



Educational Farm & Nature Preserve



STRATFORD ECOLOGICAL CENTER

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The Stratford Board and Staff wish you, your family & friends a happy and healthy Thanksgiving season!



HOLIDAY GIFT BAG SALE



\$25 Gift Bag includes:

- two 4oz. corked jars of Stratford honey
- one 8oz. glass maple syrup jar
- four assorted photo cards

\$50 Gift Bag includes:

- one 2.25lb (net wt) mason jar of Stratford honey
- two 8oz. glass maple syrup jars
- four assorted photo cards
- 10 honey sticks from Latshaw Apiary

ribbon & tissue colors may vary



Order your gift bag online & pick them up at Stratford during one of our scheduled pickup dates:

- Sat. Dec. 5th, 9 to 1pm (please have your order in by 9am Fri. Dec. 4)
- Weds. Dec. 9th, 4 to 6pm (please have your order in by 9am Tues. Dec. 8)
- Weds. Dec. 16th, 9 to 5pm (please have your order in by 9am Tues. Dec. 15)



Individual items also available for pre order!

Order online at
www.stratfordecologicalcenter.org

Delaware Community News

Free Thanksgiving Meal Kits

The Delaware County Fight Against Hunger Games free meal distribution is happening Tuesday Nov. 24 from 10:45am-12pm at the former location of the Delaware Area Career Center North on State Route 521.

The [Delaware General Health District](#) will also be there providing flu vaccinations. They are asking folks to pre-register for their shot by going to <https://forms.delawarehealth.org/Forms/FluDriveDACCNorth> and using code FLU2020.

Family Promise of Delaware

Family Promise of Delaware, one of Stratford's community partners, continues to provide housing to those in need during the pandemic. Stratford is thankful to have the opportunity to work with them during this time, providing a safe space to enjoy the environment and some educational Farm School opportunities. You can read more about their work here: <https://www.delgazette.com/news/86866/more-families-seeking-shelter>



FREE Thanksgiving Meal Kits

**Tuesday, November 24th
10:45-noon
Former DACC North Building
1610 State Route 521
Delaware, Ohio**

Meal Kit Includes:

**Turkey, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy,
Corn, Green Beans, Macaroni & Cheese,
Fruit, Rolls, Pumpkin Pie and more!**

Please note that due to COVID restrictions, distribution is NOT at Hayes High School this year. COVID safety protocols will be in place. Please have space available in your trunk or back seat and volunteers will place the meal kit in your vehicle. We ask that you wear a mask when our volunteers approach your vehicle. Call Hayes High School at 740-833-1010 with any questions. While supplies last. First come, first served.

Farm School - Thank you!

Thank you to all the Farm School families who participated in this new program!

During Farm School children learn about the vital relationships between living things and their environment! By participating in the systems that contribute to our food system and natural world, students not only gained an understanding of their connection to nature but also learned practical skills through hands-on experiences. We hope the lessons learned at Farm School planted a seed of a life-long love of nature education and discovery.

Stratford will offer the Farm School program again this spring. Keep an eye on the website site for program dates and registration details.



Stratford on YouTube

Did you know that Stratford has a YouTube channel? On it you can find resources for all ages on topics such as agroforestry, livestock management, renewable energy, photosynthesis, beekeeping, farm planning, bird boxes, garden to table recipes and more!

[View our channel here>](#)



Tree Planted in Memory of John & Sandy Woods

Stratford volunteer Jerry Stanley recently bought and planted a sugar maple tree in memory of his good friend Sandy Woods, with a plaque honoring her and her late husband John Woods at the base of the tree.



Apiary Fundraiser

Your partnership in Stratford's Bee-keeping initiative will benefit the environment, children and your family!

[View a short video on the Apiary here>](#)

Our goal is to share the amazing world of honey bees with children and adults through experiential activities and programs at Stratford Ecological Center. Your Sponsorship support will help our apiary team purchase supplies, equipment and to help develop educational materials for teaching youth and families about beekeeping.

Worker Bee Sponsor – \$50 – You'll receive a small 8 oz. decorative bottle of honey and a certificate of appreciation.

Queen Bee Sponsor – \$250 – You will receive one pound of honey in a larger decorative bottle and a personal visit to Stratford to see the hives guided by one of our beekeeping team.

Bee Hive Sponsor – \$500 – You and your family will sponsor one bee hive! Your name will be printed on a brass plate affixed to the hive lid. We will offer you and your family an "in the hive" experience guided by one of our beekeepers. Additionally, you'll receive a full quart jar of honey and a photograph of you and your family at your hive with the name plate.



(Write "HONEY" in comment box)



Book Talks

Librarian Liz Barker leads the monthly Book Talks program where each month, she reads a variety of literature on a selected topic. The Book Talks group then comes together for discussion. Due to Covid19, in-person sessions were cancelled. Liz provides an overview of her reading on Apples (and more!) for us here, which would have been one of this year's topics.

[Apples and More](#)

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Volunteering

Thank you to our volunteers who have helped keep Stratford functional and beautiful during this time!

If you are interested in volunteering, please find information and an application

at <http://stratfordecologicalcenter.org/volunteer>



Farm Connection

[Seasonal Work in Hand at Stratford Ecological Center](#)

by Pauline Scott, Board Trustee & Farm & Nature Guide

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