

From the Central Iowa Beekeepers Association (CIBA) President:

This newscast is an easy one for me to write. It is all about events that CIBA can be so proud to have held or is planning.

The Auction on Saturday, April 16, 2022, is fast approaching. Now is the time to find some beekeeping equipment that you have been wanting to get at a reasonable price as well as clearing out the shed of equipment that you are not needing any more. What an opportunity AND it is in-person this year. That is really the fun way to talk to beekeepers and find bee treasures. Go to our website (www.centraliowabeekeepersassoc.org) to register as either a seller or a buyer. You do have the option of just showing up, but preregistering streamlines the process and saves time that morning for you and CIBA. The auction opens for consigners at 8:00 AM and the bidding starts at 10:00.

Our March Winter Seminar, only a couple weeks ago, was a huge success for learning from the best. What an opportunity to have had the chance to talk with Dr. Tom Seeley one on one. Even though he was not there in person it worked out so we could actually talk with him. This man knows more about honey bees than most. He gave insight on how swarms decide on a new home and then talked about water needs in a hive. Then there was Dr Carol Fassbinder-Orth who has done some fascinating research on reasons for honey bee decline as well as the sounds that bees create in certain situations. To top this off with our own experts Andy Joseph and Randall Cass that talked about side-line beekeeping and small hive beetles respectively. A huge amount of information was shared. We did have some technical issues but we managed.

The seminar had very unique presentations given with great food/snacks and good conversations. Thank you to all that helped put this day together. What a day it was!!

The CIBA April Board of Directors Zoom meeting is Monday, April 11, 2022. The meeting is open to all CIBA members. Among the topics will be an evaluation and the lessons learned from the Winter Seminar, last minute details for the auction and working on the budget for 2022. Zoom opens at 6:30 PM and meeting starts promptly at 7:00. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84751111881?pwd=TGhzUFVYOEZ2NE92cU4zZHZZUXVxQT09>

Finally, keep Saturday, May 21, 2022, open for the regular bimonthly CIBA meeting at 5:00 PM. Location is the Northridge Baptist Church in Des Moines. Following a short business meeting and break, Sara Todd, the Holton Homestead, Elkhart, IA, will talk on how to merchandise your beekeeping products. Pizza, snacks and refreshments will be served during the break. Will be informative. I don't know about you, but I would appreciate any ideas that help sell my honey, comb and other products of the hive. More details in the May BEELINE.

So, we hope to see you at the Auction, Board meeting and the May meeting. Thanks for being a member.

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Central Iowa Beekeepers Association Annual Auction

What: Central Iowa Beekeepers Association (CIBA) Annual Auction

When: Saturday, April 16, 2022: Consignment arrival begins at 8:00 AM & Auction starts at 10:00 AM

Where: 18930 210th St., Minburn, IA 50167

Auction Consignment **Only two weeks until it happens!**

It's time to consign! Committing to consign does not require a list of the items you are consigning, but the sooner we know the items you want to sell, the better we can advertise and the better the opportunity for your equipment to sell.

As you are getting ready for spring, start a list of what you want to bring to the auction.

Queen Cafe

There will be a cafe at the auction with drinks and food. The cafe funds the CIBA Honey Queen/Honey Ambassador program. Please let us know if you would like to help by donating food items!

Buyers

Come early to view auction items and get your bidding number! Bidding starts promptly at 10:00 AM. Pre registering on the CIBA website will speed up getting your bidding number on the day of the auction. Payment by check or cash. Credit cards accepted with a 2.5% buyer premium. All items to be paid for prior to removal.

More information

The link for auction related items: www.centraliowabeekeepersassoc.org and click on the auction box on the home page for latest updates, consignment forms (including a computer fillable, PDF consignment form) or buyer and seller pre-registration.

Please contact Mark Moberly on all questions, all things auction!

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Consignment & registration forms:

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