



Lorain County *Beekeepers* Association

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President's Message

Hello Fellow Beekeepers,

The Old Farmer's Almanac predicts periods of snow next week. Hope all is well with your bees and they are prepared for the winter.

The next monthly meeting is Friday, November 14th. Our speaker this month is Shawn Hornbeck from Wooster. He will be talking about his beekeeping journey since 2019, when he started with a few hives and is now up to 300 hives. This month is also the chili cook-off. The best tasting chili, as determined by the membership, could win \$40 for 1st place, \$30 for 2nd place and \$20 for 3rd place. Please RSVP to Audrey (216-534-6195) if you are planning on bringing an entry so we have enough sample cups prepared for judging. Doors open at 6:30 and the meeting starts at 7:00 pm. Please remember to bring your recipe for the newsletter!

Nominations for all officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Trustee will close at the conclusion of Friday's nights meeting. We are also looking for kitchen help for our meeting nights, a gardener(s) for the Memorial Gardens come spring, and someone to help put out and collect nametags before and after the meetings. Please consider taking an office or helping out with LCBA

*See you November 14th,
Marilyn,
Your President*

Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

Congratulations to our 50/50 Raffle Winner!!

October's Members Meeting Winner

Denise Vassel!

Thank you for donating your winnings to the LCBA Building Fund

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

October's Meeting —

Fall Banquet and Silent Auction



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October's Meeting —

LCBA's Best Tasting Honey

1st Place Dave Zamancik

2nd Place Jaime Barbour

3rd Place Kathy Beal





October & November is Nomination Month for LCBA Election of Officers

October & November is nomination months for all LCBA positions- President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and one Trustee position. If you are interested in becoming more involved with LCBA, please consider joining our board. All officials are expected to attend every meeting along with planning, preparing and participating in all members meetings. There executive meeting is the last Thursday of every month to plan our upcoming events schedule.

Feel free to nominate a friend or yourself if you are interested in a position. Voting will take place at the December Christmas Pot Luck Meeting.

Nominations are closed after the November members meeting.

Following are the job descriptions for each position:

President – Plan and lead meetings with the help of the executive committee, plan fair and outside functions and activities, run executive meetings, suggest speakers for meetings, write presidents note to members for BUZZZZ newsletter.

Vice President – Assist president in planning of meetings, fair and outside functions, lead meetings and write notes when president is unable to, support, assist and vote on matters regarding LCBA.

Secretary –Take meeting minutes at regular and executive meetings, handle necessary correspondence, mail or email notifications to club members and beginner class sign ups, send out class notifications to media, confirm speaker, other miscellaneous duties, submit minutes to executives for approval, support, assist and vote on matters regarding LCBA.

Treasurer – Establish and maintain financial matters for the organization (writing checks for bills or other expenses and payables), present reports at executive meetings regarding income and expenses, support, assist and vote on matters regarding LCBA.

Trustee – Asist all positions if needed and support, assist and vote on matters regarding LCBA. This is a 3-year term and only 1 position is available each year.

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LCBA Upcoming Calendar

December 12	Christmas Pot Luck and White Elephant Gift Exchange
January 9	"Equipment Repair, Wax Melting and Honey Decrystallization"
February 13	Annual Soup Off - "State of Beekeeping in Ohio and OSBA Changes Beekeeping Policy"

Presented by Brad Deering, OSBA

LCBA Judging Accreditation Program

There is a real need for qualified honey judges in Ohio, especially the northern part of the state. LCBA will offer this course free of charge to any interested party willing to put in the time and effort. The course will take place at Life Church, 1033 Elm St., Grafton, Ohio 44044 on Saturday, January 10, 2026, with an alternative date of January 31, should weather become inclement and inhibit driving.

A \$25.00 refundable fee will be required upon signup, and returned to you after the completion of the class. The class will be limited to a maximum number of ten (10) participants.

During this class you will learn the necessary equipment and their uses; for example, refractometer, polariscope, and Pfund scale. Additionally, LCBA is going to a standardized score card, so we will discuss scoring honey (in various forms), pollen, wax (in various forms) soap, lip balm, and anything else you may find in a standard honey show. There will be follow-up information forthcoming - this is a first notice! If you are interested in being considered for this class

Please contact Denzil St.Clair by emailing info@queenrightcolonies.com.



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



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: _____

www.loraincountybeekeepers.org



LCBA Christmas Potluck Meeting

Come join us on Friday, December 12, 2025, at 7 pm at Life Church for our annual Christmas Potluck and White Elephant Gift Exchange.

Please bring an appetizer, side dish, vegetable or dessert to share with everyone. LCBA will provide plates, utensils and drinks.

Following dinner, we will be entertained with games directed by Sheila St. Clair

***We will also have a White Elephant Exchange for anyone interested, please bring your gift in a wrapped box or gift bag.
Everyone who brings a gift, takes a gift!***

Come and join the fun!

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