

# HONEY DRIPPINGS

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**In Memoriam:** Haven E. Keller, founder, former president and life member of the Franklin County Beekeepers Association passed away on March 8, 2017 at his home in Greencastle. Haven was an avid beekeeper involved in various beekeeper associations. He was a graduate of the Penn State University Beekeepers Program and was involved in the University of Maryland Beekeepers Research Lab studying honey bee diseases. More on Haven Keller's life is available at: <http://www.zimmermanfh.com/notices/Haven-Keller>.

**Franklin County Beekeepers Association  
New Website!:** <http://fcbapa.com/>

**FCBA New Mailing Address:** Franklin County Beekeepers Association, PO Box 341, Chambersburg, Pa 17201

**April 8th - Beginner Beekeeping Field Day: (weather permitting) 1-4pm.**

**WHERE:** Georgia Townsend's Apiary, 771 Mt. Cydonia Rd. Fayetteville, Pa 17222. Phone - 352-3310. DO NOT USE GPS. IT WILL TAKE YOU INTO MICHAUX FOREST.

**DIRECTIONS:** From Route 81 at Chambersburg take Rt. 30E about 10 miles. Go past Route 997 N and S (2 lights; Rutters). Stay on Rt. 30E for .5 miles then turn right onto Mt. Cydonia Rd. (after Greenwood Bible Camp). There is a large green sign on corner of Mt. Cydonia Rd. for sand company. At fork, bear right. Mailbox (771 Mt. Cydonia Rd.) and driveway are on the right. No other houses are on the right.

Make sure to wear the appropriate clothing--veil, white coveralls, etc., long sleeved shirt, etc. Bring your chairs and questions, in order to get the most from this "hands on" experience. Invite other beekeepers. If you do not have veil and coveralls, clothing will be available at the meeting. If the weather is questionable that day, contact Georgia Townsend at 352-3310 to find out if the meeting will take place. Call Randy King at 328-9256 for additional information. Bring your chairs!

**Newbie Check & Summer Apiary  
Management Meeting  
Monday, May 8th, 6:00 pm till dusk**

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**Franklin County Beekeepers' Assoc.  
ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

**Monday, June 12, 2017, 6:30 p.m. at  
Twin Bridge Meadow Family  
Campground, 1345 Twin Bridge  
Road, Chambersburg, PA, 17202**

Members who have home ice cream makers (turners/churns/machines) make their favorite flavor and bring it to share with others. If you don't have an ice cream maker at home, that's okay! Just bring your appetite for good homemade ice cream and spend a pleasant evening meeting other beekeepers and their families. Bring your smoker and hive tool to participate in tool toss contest and smoker lighting contest. **Directions:** From Chambersburg take Rt. 30 west for approximately 6 miles. Turn right on Twin Bridge Road and travel 1.2 miles to the campground. We meet under the main pavilion - Rain or Shine.

**Summer Newbie Workshop  
Kingsland Apiary, 7920 Ward Dr.  
Mercersburg, PA 17236**

**Tuesday, June 20 - 6:00 pm till dusk**

**WHERE:** Kingsland Apiary, 7920 Ward Dr. Mercersburg, PA 17236. Directions: From RT116: Take RT16 west through Mercersburg toward McConnellsburg..... go halfway to the top of the mountain and turn onto RT456. Only turns to the left. Continue south on RT456 (little cove road) going past Saunders Camp Ground. The next right turn is WARD DR. (small stone road). Continue one mile on Ward Dr to the fourth house on the left. Long driveway. Park in designated areas. From RT30: Take RT30 west to RT75 in Fort Loudon. Make a left onto RT75 south. Make the first right onto Mountain Road. Continue on Mountain Rd to COVE GAP. Make right onto RT16 west toward McConnellsburg SEE ABOVE DIRECTIONS.

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**Thursday, Aug 10 - Fall Apiary  
Management Meeting  
Georgia Townsends Apiary 771 Mt.  
Cydonia Rd. Fayetteville.  
6:00 pm till dusk (weather permitting)**

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**Franklin County Beekeepers Association  
History**

The formal organizational meeting of the Franklin County Beekeepers Association took place on Tuesday, September 11, 1979, at 6:30 pm at the Antrim House in Greencastle. The by-laws for the association were approved at that meeting. The officers were as follows: President - Lewis Johnson, Chambersburg; V. President - Joe Bullock, Greencastle; Sec. - Treas. - Robert Forsythe, Shippensburg; Directors - Lee Golden, Greencastle, Walter Burkholder, Greencastle, and Mel Bland, Chambersburg. The stated purpose for forming the organization at the time was "to conduct educational programs for beekeepers, to work for legislation favorable to the bee industry, and to encourage and promote the bee and honey industry in general."

## **NATIONAL HONEY BEE DAY CELEBRATION**

Annual FCBA Picnic, Honey Bee Swap, Flea Market and Yard Sale. Saturday, August 19, 9:00am - 3:00pm,

THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION is sponsoring the above event which will be open to the public and advertised in two local papers and flyers. Spaces are available and free to set up. Set-up begins at 8:00am. The picnic is free to all members and their guests. Please bring a side dish, cookies, snacks or dessert to share. Also bring chairs if you are able to. Any questions please feel free to contact Randy King 717-328-9256. NOTE: You will be able to order FCBA TEE SHIRTS at the FCBA BOOTH! DIRECTIONS: FOLLOW THE BEES AND ARROWS. We will have pictures of bees with arrows pointing the way when you get within a few miles of the event.

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### **Would You Like to be a Beekeeper?**

Thursday, September 14, 7:00-9:00 pm,  
at the Franklin County Ag Heritage Building, 185 Franklin Farm Lane, Chambersburg.

Have you ever wondered what is involved in being a beekeeper and working with honeybees? If so, plan to attend the informational meeting, "Would You Like to be a

Beekeeper?" on Thursday, Sept. 14, 7:00 p.m., at the Franklin County Ag Heritage Building, 185 Franklin Farm Lane, Chambersburg. The Franklin County Beekeepers Association is sponsoring this introductory meeting on beekeeping for the general public. In particular, it is for those who may be interested in starting their own hives and learning a little bit more about what is involved. The meeting will include a brief introduction to the honey bee, beekeeping information resources and time requirements for managing hives. A brief overview of tools, equipment, start-up costs, and ordering bee packages will be presented. The meeting is open to anyone interested in learning more about beekeeping. There is no cost to attend and registration is not required. For more information about the meeting or the Franklin County Beekeeper Association, contact Randy King at 328-9256.

### **Franklin County Beekeepers Assoc. Banquet, Graduation & Silent Auction**

Thursday, October 12, 6:30 pm,  
Central Presbyterian Church, 40 Lincoln Way W,  
Chambersburg, PA 17201. (on the southwest corner of the main fountain square in Chambersburg, Intersection of Rt. 30 & Rt. 11.)

COVERED DISH DINNER - Each family bring 1 hot and 1 cold dish-and plates, silverware, etc. We will have soft drinks, dinner rolls, butter, honey & table coverings will be provided. We will be having a silent auction if anyone would like to donate bee equipment, tee shirts, hats, soap, ceramic, flowers, garden stuff, honey, pollen, gloves, tools, baked goods, ect. It doesn't matter what it is. It doesn't have to be extravagant. ELECTION OF OFFICERS and GRADUATION FOR FIRST YEAR BEEKEEPERS SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS GOOD FELLOWSHIP - Please come. You need not be a member of the Franklin County Beekeepers' Association to attend. (Invite other beekeepers whom you may know, and who are not on our mailing list.)

## FCBA Meetings, April – December 2017

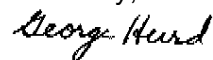
1. April 8th - Beginner Beekeeping Field Day: (weather permitting) 1-4pm. Georgia Townsends Apiary 771Mt. Cydonia Rd. Fayetteville
2. MAY 6th-FCBA NUCS pick-up day: (date approximate and may change) 8-10am. Myron Showalter's Apiary 178 Milnor Rd Greencastle
3. May 8th- Newbie Check & Summer Meeting: 6:00. Georgia Townsends Apiary 771Mt. Cydonia Rd. Fayetteville
4. June 12th- Ice Cream Social: 6:30pm. Twin Bridges Camp Ground Pavilion.
5. June 20th Summer Newbie Workshop: 6:00 pm. Kingsland Apiary 7920 Ward Dr. Mercersburg.
6. July 9 - July 15 - Franklin County Fair
7. July 20th Fall Newbie Workshop: getting ready for winter 7-9pm. Ag Heritage Building 185 Franklin Farm Lane Chambersburg Room 7&8.
8. Aug 10th Fall meeting (weather permitting) 6:00pm. Georgia Townsends Apiary 771Mt. Cydonia Rd. Fayetteville.
9. Aug 19th National Honey Bee Day, Celebration Picnic, Bake Sale Yard Sale and Open Mic Contest: 9:00-3pm. Kingsland Apiary 7920 Ward Dr. Mercersburg - booth set up starts 8:00am.
10. Sept 14th Do you want to be a beekeeper? seminar 7-9pm. Ag Heritage Building 185 Franklin Farm Lane Chambersburg Room 7&8.
11. October 12th, Graduation, Banquet and Silent Auction 6:30pm. Presbyterian Church 40 Lincoln Way W, Chambersburg, PA 17201

NOTE: there are separate individual instructions and maps for each of the events listed above included. For copies of and info contact Randy King at 717/328-9256 or by email at:

[rking@kingslandgallery.com](mailto:rking@kingslandgallery.com). BE ADVISED THAT DATES MAY BE ADDED THROUGHOUT THE SEASON (newbee check up meetings, special seminars and classes, etc.). Check your email, FCBA website and the FCBA facebook page for updates. Franklin County (PA)

Beekeepers Assn Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/310096252347657/>.

Sincerely,



George Hurd, Multi-Co. Educator, in consultation with Randy King, FCBA President

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