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September 2025

Providing Education in Sustainable Beekeeping

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

September activities and events

Wednesday September 10 Jordan Bramwell will speak on queen rearing at our monthly meeting.



" Jordan Bramwell is a Pacific Northwest beekeeper and operates Boozy Dog Farms, LLC, a small-scale apiary focused on sustainable practices and local queen production. With over 14 years of hands-on experience, Jordan is especially interested in queen biology, genetics, and creative approaches to colony health. In addition to raising gentle, regionally adapted queens, Jordan supports other small-scale beekeepers through mentorship and collaboration. Boozy Dog Farms offers queens and nucs seasonally, with a focus on strengthening local resilience and community building. "

Saturday September 20: Apiary workshop, 11am - 1 pm. Fall feeding, mite treatment, hive assessment, whatever else is needed to prepare the hives for winter.

AND THE WINNER IS...

Results from public's **TASTER'S CHOICE** honey

1 Gail Bayne

#2 Cody Warren

#3 Ross Merker

Congratulations! Thank your bees with some sugar syrup so everyone celebrates!!

Interesting article on finds on a bottom board

<https://www.honeybeesuite.com/once-upon-a-bottom-board/>



LCBA has a few white fabric tablecloths that will be for sale at the September meeting. There is one rectangle 60X102 and three round 108". Each \$5.00 see Bev at the meeting.

Scientists have unveiled a new food source designed to sustain honey bee colonies indefinitely without natural pollen. Read the article in the link below. Bri Price of WSU says it may become commercially available next year

<https://news.cahnrs.wsu.edu/article/new-pollen-replacing-food-for-honey-bees-brings-new-hope-for-survival/>



Everyone at the July picnic enjoyed great food prepared by chief grill cooks Dottie and Bill, plus a lot of fabulous side dishes from members! There were a LOT of great raffle items - a 2026 nuc, Beeline gift cards, hive kit, and more! If you missed out this year, plan to attend next summer!

Fall hive management is critical to winter survival! Gain valuable information by attending the club apiary workshop September 13. Another excellent learning opportunity is at Wood's Bee Co. on Reynolds Ave.

September 6th starting at 10am. Alan will talk about what you should be doing to prepare your hives for winter; participants will then inspect hives. Bring your suit; coffee and light refreshments are provided.

Future LCBA meetings etc. - mark your calendar now!

October club meeting - we will have a WASBA video on overwintering presented by Dr. Scott Debnam from the Montana State bee program. In November we will hear a presentation on research being done using fungi to improve bee health by Chase Beathard from Fungi Perfecti.



**Observation hive
at the fair -
always a popular
attraction!
Thanks to all
who helped
bring the bees in
and return them
to their hive in
the evening! We
got quite a few
people sign up
to get
information
about the
beginning
beekeeping
class!**



**Another popular
booth item,
kids always
enjoy getting
candy, honey
sticks, stickers
or temporary
tattoos!
Member Cody
helping spot
the queen.**



Thanks to all the members who volunteered to make our display at the SWW fair a huge success this year! We think being in expo hall increased traffic to our booth, and the bees certainly benefitted from the air conditioning. Thanks again to all who volunteered!!