



The

LCBA BUZZ



December 2025

Providing Education in Sustainable Beekeeping

Monthly meetings at 6pm in room 109 of Washington Hall, Centralia College; exceptions will be published in advance. Club apiary is at 765 North Fork Road

Upcoming activities and events

NO DECEMBER monthly meeting



December 6 at 10 am, apiary workshop to make sugar bricks, clean propolis off any boxes needing cleaned, assess equipment, OA vaporize, prepare for spring! Please come out to help-more hands makes the tasks easier!

Wednesday January 14: Holiday Party!! Mark your calendar now Borst Park kitchen #1 ***Mead making class beginning at 5:30, dinner following!*** There will be awesome raffle items; this year we are trialing having both \$1 and \$5 tickets, high dollar items will be \$5 tickets. Bring plenty of cash!

Wednesday, February 11; Jeff Ott, of the highly acclaimed Beekeeping Today podcast will speak on technology in the apiary

New product for mite control now available!

There is a new varroa control available called Norroa - it is essentially a birth control for varroa mites - it stops reproduction.

Read about it here: <https://norroa.com/norroa>

It currently is available from Mann Lake; Woods and Beeline will likely carry it soon. A package of two (\$22) treats one deep brood box, so 2 packages (4 pouches) would be needed to treat one double deep box) and is effective for about 18 weeks. It's available from Mann Lake in packages of 2 (\$22) and 12 (\$114) pouches which is enough to treat 3 double deep box hives. Suggested application time would be in fall when there's no brood, or spring before buildup.

New Directors Elected!!

Elected at the November membership meeting by unanimous yea's,

Cody Warren, President

Phil Wilson, Mentorship Coordinator

Maria Key, Community Outreach

Theresa Arlotto, Treasurer

These are two year terms, to serve from January 1 2026 through December 31, 2027. November 2026 we will nominate candidates for Vice President, Secretary, and Education Coordinator. You have plenty of time to prepare yourself to run, and help continue the club's strong leadership!



"Can't you think of ANY other affectionate name to call me, other than 'Honey'?"

When do bees get married?

When they meet
their honey

Silent auction camera and extractor update:

We have one bid on the camera of \$101, next bid needs to be over \$101. Extractor bids now taking OBO, there is a \$25 bid so you would need to bid more than \$25 if you want the extractor. Bidding will be open until the end of the January 14 holiday party when auction will end. Pictures of the items are in the November newsletter. If you would like to bid by email please send your bid to bevp003@gmail.com



Our November speaker Chase Beathard from Olympia's Fungi Perfecti gave an excellent presentation on the benefits of fungi in our world. We beekeepers can get benefits from them, and research is showing great benefit for our honeybees, especially from reishi extract.

HOST DEFENSE <i>Mushrooms</i>	MUSHROOM BENEFITS AT A GLANCE*						
	AGARIKON	CHAGA	CORDYCEPS	LION'S MANE	MAITAKE	REISHI	TURKEY TAIL
ANTIOXIDANT & DNA SUPPORT*		✓	✓	✓		✓	
BREATHING*		✓	✓			✓	
DIGESTION & MICROBIOME*		✓		✓		✓	✓
ENERGY & STAMINA*		✓	✓			✓	
GLYCEMIC BALANCE*		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
HEART SUPPORT*			✓			✓	
IMMUNE SUPPORT*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
LIVER & METABOLIC DETOX*		✓	✓			✓	✓
MEMORY, CLARITY & COGNITION*				✓		✓	
MOOD, STRESS & SLEEP SUPPORT*				✓		✓	
NERVE SUPPORT*			✓	✓		✓	
PERFORMANCE & ATHLETIC RECOVERY*		✓	✓			✓	

* THESE STATEMENTS HAVE NOT BEEN EVALUATED BY THE FOOD & DRUG ADMINISTRATION. THIS PRODUCT IS NOT INTENDED TO DIAGNOSE, TREAT, CURE OR PREVENT ANY DISEASE.

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Studies are showing the mychorrizal fungi seems to target the varroa mite without harming the bees. We hope to see some sort of commercial product available in the near future.

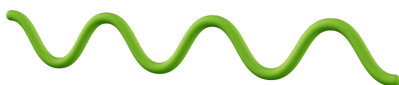
Wax wanted, cleaned or not

Bev is looking for donations of unwanted wax, clean or not. Planning to do some beeswax crafting classes. First coming soon, see page 6. email bevp003@gmail.com if you have some wax to donate. Thanks!

Top Bar hive for sale (and the club library has top bar hive management books you can borrow to learn how to manage it!!) This is a complete set up, with frames (some with drawn comb) and follower boards. Selling for \$100 OBO and sale will end in February at the monthly member meeting. Email bevp003@gmail.com if you're interested in making an offer.



Thank you, Joe Angelo, for donating the top bar hive to the club to sell.



LCBA member perk: you can audit the January beekeeping class at no cost! Send Noel an email (nsharp928@gmail.com) to get put on the standby list if spaces are available after new students register. To allow time for new students to register, you won't be notified that you're able to attend until the very end of December. Class runs 6 consecutive Saturdays beginning January 3rd.

Spread the word about the class with friends,! Let's promote beekeeping, and increase our club membership! New students can register beginning December 8th through Centralia College





HOLIDAY PARTY

JANUARY **14** AT 6:30 PM

*Mead making demonstration at 5:30 - 6:15, dinner at
6:30*

BORST PARK KITCHEN #1 2020 BORST AVENUE (ON THE
LEFT, JUST PAST PLAYGROUND

great raffle items, tickets \$ 1 or \$5



Ham, rolls and meatballs
provided, please bring a side
dish or dessert to share

BEESWAX CRAFT WORKSHOPS

**TWO
CLASSES!**



**Make beeswax lotion
bars, or candles, or both!**

You will make 6 lotion bars to take, plus you take the reuseable silicone mold home to make more! **OR**, you will make 2 candles, one a silicone reusable mold; metal candle tin can be reused as well.



**SUNDAY DECEMBER 7TH
CANDLES AT 1 PM, LOTION BARS AT 2**

\$25 per class

profits go to LCBA


Maximum 10 people per class,
reserve your spot now! email
bev003@gmail.com to reserve.

**At the home of Bev Phoenix
558 Leudinghaus Road, Chehalis**

*Due to hot wax, no children under age
15 please*

