



Tri-County Beekeepers Association Inc. 46th Annual Spring Beekeeping Workshop February 28 – March 1, 2025 - Wooster, Ohio

“Bee Health & Reactionary Beekeeping”

Dear Beekeeper,

We are planning for the 46th *Annual Spring Beekeeping Workshop* in Wooster, Ohio on Friday February 28 and Saturday March 1, 2025. As in the past, it will be held at Fisher Auditorium and Shisler Conference Center on the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center (OARDC) campus, located at 1680 Madison Ave. (at State Route 302 east and State Route 83) just south of Wooster. Last year, the workshop participants were not only from Ohio but several neighboring states.

On Friday evening, February 28th the **Bee Museum** will be open from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. for tours. At Fisher Auditorium from 7:00 to 8:00 pm, you may choose to attend ***“Bee Venom Therapy”*** by Ms. Connie Skolnicki or attend ***“Honey Bee Biology for Beginners”*** presented by Mr. Jeff Gabric.

On Saturday, March 1st the workshop will begin with opening comments by Mr. Randall Westfall, Workshop Committee Chairman of TCBA in the Auditorium. Our keynote speaker will be Dr. Larry Connor. Three workshop sessions will follow. Each session will have four different breakout topics from which to choose. One of the breakout topics in each session will include a beginner beekeeping session.

Workshop registration takes place on Friday from 5:00 to 8:00 pm and on Saturday, 8:00 to 9:00 am.

Hilton Garden Inn, 959 Dover Road, Wooster, which is within sight of OSU's Fisher Auditorium. The room rate is \$165.00 per night plus tax for 1 king. For reservations call **(330) 202-7701**. For more information their web page is: www.wooster.stayhgi.com

There will be a block of rooms at **Best Western**, 243 East Liberty Street, Wooster, which is not far from Fisher Auditorium. The room rate will be \$101.99 per night plus tax for 1 king or 2 double beds. Deluxe hot breakfast which is included in the room rate will be served at 6am. Please call to reserve a room as they will go quickly.

(330) 264-7750 or (800) 528-1234 toll free or use:

https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.36082.html?groupId=L67DL8Q9

Comfort Suites 965 Dover Road, Wooster, which is within sight of OSU's Fisher Auditorium. The room rate is \$125.00 per night plus tax for 2 queen beds. For reservations call **(330) 439-0190** or click the link on our website under workshop.

 ---TENTATIVE PROGRAM--- 

FRIDAY EVENING – February 28, 2025:

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| 5:00 - 8:00 pm | Registration Open (Lobby in front of Fisher Auditorium) |
| 5:00 - 6:30 pm | Tours of the Bee Museum (meet at registration table; tours leave every 15 minutes) |
| 6:30 - 9:00 pm | Vendors are open at their discretion |
| 7:00 – 8:00 pm | Fisher Auditorium: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>“Bee Venom Therapy” by Ms. Connie Skolnicki</i> Fisher Conference Room: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>“Honey Bee Biology for Beginners” by Mr. Jeff Gabric</i> |
| 8:00 – 9:00 pm | Social Hour – Cookies, coffee, and punch &/or tea |



SATURDAY – March 1, 2025:

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| 8:00 – 9:00 am | Registration |
| 8:00 – 9:30 am | Honey Recipe Contest entries submitted (JM Smucker room) |
| 8:00 - 8:50 am | Marcus Ladrach and Friends– Fisher Auditorium |
| 8:00 – 9:00 am | Coffee, tea, hot chocolate and delicious Troyer’s Home Pantry donuts and sweet rolls |

Fisher Auditorium:

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| 9:00 – 9:30 am | Welcome and opening remarks by Mr. Randall Westfall, TCBA Workshop Committee Chairman |
| 9:30 – 10:30 | Keynote Address – “The State of Beekeeping Today About Bee Stocks: What Every Beekeeper Needs to Know About Bee Breeding” by Dr. Larry Connor |
| 10:30 -10:45 am | Break |

10:45 – 11:45 am **Workshop Session 1**

- Auditorium **“Selecting for Mite Resistance”** by Dr. Frank Rinkevich
- Shisler A **“History of Beekeeping”** by Ms. Nina Bagley
- Shisler B **“Keep It Small, Keep It All”** by Mr. Troy Hall
- Fisher D **“Basic Mead Making”** by Mr. Bob Mann
- Fisher Conference Room **“Hive Parts, Accessories, Tools, and Choosing a Hive Location”** by Mr. Ray Wirt

LUNCH – Two lunch periods and Bug Zoo tours

1. Noon to 12:45 pm
2. 12:45 to 1:30 pm

The BUG ZOO in the Wooster Science Building across from Shisler entrance will also be open for tours. If it is not your time to have lunch, please take the time to visit our vendors. They not only have all the supplies you will need; they also have a wealth of knowledge.

1:30 – 2:30 pm Workshop Session 2

- Auditorium *“Value of Propolis in the Hive”* by Dr. Frank Rinkevich
- Shisler A *“Sunflower Effect on Bee Pathogens”* by Dr. Lynn Adler
- Shisler B *“Coming Back From the Brink”* by Mr. Troy Hall
- Fisher D *“Advanced Mead Making”* by Mr. Bob Mann
- Fisher Conference Room *“Sources of Bees/Races of Bees and Pests and Diseases”* by Mr. Jeff Gabric

2:30 -2:45 pm Break

2:45 – 3:45 pm Workshop Session 3

- Auditorium *“Making Increase Colonies to Control Varroa Mites and Sustain Colony Numbers”* by Dr. Larry Connor
- Shisler A *“Flowers as a Site of Pathogen Transmission”* by Dr. Lynn Adler
- Shisler B *“Bee Venom Therapy”* by Ms. Connie Skolnicki
- Fisher D *“Making Luminaries”* by Ms. Nina Bagley
- Fisher Conference Room *“Bee Installation and Feeding Bees”* by Mr. Ray Wirt

4:00 – 4:45 pm Fisher Auditorium: *“What’s on Your Mind?”* (Q & A session with our speakers.
E-mail your questions to educationcommittee@tricitybeekeepers.org

4:30 pm Baking and Guessing Contest winners and closing comments in auditorium

5:00 - 5:30 Baking Contest entries to be picked up at cafeteria in Fisher

*Please read the rest of the enclosed information for more details about the workshop and pass it along to anyone you feel might be interested in attending.

LODGING

Wooster Area Motel/Hotels

St Paul’s Hotel	203 South Market Street	330-601-1900	
Rodeway Inn	2055 Lincoln Way East	330-262-5008	800-434-5800
Days Inn	789 East Milltown Road (ST RT 3)	330-345-1500	800-434-5800
Best Western	243 East Liberty Street	330-264-7750	800-528-1234 bestwesternwoosterrevenue@gmail.com
Econo Lodge	2137 Lincoln Way East	330-264-8883	800-248-8341
Hampton Inn	4253 Burbank Road (ST RT 83)	330-345-4424	800-Hampton
Hilton Garden Inn (closest)	959 Dover Road	330-202-7701	877-782-9444 www.wooster.stayhgi.com
Super 8 Motel	969 Timken Road (off US 30)	330-264-6211	800-800-8000
Comfort Suites	965 Dover Road Wooster	330-439-0190	

Wooster Bed & Breakfasts

Market Street Inn	356 N Market Street	330-262-4085	
Black Squirrel Inn	636 College Ave.	330-262-3803	www.bbonline.com/oh/blacksquirrel
Cabin at Sassafras Knoll	5932 Secrest Road	330-264-6941	www.bbonline.com/oh/sassafras
Gasche House	340 North Bever Street	330-264-8231	
Mirabelle Bed & Breakfast	1626 Beall Ave	330-264-6006	800-294-7857

Honey Recipe Contest at the 46th Annual Spring Beekeepers Workshop

\$800.00 in Cash Prizes will be Awarded!

If you will be attending our Spring Workshop you may want to consider submitting your favorite recipes for the Honey Recipe Contest. The contest will be held on Saturday March 1, 2025, and as long as you are a registered attendee to the workshop, that is all that is required. It is easy to do, here is how it works:

CONTEST DATE – Saturday, March 1, 2025

AGENDA

8:00 am – 9:30 am	Drop off your entries at the JM Smucker Room in Shisler Center (brief registration)
9:30 am – 3:30 pm	Judging (closed)
3:30pm – 4:00 pm	Entries will be transferred to the cafeteria in Fisher for pick-up (Any entries left after 5:30 will be discarded)
4:30 pm	Winners announced and prizes awarded

WHAT YOU CAN ENTER

Select the categories you would like to enter. You can submit one entry for each category. **PLEASE DO NOT FROST, GLAZE, OR ADD OTHER TOPPING TO YOUR RECIPE (CAKES, BROWNIE, COOKIES ETC). ALL ENTRIES MUST BE IN/ON DISPOSABLE CONTAINERS AND SECURELY WRAPPED.**

Categories:

- Appetizers
- Breads (Sealed in clear plastic or Ziploc bag)
- Sweet Breads and Muffins (Sealed in clear plastic or Ziploc bag) (Minimum of 6 muffins)
- Cookies and Bars (6 cookies or bars on a plate in clear plastic or Ziploc bag)
- Pies
- Desserts (other than cookies, bars and pies)
- Sauces, Jellies, and Jams

Requirements: Honey must be used as the primary sweetener (more than 50%). Entry must be on/in a disposable container and securely wrapped.

WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING

- Your prepared dish (e.g., six cookies, loaf of bread, jar of jam)
- Written recipe for each entry submitted

Requirements are as follows:

Recipes must be typed or legibly written on a standard, **8 ½ x 11" sheet of paper** and must include all four items:

1. The name of the dish
2. List of all ingredients
3. Detailed instructions
4. The source (e.g., the cookbook, magazine, grandmother) and if it was your original recipe type "Original"

Important: Please do not put your name on the recipe or the container you brought it in. We will label it when it is brought to the room. Be sure to pay close attention to presentation as it will be the first thing the judges will see.

WHAT YOU COULD WIN

For each category, first, second and third place ribbons and cash prizes will be awarded

\$50.00	First place	\$20.00	Third place
\$30.00	Second place	\$100.00	Grand Prize (BEST OF SHOW)

Email questions about the baking contest to lakehres@aol.com.
Winner's names will be posted on our website www.tricountybeekeepers.org.
Select recipes will be published in our monthly newsletter throughout the year.

Directions to Fisher Auditorium OSU OARDC & ATI, Wooster Ohio

Directions from points within Ohio:

From Cleveland/north-west: Interstate 71 south to State Route 83/US 250 south until expressway ends. Make left hand turn onto US 250 west. OARDC will be on the right-hand side, make a right at the Main Entrance the OSU/OARDC brick sign will be there.

From Cleveland/north-east: Interstate 77 south to St. Rt. 21 south to St. Rt. 585 S/W to State Route 83/US 250 south until expressway ends. Make left hand turn onto US 250 west. OARDC will be on the right-hand side, make a right at the Main Entrance the OSU/OARDC brick sign will be there.

From Lorain/Elyria/north: State Route 83/US 250 south until expressway ends. Make left hand turn onto US 250 west. OARDC will be on the right-hand side, make a right at the Main Entrance the OSU/OARDC brick sign will be there.

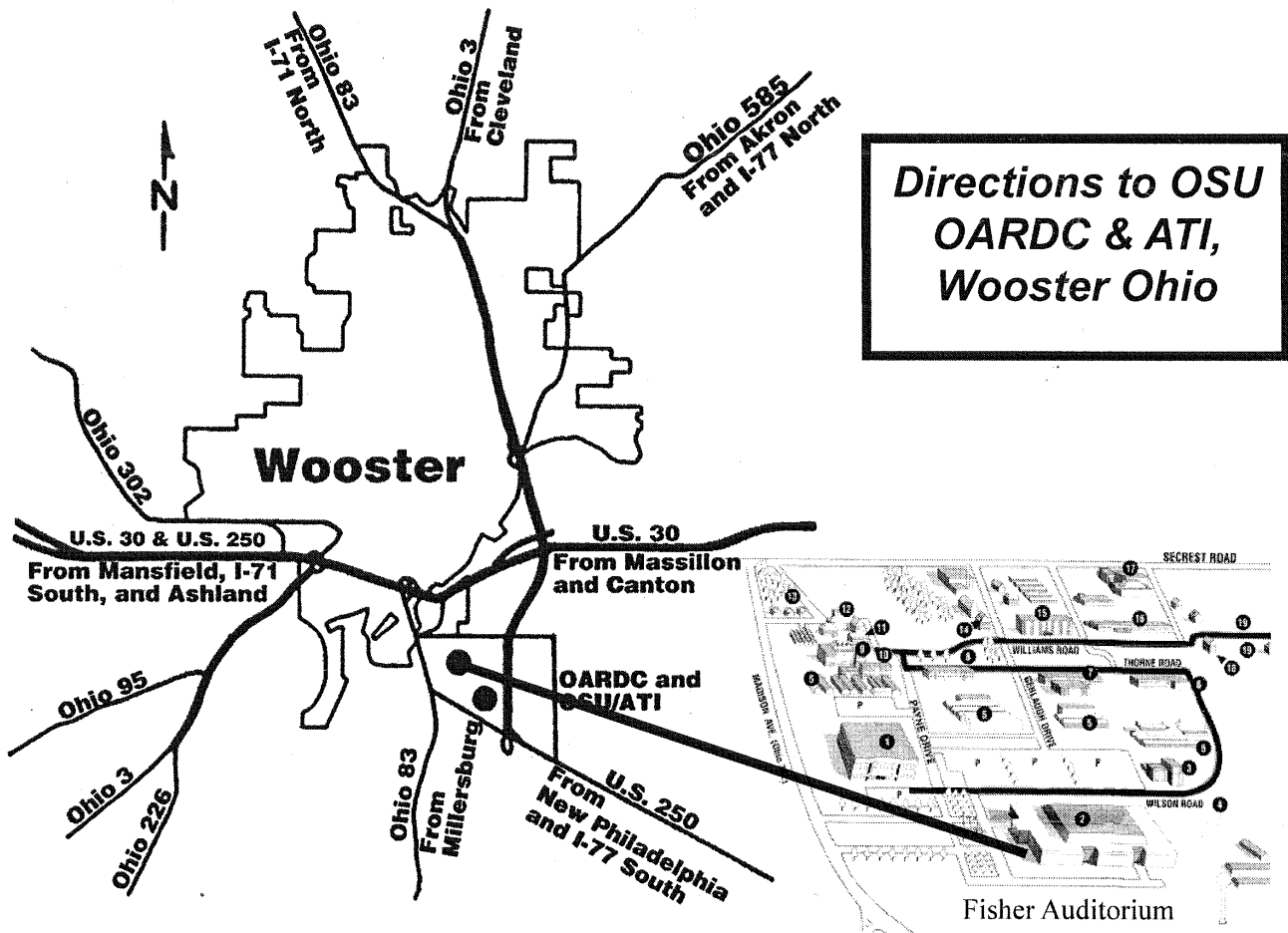
From Columbus/Cincinnati/Dayton/south: Interstate 71 north to U.S. 30 east to Madison Avenue exit. South on Madison Avenue.

From Akron/Canton/east: U.S. 30 west to Madison Avenue exit. South on Madison Avenue.

From Mansfield/west: U.S. 30 east to Madison Avenue exit. South on Madison Avenue.

From Dover/New Philadelphia/southeast: U.S. 250 northwest.

From Toledo/northwest: U.S. 250 southeast to U.S. 30 east to Madison Avenue exit. South on Madison Avenue.



On-Line Registration

To begin the registration process:

1st - Visit TCBA's website at www.TriCountyBeekeepers.org

2nd - Go to the **Workshop Page***

3rd - Pay the total fees and you are set.

*This will take you to the website where you will find further instructions to guide you through the registration process. You will receive an email receipt immediately after registering online thru Paypal.

**Online Registration will close February 22nd, registration will be capped at 1,000 attendees
Please Register Early.**

THERE IS NO GUARANTEE OF ADMISSION FOR WALK-INS.

-- ABOUT THE (OPTIONAL) LUNCH AVAILABLE AT THE WORKSHOP --

LUNCH will be catered by *Des Dutch Essenhaus Amish Restaurant*

Please be aware we only order enough lunches to fill the registration orders. If you want a lunch, be sure to order it with your registration.

HOT LUNCH - \$16.00 per lunch

Sliced turkey** or pork**, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable, roll, drink, and homemade pie

*****Turkey or Pork will be served, choice*****

******There are also restaurants close by if you wish to go out******

For more information:

Visit our website at www.TriCountyBeekeepers.org

Call us at 330-801-1309 (if no answer, please leave a message),

E-mail us at educationcommittee@tricitybeekeepers.org

Write to Tri-County Beekeepers Association Inc. P.O. Box 1212, Wooster, Ohio 44691

TCBA WORKSHOP PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION FORM
 46th Annual Spring Beekeeping Workshop – February 28 – March 1, 2025
POSTMARK DEADLINE FOR THIS FORM IS FEBRUARY 22, 2025!!!

Please clearly print name, age if child and a meal selection (if desired) for each person.

First and Last Name	Age (if child)	Hot Turkey or Pork Meal

Contact Information for your party

(Street Address)	(City & State)	(Zip)
(Phone#)	(Email)	

Quantity \$ Amount

TCBA Membership (optional) @ \$10.00 (one per family) () x \$10 = ()
 (TCBA annual membership fee is due **January 1st**, so please take this opportunity to renew or become a new member. **Include Name, Address, Email and Phone for each membership**)

Workshop Registration @ \$45.00 ea () x \$45 = ()

Youth (17 & under) () x \$10 = ()

Optional Lunch Selection:

Full Hot Turkey or Pork Lunch @ \$16.00 ea () x \$16.00= ()

Total Amount Enclosed..... ()

*Please make check payable to: Tri-County Beekeepers Association Inc.
 Mail this form and check to: TCBA, P.O. Box 1212, Wooster, OH. 44691*
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