

# September 2023

## BROWN COUNTY BEEKEEPERS NEWSLETTER



Mission: We are dedicated to promoting sustainable, responsible and healthy beekeeping practices in Northeastern Wisconsin for both experienced and first time beekeepers. We strive to create a fun environment where learning opportunities exist for association members and the public.

[www.browncountybeekeepers.com](http://www.browncountybeekeepers.com)

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings BCBA Members,

Hopefully your hives are all mite free and loaded with the honey required for winter. If not, many of our members are taking actions to get their hives and bees in shape. One thing we often read about with beekeeping is that the actions we take now often have a direct impact on our bees in 3-6 months.

At the August meeting we discussed open 2024 Leadership positions. After 5 years, I plan to step aside as President in 2024. It's so rewarding to see that we have members interested in the Leadership positions and eager to lead and generate new ideas. Please reach out to [Bob Michiels](#), [Julie Mazzoleni](#), and [Ed Poillion](#) (each name is linked to their respective emails) who are on the Election Committee if you are interested or have any questions.

At the November meeting we are planning to have a Bee Related Products day. If you or someone you know has a product that you think would be good to sell and demonstrate, please reach out to me.

If you are member and are still wanting to rent the club's extraction equipment, please reserve by sending me a text at 920-370-5281.

Dave  
[president@browncountybeekeepers.com](mailto:president@browncountybeekeepers.com)

### September Association Meeting

Wednesday, September 20 @ 6:30p CST

In person: GB Botanical Gardens

Zoom: Click Here

Meeting ID: 845 3491 0755

Passcode: 366993

No MBM, but feel free to arrive at 5:30p  
for Networking & Socializing

# September Management Info

## Seasonal conditions (weatherspark.com)

In Brown County, Wisconsin

Average Temperatures: High: 64F Low: 47F

Average Precipitation: 3.1 inches (0 inches of snow, 3.1 inches of rain)

Average Hours of Sunlight per Day: 12 hr 30min

## In the hive:

The queen's rate of egg laying slows and the brood area continues to contract. Little drone brood is laid. This is the end of a second, smaller swarm season. Nectar sources continue to diminish, although resin/propolis collection continues. Left untreated, the Varroa mite population usually peaks in August or September. The bees may be more defensive, protecting their hive and robbing other colonies.

## Pests, parasites, and diseases

Monitor for Varroa mites. At this point in the year, if you find three or more mites (per 100 bees) from a sugar shake, ether roll, or alcohol wash, you will want to treat. If you have extracted your honey harvest, this is a good time to use treatments that cannot be used when supers are present.

Remove drone comb foundation for the remainder of the year.

Monitor for Nosema. It is present all year round, but regular monitoring will help you understand your normal levels and when/if they peak, particularly if you are seeking to understand why a colony is struggling.

For more September management info, visit our month by month education on the [BCBA website](https://www.bcba.org/education).



FACEBOOK SITES  
MANAGED BY BCBA

Brown County Beekeepers  
updates on club happenings  
Northeast WI Beekeepers  
beekeepers helping beekeepers

## 2023 BCBA Meeting Education Calendar

(a work in progress)

**Reg = Regular Meetings: 3rd Wednesday of every month at 6:30p**  
**MBM = Meeting Before the Meeting: Same Wednesday, starts at 5:30p**

Date	Education	Type	Presenter
September 20, 2023	Varroa mites	Reg	Donna Stine, WI State Apiary Inspector
October 18, 2023	Overwintering Indoors	Reg	Chris Hansen, Hansen Honey Farm
November 15, 2023	Products from The Hive	Reg	
December 2023	No Meeting. No Club Event. Enjoy your holiday!		



"Bee"ing Funny"

What is black, yellow,  
and likes to drop  
things?

# 2023 BCBA Outreach & Teaching Opportunities

**Want to help kids understand the amazing magic of the Honey bees? Want to share your excitement and knowledge with local gardeners about bees and how they impact their landscapes? Do you have kids or grand-kids in school, summer school or camps that would benefit from learning about bees and pollination?**

**PLEASE VOLUNTEER and help our outreach and education program. All presentations are available and easy to use. We will be there along side you to make sure you have whats needed and comfortable- its easy, its FUN and above all .... rewarding.**

**Please reach out to Julie Mazzoleni at [mazzojm@gmail.com](mailto:mazzojm@gmail.com) for more information.**

Date	Time	Event	Volunteer/Benefits/Objective
October 1, 2023	9a-4p	Green Bay Botanical Garden's Fall Family Festival	Observation hive opportunity. Volunteers can sell hive products.
October 5, 2023	3:45p-5:40p	NWTC Beekeeper Guest Panelist(s)	Looking for multiple individuals to sit on a panel to answer student's questions regarding beekeeping/pollination. Panelists will also judge student projects.
	2-3 hrs	NWTC Lifelong Learning Institute, present on bees and beekeeping	More information to follow

**"Bee"ing Funny"**

**A fumble bee.**



# Brown County Beekeeping Association

## Member Benefits



### **Club Sponsor – Hansen Honey Farm, Rhinelander, WI**

- \$5 off each package or nuc of bees until May 2023
- 5% discount for all BCBA members for ongoing purchase
- For online discount code, contact [secretary@browncountybeekeepers.com](mailto:secretary@browncountybeekeepers.com)
- When purchasing in-store only, let them know you are a member of the BCBA.

### **Club Sponsor – Let It Bee, Inc., Greenville, WI**

- 15% Discount for all first-time purchases
- 5% discount for all BCBA members for ongoing purchase
- For online discount code, contact [secretary@browncountybeekeepers.com](mailto:secretary@browncountybeekeepers.com)
- When purchasing in-store only, let them know you are a member of the BCBA.

### **[Click here for the Club Sponsor Website Page](#)**

### **Club Equipment Rental**

Perks of being a member! [Click here for the full rental list.](#)

### **American Bee Journal Subscriptions**

(Contact Club Treasurer for Discount form)

### **Club Education Reimbursement Opportunity**

Club members are eligible for up to \$25/ calendar year for continuing education

*Eligibility Guidelines:*

- Must be a current member for at least 12 consecutive months.
- Member must submit their request to the Leadership Team prior to the event including details on how it aligns to the Club's Mission.
- Note: BCBA sponsored events, books or magazines not eligible for reimbursements.
- Club Expectations of Members Receiving Education Reimbursement
- Overview of the education to the club or an education session.
- Write-up with photos and/or video for club publication.

## 2023 Club Officers

**President: Dave Elsen**

[president@browncountybeekeepers.com](mailto:president@browncountybeekeepers.com)

**Vice President: Chris Groth**

[vicepresident@browncountybeekeepers.com](mailto:vicepresident@browncountybeekeepers.com)

**Website Chair: Carl Fisher**

[info@browncountybeekeepers.com](mailto:info@browncountybeekeepers.com)

**Social Media: Wayne Steigelman**

**Treasurer: Tom Cashman**

[Tcash99930@aol.com](mailto:Tcash99930@aol.com)

**Secretary: Nathan C. Frailey, Sr.**

[secretary@browncountybeekeepers.com](mailto:secretary@browncountybeekeepers.com)

**Education Chair: Julie Mazzoleni**

**Board Member at Large: Dick Sturm**