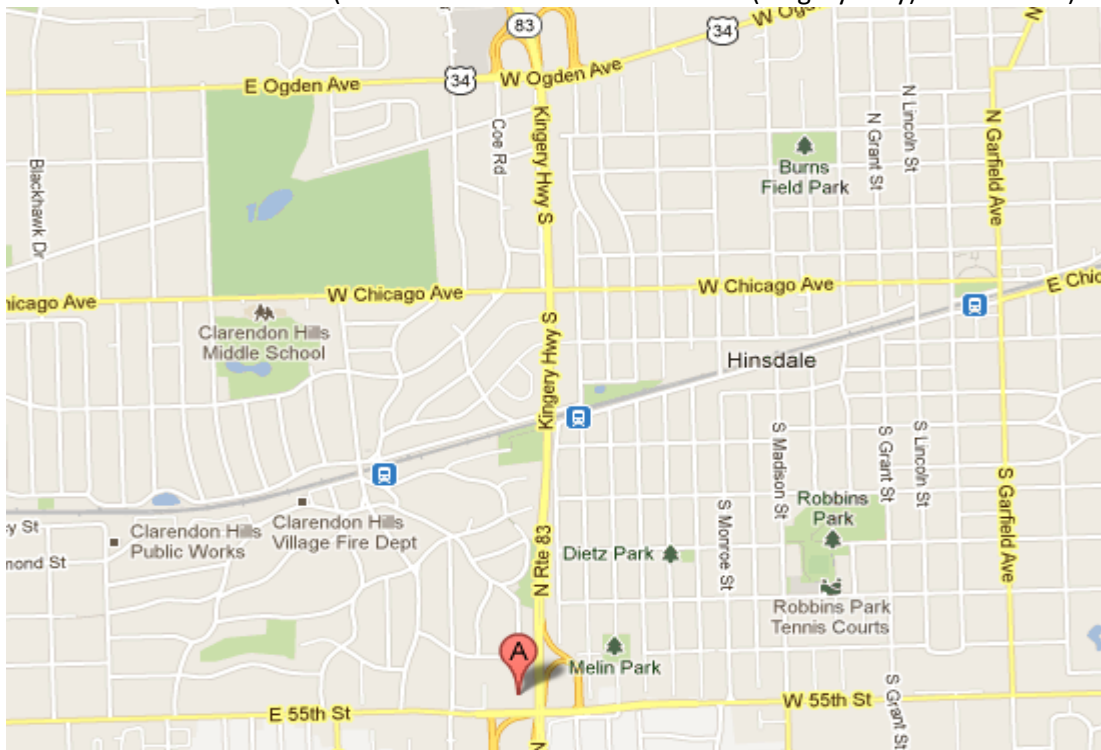
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Note: November is the last meeting of 2016

CDBA November Meeting, Saturday, November 19, 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](#)

