

PRESIDENT'S LETTER
November 10, 2022

Hello Fellow Beekeepers,

As we are preparing the colonies for winter, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for another successful year of beekeeping. In 2022 we held a productive novice program with 21 participants and followed up with a Beekeeping 102 class which was also well attended. We were asked to make the PowerPoint presentations from the Beekeeping 102 seminar available. They have now been posted on the <https://www.tristatebeekeepers.com/> website under the banner REFERENCES in the section Beekeeping 102 Power Point Presentations.

2022 saw 75 registered members with an increased number of us attending the WVBA Spring and Fall Conferences and our member Shawn Smith successfully completed the apprentice level of testing in the Master Beekeeping Program. We hosted several speakers at meeting through the year including Shanda King, the WV State Apiary Inspector, Don Crock, John Welty, Rick Johnston, and Bob Hooker.

Our guest for the November 17 meeting will be Dr. Krishna Urval, MD, an allergist-immunologist in Wheeling who will be speaking on Sting Allergy. Dr. Urval visited us several years ago with an extremely informative presentation and the club asked for a repeat performance. We were finally able to coordinate dates with him and I hope to see a large audience attending to benefit from his insight. Please remember that the Festival of Lights is now in progress, so give yourself some extra time due to additional traffic. To give Dr. Urval as much time as possible, we will be starting promptly at 6:30 pm.

While the November meeting will be the last time we get together as the club until February 2023, we have been invited to attend a special occasion at the Belmont Correctional Institution in St. Clairsville. The Belmont Correctional Beekeepers Club has extended an invitation for our members to attend their awards ceremony in the prison on Tuesday, December 13 at 9:00 am. In 2022 we were able to develop a Master Beekeeping Program for the inmates that very closely parallels the WV program. Several of their members have successfully completed the apprentice level and they have asked us to join in the awards ceremony and celebration. This offers you the opportunity to see their apiary and experience the enthusiasm of the club that we have supported in the past. We can take up to 10 of our club members and I encourage you to consider participating in the festivities. If you are interested in attending, please contact me at tristatebees@gmail.com.

So, with that I close 2022, but forever look forward to the coming year with a mild winter followed by early blooms and frost-free days full of colonies healthy and ready to start the cycle again.

With Best Wishes,
Steve