



Lorain County *Beekeepers* Association

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President's Message

Hello LCBA,

Hard to believe that Spring is just two weeks away and Mother Nature has given us some Spring-like days! Hope you have been able to take advantage of those days to open your hives and see what is going on in there. Check food supplies and keep up with mite treatments

Friday March 14th is the next LCBA monthly meeting. "Working with Beeswax Basics and Comb Honey" is the topic presented by Dave Duncan.

March means Beginner Beekeeping classes are underway. Last Friday we had over 160 prospective new beekeepers. This Friday class will be in the Church and the monthly meeting will be in the Hall.

A BIG THANK YOU to all who helped with the Ms. Honey Bee's High Tea. It was a beautiful, successful event. Thank you!

See you at 7:00 PM Friday.

Your President,

Marilyn

Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

Congratulations to our 50/50 Raffle Winner!!

February's Members Meeting

Dave Vasel !!

Don't forget to get your tickets at every meeting!

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Ms. Honey Bee High Tea a success! A very special thank you to Denzil & Sheila St. Clair for dressing in High Tea Style and greeting our guests at the door along with bringing the extensive photo area set up and décor. Thank you!

Thank you to:

Kathy Beal

Cathy Lohse

Lilly Postlethwait

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Diane Croll

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Abigail Meier

Amanda Baus

Thank you to everyone who donated raffle baskets to Ms. Honey Bees High Tea:

Karin Wishner

Kathy Beal

Joan Romick

Audrey Gargas

Jodie Costello's Hair Design in Oberlin

A special thank you to all the LCBA members who donated bee items to put into the LCBA Gift Basket. And thank you to the donor of the Barefoot Wine Basket and the Moscow Mule baskets!

Thank you to our instructors for the Beginning Beekeeping Classes – Dave Borling, Amanda Manahan, John Rose and Gene Gargas.

Our website is always available to answer any questions you may have, check us out at www.loraincountybeekeepers.org

Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

Congratulations to our February Soup-Off Winners!

1st Place Wendi Volkert with Turkey Rice Soup

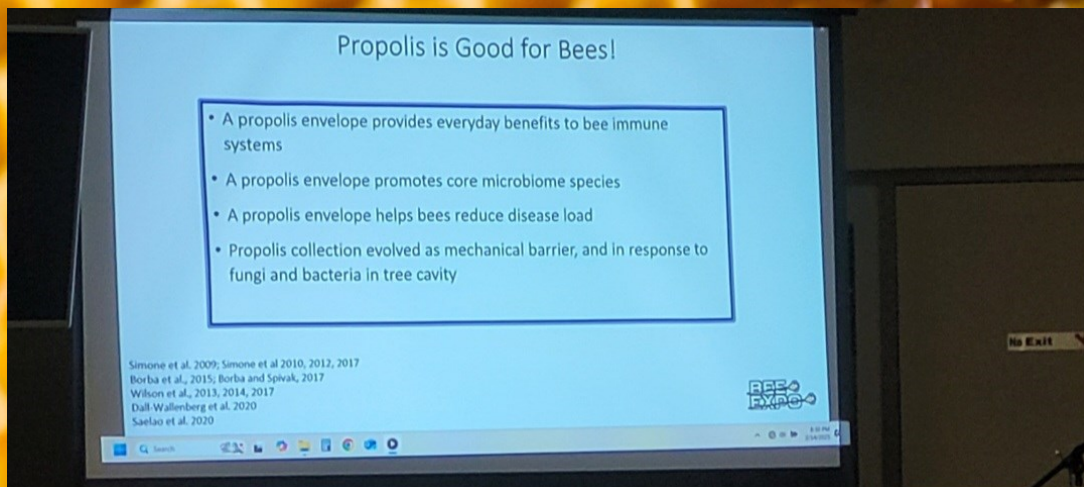
2nd Place Karen with Ham and Potato Soup

3rd Place Amanda with Butternut Squash Soup



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February's Meeting - Maria Spivak talks "Propolis"



To Promote Beekeeping through Education, Cooperation and any other Efficient Means

Located in Lorain County, Ohio, LCBA was founded in 1919 as a non-profit organization committed to educating the public about the value of honeybees and the impact honeybees have on our world. We provide educational appearances upon request to schools and groups. LCBA encourages and mentors beginning beekeepers through scholarship programs for students along with adult education.

Monthly Meetings

When: 2nd Friday of each month, starting at 7:00pm to 9:30pm

Where: Life Church

1033 Elm Street, Grafton, OH 44044

Did you know donations to LCBA are tax deductible???

Lorain County Beekeepers Association is now a 501c(3) organization. Any donations made to LCBA are now tax deductible!!!

The BUZZZZ Advertising Fees

Members can place classified ads—maximum 4 lines (approx. 3/4 in by 3 3/4 inch) for free on a one time basis. If the same ad places for more than 1 month, a fee will be charged. There is also a fee if the ad is larger than the size listed above. Ads will run in the newsletter which is posted on the LCBA website and distributed to our member circulation and billed for 12 issues.

Rates are as follows for ads provided by customer *LCBA Officers reserve the right, at their sole discretion, to change, modify, add, or delete all or portions of ads for content. Terms and policies to change. Information posted is a courtesy to LCBA Members and/or a paid advertisement for business entities. LCBA does not endorse or guarantee quality or pricing .

1 (Full) page - \$25.00 per month/issue

1/2 page ad - \$18.00 per month/issue

1/4 page ad - \$12.00 per month/issue

1/8 page ad - \$10.00 per month/issue

Any questions regarding advertising?

Contact Lori Keleman at

BuzzzzWorthy@gmail.com

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Ms. HoneyBee's High Tea - March 8th



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"Are you ready for the 2025 Lorain County Fair??"

Our new theme for 2025/26 is Harry Potter!

"The Magic and Power of Honey"

Every year the organization puts on a beautiful theme related display encompassing all aspects of beekeeping. Thousands of folks come through the barn annually .It's always fun to incorporate an idea that everyone who visits the bee barn can relate to no matter the age. Maybe the first time you became acquainted with LCBA was through the welcome station in the bee barn!

In order to put on a grand week-long event it takes, volunteers, ideas and skills. We all started working on this project right after the 2024 fair week ended. Layout out of floor, looking for amazing deals on Facebook market place, etc.

Whether you are new to the organization or not, we would love to have you step up and volunteer.

Meetings will be announced as we begin the next phase on planning. We will be building, moving, hanging, and cleaning as the year progresses, even an in-house artist would be amazing. Try to come and listen in and see if there is something you feel you can help with.

Collecting items for props and staging are a must!

We are trying to focus within the first movie , "Harry Potter and the Sorcerers' Stone" however we will borrow from the others where there is a gem that everyone remembers.

Here is a list of items we might use so you can begin to let your creative juices flow !

Large aged old books, sorting hats large table candelabra's , Gold plastic coins(lots of them), remember the Gringott's Bank, the car in the movie that flies, Flying keys to be made , the letter to be put together(maybe you have a lot of manila colored envelopes) larger battery candles with timers or remotes. So you get the idea, order that movie, get some popcorn and make a list. Our bee barn is a 30'x90' blank canvas and we use just about every square inch.

Remember, if you wind up bringing personal items in for the bee barn, remember to mark it and pick it up at the end of fair.

Its early, I know but from experience we know it will be here tomorrow.

Thank You,

Sheila St. Clair

Board member

P.S. I have a metal Dragon , About 3 foot tall reading the Book "Harry Potter and the Sorcerers Stone" , we can check that off!:)





Lorain County Beekeepers Association

Founded 1882, reorganized 1919, and incorporated 1966.

LCBA MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____



Annual Membership cost is \$20.00 per family, all living at the same address. LCBA Membership includes the newsletter e-mailed. You must include your e-mail above. Lifetime Memberships available for \$200.

Please make checks payable to: Lorain County Beekeepers Association \$ _____ Check # _____
(cash/check/money order)

Please mail form with payment to:

Lorain County Beekeepers Association

c/o Gene Gargas, LCBA Treasurer, 2410 Brook Haven Lane, Hinckley, OH 44233

Information is also available at our website, www.loraincountybeekeepers.org. Memberships run on a calendar year basis (January 1 to December 31). Youth between the ages of 11-18 may apply for the Youth Education Program. Please see the LCBA website for more information, the selection criteria, the process and the application.

The above person/family has applied for membership in the Lorain County Beekeepers Association. The adult members of the applicant family 18 yrs. and older are requested to take part in the annual association election of officers to conduct the regular business of the association. Youth members are welcome to join in on all other association activities.

The above person / family acknowledges that their contact information will be added to the membership list. This list is a controlled item and will be used only for L.C.B.A. business and will not be used for any other purpose.

I acknowledge the risks involved in beekeeping activities which include and not limited to: stings, falls, shock, allergic reactions and personal injury. I agree to hold harmless Lorain County Beekeepers Association from any liability, including financial responsibility for injuries or property damages, regardless of whether injuries are caused by negligence in the State of Ohio.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Lorain County Beekeepers Association

Intermediate Beekeeping Class 2025

Improved Varroa Monitoring Research & Drones and Races of Bees

Date: Saturday, April 5

Time: 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Location: Life Church
1033 Elm Street
Grafton, Ohio 44044

Cost: Cost of this class is free to all 2025 LCBA members. Non-member cost will be \$10, or \$20 for a 2025 LCBA membership for the rest of the year.

Topics will include:

- Learn accurate and simple mite monitoring.
- FREE set of mite monitoring tools.
- Where are the mites in spring?
- Should you invest in hygienic bees?

If you are a 2nd or 3rd year beekeeper, this class is for you!

☐ LCBA Member (free) ☐ Non-member \$10 ☐ Non-member + Membership \$20

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Payment options: ☐ Cash ☐ Check ☐ Pay Online

Please make checks payable to: Lorain County Beekeepers Association

Please email to Marilyn at m.teep70@gmail.com

or mail form to:

Lorain County Beekeepers Association

P.O. Box 144, Lagrange, Ohio 44050

Please RSVP by April 4th, to m.teep70@gmail.com if you plan to attend this class.

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

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WELLINGTON OHIO

Bee City Festival

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**JUNE 20, 2025
4:00 - 8:00 PM**

**Downtown Wellington
On the Square**

Join us for a buzzing good time at the Bee City Festival in the heart of Wellington! Celebrate the wonders of pollinators with an exciting day full of local vendors, educational opportunities, and fun for all ages. **FREE EVENT!**

For over 100 years, the Lorain County Beekeepers Association has been dedicated to the preservation of beekeeping and promoting the importance of pollinators. We are proud to shine a spotlight on Wellington, celebrating our history, fostering community education, and ensuring a sustainable future for generations to come. Together, we Preserve the Past by Securing the Future of beekeeping and pollinators.

Vendor Applications Open Now! Reserve your spot early—this is a free event, and donations (raffle baskets, cash, etc.) are welcome. Contact Marilyn at (440) 759-2826.

- **Meet Local Beekeepers** and sample delicious, all-natural honey and beekeeping products.
- **Interested in beekeeping?** This is the perfect opportunity to connect with experts and learn more about becoming a beekeeper!
- Discover local gardening tips and products from **gardening experts and local farmers.**
- Explore **Wellington merchants** who will be offering special food, drinks, giveaways, and much more!

Follow Us on Facebook for event updates, vendor news, and more exciting details!

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31st Annual Field Day

Saturday, June 7, 2025

Sponsored by Lorain County Beekeepers Association & QRC
www.loraincountybeekeepers.org



Rain or Shine Event • Free Event for Everyone!

31 Years of Field Days – A Legacy of Beekeeping Education, 106 Years in the Making!

Join us for a special celebration of beekeeping education and community at the 31st Annual Field Days, hosted by the Lorain County Beekeepers Association (LCBA) and Queen Right Colonies (QRC). Whether you're a seasoned beekeeper or just beginning to explore the world of honey bees, this event has something for everyone!

We are thrilled to welcome Frederick Dunn, a Cornell Certified Master Beekeeper, U.S. Navy veteran, and creator of the popular YouTube channel "The Way To Bee", as our featured speaker. Frederick will present "Fun Bee Facts", sharing insights on honey bee biology, behavior, and backyard beekeeping. His presentation will be followed by a lively Q&A session, where attendees can ask questions and engage with one of the most knowledgeable experts in the field. Frederick and his wife, Annette, have been keeping bees since 2006 on their rural property in the northeastern United States, and his mission is to educate beekeepers of all levels—especially those focusing on small-scale, backyard beekeeping.



Frederick Dunn

LOCATION: Queen Right Colonies

43655 State Route 162, Spencer, OH 44275
Tel: 440-647-2602 • queenrightcolonies.com

LUNCH STAND AVAILABLE

THIS IS A FREE EVENT AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND BEEKEEPERS OF ALL STRIPES!

For more details, visit our websites at loraincountybeekeepers.org & queenrightcolonies.com or follow us on Facebook.

In addition to Frederick's talk, we're offering 10 interactive learning stations set up in the East Field next to our large circus tent. These stations will cover a variety of beekeeping topics, from hive management and pest control to honey production. It's an excellent opportunity to gain practical knowledge and hands-on experience.

While you're at the farm, take time to explore the beautiful grounds, including a visit to the Amish Haus & Gift Shop, filled with unique antiques and handcrafted gifts. Families will enjoy traditional activities such as alpaca shearing, buggy rides, and live banjo music—perfect for making memories with loved ones.

AGENDA - WEATHER PERMITTING

- 9:00 AM Registration, Coffee, and Donuts
- 10:00 - 11:30 AM Frederick Dunn - "Fun Bee Facts" - East Tent
- 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Lunch Break
- 11:45 AM - 12:30 PM Honey Bee Derby
- 12:00 PM Alpaca Shearing
- 12:30 - 2:00 PM Frederick Dunn Q&A - East Tent
- 11:30 AM - 3:00 PM Beekeeping Learning Stations
- 3:00 PM Raffles Drawings and 50/50

As always, Queen Right Colonies, the largest retailer of beekeeping equipment, package bees, and queens in Ohio, will be on-site, offering expert advice and products to help you with your beekeeping journey. And for those who don't feel like packing lunch, we'll have food available for purchase at a minimal cost—so come hungry!

This is a FREE event, open to the public. To support the Lorain County Beekeepers Association, don't forget to participate in our raffles and drawings throughout the day. We expect a large crowd, so be sure to come early to get the best spot and enjoy a full day of learning and fun. See you there!

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