

# THE BEE HERDER

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Join the MCBA to hear a great lineup of live and virtual speakers. Start or renew your membership [online](#), or send in the membership form at the end of the newsletter.

**Monday, July 17, 2023**  
**Medina County Fairgrounds**  
**720 West Smith Rd, Medina OH 44256**  
**6PM-7:30PM**

Join us to prepare the fair booth for our annual participation in the 2023 Medina County Fair. MCBA has the best booth in the fair and this is when we start getting it ready for the show! All volunteers welcome!

Our regular meeting night will be held at the fairgrounds to take care of the fair booth cleanup. Plan to be there at 6:00 pm. Cleanup normally has a good turn out and takes only about an hour or so. After we finish, we will have pizza and soft drinks. We'll have some supplies but just in case if you can bring a bucket, broom, or a few rags to help.



# Ten Minutes with the Bees

by *Paul Kosmos, MCBA President*

## The Bee Yard in July

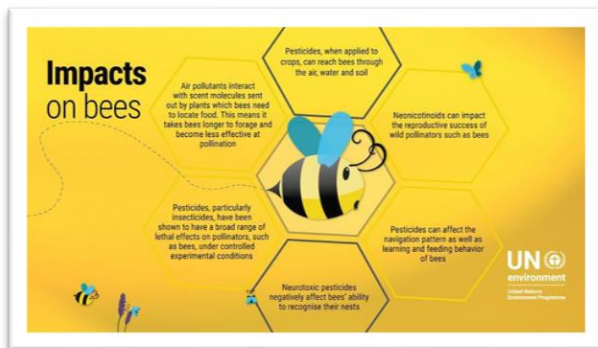
### Reading About Bees

The other day I was looking for interesting good news articles about Honey Bees and pollinators. Thought I'd share a couple with you. The first is a website from Charlotte Milner. Charlotte is an author and illustrator and has a strong passion for Honey Bees.

<https://www.readbrihtly.com/reasons-why-bees-are-worth-buzzing-about/>

Charlotte also lists numerous books for all ages that she likes.

The second article is from the United Nations Environment Program. This article discusses major issues that make it difficult in today's world for bees and all pollinators. It then ends with signs of hope for improvement.



<https://www.unep.org/news-and-stories/story/why-bees-are-essential-people-and-planet>

The third is a long article that discusses many of the health and medical benefits that are directly or indirectly associated with honey bees. Some of the highlights are subject to reader discretion, but it is clear that there are many benefits to our fuzzy little friends.

<https://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/why-are-bees-important-to-humans>

Most beekeepers are aware of the plight of natural pollinators. That is one of the things that create the interest in the first place. I know it worked for me years ago. Acres of clover and rarely a honey bee. Now, 14 years later I hope my feeble contributions have helped in some small way.

It's not just the honey bees, but all the pollinators. The Bumble Bees, Mason Bees, and various others are always fascinating to learn about and marvel at their accomplishments.

And occasionally curse at! Earlier this year Mason Bees started using my garage for nesting sites. Every small opening was being plugged with mud to raise their young. They especially took a liking to wall outlets and extension cords. They filled the ground plug holes solid. I had to remember to be very careful while trying to clear out the holes!



Mason Bee at Work

***Don't forget to Treat and/or check for Mites!***

Thanks to **Peggy Garnes** for sharing this great blog post from Mann Lake about the **Three Best Plants for Honey Production**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Medina County Fair**  
**July 31-Aug 6, 2023**  
**Medina County Fairgrounds**  
**720 West Smith Rd.**  
**Medina, OH 44256**

The 178th Medina County Fair is coming this summer! Review the [Fair Guide](#) for information on Bees, Honey, and Apiary products. Information forthcoming for Club members who intend to sell their products at fair.

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**Wizard of Buzz at the Lorain County Fair**  
**August 20-27, 2023**

**Lorain County Fairgrounds Bee Barn – Building #27**  
**23000 Fairgrounds Road, Wellington, OH 44090**

Come out to Wellington for the 177th-annual Lorain County Fair, the second-largest county fair in Ohio! Lorain County Beekeepers will host events with the theme “Wizard of Buzz.”

**MCBA Annual Picnic**  
**Monday, August 21, 2023**  
**Buckeye Woods Park**  
**6335 Wedgewood Rd (Rte 162)**  
**Medina, OH 44256**  
**6PM-7:30 PM**

Our MCBA Picnic is always a great time to visit with friends and talk about bees or whatever! Details forthcoming, save the date!

**Lorain County Beekeepers Association End of Summer Classic**  
**Saturday, September 9, 2023**  
**Lorain County Fairgrounds**  
**23000 Fairgrounds Road, Wellington, OH 44090**  
**9AM-3PM**  
**Admission: \$5**

Lorain County Beekeepers Association will be hosting their second annual “End of Summer Classic” festival. This will be a community educational day with three expert speakers on beekeeping. We will have bee activities, activities for kids, vendors, fair food, games, door prizes, raffles and car show.

The LCBA mission is to promote Beekeeping through education, cooperation, or any other efficient means.

A fundraising project to raise money to build a year-round learning center at the Lorain County Fairgrounds for the future generations of beekeepers and farmers. With building plans well under way, we invite you to work with us to make this plan a reality.

**MCBA September Meeting**  
**Monday, September 18, 2023**  
**Medina County District Library 210 S Broadway St,**  
**Medina, OH 44256 Meeting Room A and/or B Q&A**  
**6:30PM-7PM; presentation 7PM-8:30 PM**

**Topic:** Getting Your Hives Ready for Winter

**MCBA October Meeting**  
**Monday, October 16, 2023**  
**Medina County District Library 210 S Broadway St,**  
**Medina, OH 44256 Meeting Room A and/or B Q&A**  
**6:30PM-7PM; presentation 7PM-8:30 PM**

**Topic:** Four Corners Discussion

If you're out and about in Wellington, check out the display window at Cherished Creations (105 East Herrick Ave). The Lorain County Beekeepers have it decorated with the LCBA fair theme, “The Wizard of Buzz.”

*(Photo courtesy LCBA)*





## June Meeting Recap

**Tim Moore** spoke about how to remove, extract, and prepare honey for use or sale. **Jay Hadam** spoke about how to get your bees to make comb honey, how to prepare one's hive for comb honey, and how to prepare it for sale. **Evona Gaughan** spoke about how to make candles from beeswax, including the proper size wick for the type of wax and different type types of molds to use.

The meeting was a big success with 70 members in attendance.





# M E M B E R

# P H O T O S



Club members **Greg and Cindy Onlayao** shared photos of their new bee yard – and one of their bees!



Member **Sharon Carpenter** caught a swarm at her mom's Friday evening. There were bees entering the side of the air conditioner. She also spotted a small cluster on the ground a short distance from the A/C unit. She got the one on the ground in her swarm box and saw the queen. She put it in her marking tube and marked her, then left her in the cage until morning. She then had the good judgement to place it next to the A/C unit and leave it for the night. The next morning it appeared the stragglers in the A/C unit were now happy in the swarm box. Another job well done!

Thanks to **Kym Lucas** for sharing this blog post on [wet brood](#) and [dry brood](#).

## 2022 MCBA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL

MCBA offers webinars and lectures, a monthly newsletter, the opportunity to sell honey at the county fair, and email updates. \$20 for emailed or \$25 for a printed, mailed newsletter. Membership includes one family member in activities other than voting.

Renew your membership [online here](#) or complete the form below, make a check payable to **Medina County Beekeepers Association**, and mail to Medina Beekeepers, PO BOX 1353, Medina, Ohio 44258.

**Membership Form** - Please complete so that we have current roster information for the newsletters!

Member Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email address (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ (Optional) # of colonies \_\_\_\_\_