

Cook County Farm Bureau Member News

June 2026



UPCOMING EVENTS



POLLINATOR EVENT AT LINCOLNPARK ZOO

June 23rd | 10 am – 1 pm

Join the Cook County Farm Bureau at the Lincoln Park Zoo, Chicago to celebrate Pollinator Week on Tuesday June 23, 2026. The event takes place 10 a.m.- 1 p.m. at the zoo, offering pollinator themed activities, crafts, information and free giveaways, for all ages. Partners joining us at the zoo include Cook DuPage Beekeepers Association, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Chicago, North Cook County Soil & Water Conservation District, Ask a Farmer: Zeldenrust Farms, Global Gardens and Cook County Farm Bureau Ag in the Classroom. The event is free – we hope to see you there. CCFB Members who visit our event booth between 10 am -1 pm will receive a special gift.

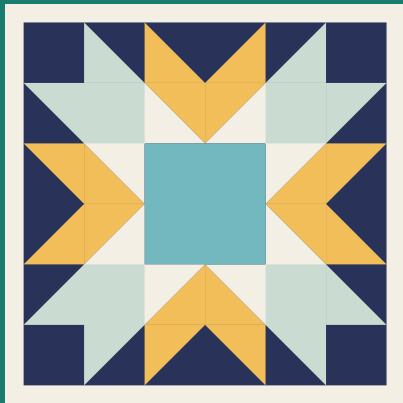
DIY SUMMER BARN QUILT PAINTING WORKSHOP

July 15th | 5:30 – 8:30pm

Cook County Farm Bureau | 6438 Joliet Rd.
Countryside, IL

Learn about the history of barn quilts and paint your own SUMMER design during this three-hour make-and-take workshop. A barn quilt is a piece of wood, painted in simple geometric patterns to resemble a quilting block that is hung on the exterior of a building. During this beginner-level class, you will paint a 12x12 barn quilt design on wood to hang indoors.

Fee: \$20 for CCFB members, \$25 for non-members *(includes materials: board, stencil, paint, etc.)* **Registration Required:** Call the Farm Bureau at 708-354-3276 or at the Member Center. For additional information, email Kelli at membershipkelli@cookcfb.org.



Master Member Club 2.0

Cook County Farm Bureau is pleased to announce the expansion of the Master Member Club open to all members, affiliates, and partners of the Cook County Farm Bureau. Check out the Master Member Club 2.0 to see how you can join and get a coveted jacket.



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WHAT IT IS

A recognition club for active Farm Bureau members and leaders who support membership growth through recruitment and retention of Ag and non-Ag members.

ELIGIBILITY

- Active Cook County Farm Bureau members in good standing
- **Exclusions:** CCFB, IFB, and other CFB staff

HOW TO JOIN

Earn 10 points by recruiting new members

- **Voting Members (MM or PM – farming/Ag):** 5 points each (2 required)
- **Associate Members (A – non-Ag):** 3 points each (4 required)

HOW TO STAY IN THE CLUB

- Earn **5 points annually**
- Recruiting period:
Sept. 1 – Aug. 31, 2026
- Program deadline:
Aug. 31, 2026

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

First-Time Inductees

- CCFB logo apparel – a coveted jacket
- Gate sign or \$50 item
- \$100 gift card (Amazon, Bass Pro, Target, Kohl's, Jewel-Osco, TJ Maxx, restaurants, etc.)

EASY WAYS TO SIGN UP MEMBERS & PAY DUES

- **Phone:** 708-354-3276 (credit card or ACH), M-F 8-4:30 pm
- **Online:** www.myifb.org or **QR code** below (list yourself in "Recommended By" field)
- **In Person:** Cook County Farm Bureau, 6438 Joliet Rd, Ste 101, Countryside, IL 60525

Questions: Contact us at 708-354-3276 or ccfb@cookcfb.org



<https://cookcfb.org/membership/member-resources/manage-your-member-account>

2026 Recipe Collection is Here

This year's booklet is full of great recipes calling for the season's best of local produce. Be sure to visit a Farm Bureau member Ag location and pick up the freshest, finest local produce area farmers have to offer to make these great recipes.

DISCOVER LOCAL

Join Cook County Farm Bureau® in supporting our local agricultural member businesses. Our online member listing is a great resource – easily accessible and updated with the most accurate information.

Discover local at
<https://cookcfb.org/discover-local/discover-local>

For a paper Discover Local listing, contact the CCFB at 708-354-3276 or email: ccfb@cookcfb.org.

SHOP LOCAL

Calling all Ag producers & consumers: Our Shop Local directory provides simple yet powerful search tools to connect growers, buyers, sellers, and consumers. Join and register your business today. Whether you are a farmer looking to reach new customers or a consumer looking for fresh produce, local dairy, or a brewery in your area, our Shop Local directory is a MUST-HAVE resource!

Visit us at <https://cookcfb.org/discover-local/shop-local>

Not a part of the directory? Register your local food or farm business today at <https://foodmarketmaker.com/registration>.

