

From the Central Iowa Beekeepers Association (CIBA) President:

Hello CIBA members:

I want to let you know that your Officers and Directors of CIBA are developing CIBA's Top 10 list of "Tips and Tricks for Beekeepers." Well, I would like to open this up to our membership as well. Soooooo if you have a Tip (or trick) that works for you please let us know and it just may be added to the list. We do have 7 tips now (mostly developed by one of your Directors, Marlon Mormann), so we do have room to add yours. Almost every beekeeper I know has a tip that works for them in their apiary -- we are anxious to share them, if you want. Please send your tip or trick to my attention.

Our meeting this month is Saturday, November 18th at 1:00 PM at the Northridge Baptist Church in Des Moines. Our presenter is Phil Westra of Westra Apiaries in Northwest Iowa talking about *Mite Resistant Bees*. Wouldn't it be great not to have to treat our bees for mites. Well, Phil will talk about this possibility. Details of the meeting can be found at CIBA's website which is [Meeting November 2023 | CIBA \(centraliowabeekeepersassoc.org\)](#)

I want to add that at the meeting, you just might meet our Susan Kelly Memorial Youth Scholarship recipient. We have accepted applications until today (November 1). We will talk about this scholarship more at our meeting.

Finally, please be sure to check out the application procedure for becoming CIBA's Queen or Ambassador. If you know of a young girl or guy that has a passion for honey bees and wants to promote them -- this is a huge opportunity for them to develop skills at representing CIBA and beekeepers in general. Lots more info at CIBA's website which is [Queen / Ambassador | Central Iowa Beekeepers Association | United States](#). The deadline for submitting an application is December 1.

See ya in about 3 weeks.

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