

From the Central Iowa Beekeepers Association (CIBA) President:

CIBA members:

The only thing I want to convey to the membership this month is if you want to purchase bee stuff or sell stuff easily **and** at a good price -- then attend our annual bee auction: *an auction by beekeepers for beekeepers*. The auction is attended by beeks from across the state since it is so well known. It is on the third Saturday of April and this year that date is April 20th.

It will be held at the Washington Township School near Minburn, IA which is near Perry. It is an excellent location with lots of space for displaying auction items. There are inside heated restrooms as well as inside checkout. There will also be a Royalty Cafe for yummy food and drinks. All the cafe proceeds go to CIBA's Royalty Program that supports our queen or ambassador.

What an opportunity to free up some space or to get that unused bee equipment moved out. It is even a better opportunity to buy used bee stuff at a decent price. For the last two years we have had live bee hives for sale and this year Pat and Peggy Ennis (P & P Honey, commercial beekeepers and CIBA members, from Goodell, IA in north central Iowa) will again have live bees for sale!! These hives are "full blown" hives meaning each hive has two deeps full of bees. They are candidates for splits this spring which means there will be a potential of generating a couple more hives from each of them.

We also have all the bee equipment from our long-time member Margaret Hala. She is now taking care of her husband Bernie and no longer has time for her bees. The list of stuff she is offering is huge.

Then there will be many others (hopefully including you) selling stuff. So, this is an opportunity that only comes around once a year here in central Iowa.

We will conduct the auction rain or shine or wind. Please refer to the details of the auction on our website [Auction 2024 | CIBA \(centraliowabeekeepersassoc.org\)](https://centraliowabeekeepersassoc.org). Consignment forms are downloadable on that website, as well as registration for consignors and also important, registration for bidders. Registering as a bidder will speed up getting your bidding number on the day of the auction.

Also refer to the details of the auction and a partial list of equipment at the auction in the attached flier. Hope to see everyone there.

Thanks for being a member. Your President

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