



The

LCBA BUZZ



October 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

October activities and events

Wednesday October 8: we will have a WASBA video featuring Dr. Scott Debnam from Montana State University on overwintering. 6pm.



Saturday October 11 at 10am: apiary workshop. Making sugar candy for winter feeding, insulate hives, winter prep.

Future:

Wednesday November 12: our speaker will be Chase Beathard from Fungi Perfecti, speaking on research being done using fungi to improve bee health.

Wednesday January 14: Holiday Party!! Mark your calendar now - we are hoping to meet at Borst Park kitchen #1, location will be confirmed prior.

NO DECEMBER CLUB ACTIVITIES



**This one is for the dog loving
beekeepers**

Highlights from Jordan Bramwell, our September speaker on Queen rearing: His first point was to overwinter a colony, a strong healthy colony is essential! Why make queens? To have a spare; to have better queens overall; to make splits; to promote local stock, and provide genetic selection. The method for rearing queens was explained - patience and decent eyesight are helpful attributes for the process. Comments I found interesting - a drone is genetically programmed to do one job - for example, make scout bees. Another may produce foragers. Thus it is beneficial for a queen to mate with several drones. Jordan tries to keep positive traits - if he has a 'mean' hive, he dispatches that queen, hoping to not reproduce more 'mean' hives. If you are interested in learning queen rearing, there are classes available.



Going forward, money collected from items sold or raffled will be designated for our 'general account'. We will keep a specific amount in our youth scholarship fund, enough for 2 scholars for 2 years. We will move funds from checking or savings to the scholarship fund as needed. So, if you want your purchase monies to go to the scholarship fund specifically and only, please state so when you purchase something. If you donate funds for a specific item those funds will be held and spent for that item. Ask Bev or Theresa if you have questions about this.



WSU bee researchers are seeking two beekeepers in each county in WA to collect pollen for a big pollen mapping project. Read the article for information on who to contact if you are interested in helping.

<https://research.wsu.edu/news/ws-entomologist-launches-massive-pollen-mapping-project-to-help-pollinators-beekeepers-gardeners-conservationists>

[thank you Phil Wilson, for sending the following link](#)

Washington state honeybee losses lower than national average, but pollinator decline still a concern | Spokane News | khq.com

We have some items of higher value to raffle soon. We are considering a 'silent auction' to hopefully get more than \$5 for these items. Information and items coming to a meeting soon!

If you are interested in being President, Mentor Coordinator or Community Outreach Coordinator please contact Bill at billdabeekeeper@gmail.com before October 7!. We have persons interested in each position and will announce new officers at the October meeting if no one else expresses interest.