

Kanawha Valley Beekeepers Association

2024 Newsletter

Hello all beekeepers! Meetings start at 10:30 am and last until 1:00 pm at the Dunbar library. Field days are held at the bee yard of Larry Morris in Elkview. Protective gear is required if you want to participate. All are welcome to attend meetings and join.

- **January 27** is the first meeting of the year. Shanda King, the WV State Apiarist, will be discussing early spring medication and splits. Bring your questions for Shanda, she is a wealth of information!!
- **March 16** our speaker will be Mr. Schoolcraft. He will give a presentation on planting for pollinators. We will also discuss supering and brood building.
- **May 18** our topic will be honey harvesting. Steve May will discuss the proper harvesting procedures, bottling, and selling honey.
- **June 15** will be a field day at the bee yard. Shanda King will inspect the Club's hives and discuss splits and queen rearing.
- **July 20** our topic will be various treatments for mites and hive beetles, and the best time of year for each treatment.
- **September 21** is a field day at the bee yard. Larry Morris will inspect the hives. We will discuss Fall preparation and feeding.
- **November 16** will be the election of officers for 2025/26. Our topic is Products of the Hive. Bring anything you've produced from your hive: honey, candles, lip balm, ect. We will plan the 2025 meeting schedule.

Speakers And Meeting times and locations are subject to change due to availability.

If you are going into the bee yard make sure you have your protective gear which includes a bee veil.

It is also suggested that you bring a drink and a chair. Directions to the bee yard are on the website: <http://www.kanawhavalleybeekeepers.co/>.

Please send 2024 dues to:

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Please include your name, email address, mailing address, and phone number. Dues are \$12 per family. Make checks payable to Kanawha Valley Beekeepers Association.