

# Lorain County *Beekeepers* Association



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## *President's Message*

***Greetings All Beekeepers!***

***Spring is here and we have had lots of dandelions, flowering trees and shrubs. My weather app tells me every day that there is lots of pollen. Hopefully the rain will stay away and the days will get warmer. Check your colonies every 7 to 10 days for cups and brood congestion. Swarm season is here and will continue through June.***

***Friday May 9th is the next Members' Meeting. We'll start in the Memorial Garden with a hive opening at 6:00 PM. The meeting will be at 7:00 PM in the church hall. Our speaker will be Tony West traveling from Southern Ohio. He will be talking about the Demaree Method for swarm prevention.***

***As always LCBA has a lot going on. Please consider helping at our upcoming events:***

***May 15th, 16th and 17th - World Bee Day at the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds. School kids will be there on the 15th and 16th and the general public on May 17th***

***May 17th - Parking cars for Wellington Eagles Gun Raffle Event. The Eagles make a generous donation to LCBA for our help parking cars.***

***June 7th - Field Day at Queen Right Colonies. The speaker will be Frederick Dunn, a Cornell Certified Master Beekeeper and creator of the popular You Tube channel "The Way to Bee". There will also be 10 breakout educational sessions. Help will be needed for set-up on Friday June 6th and on Saturday serving coffee and donuts, selling raffle tickets and serving food***

***June 20th - Bee City Festival in Wellington, 4 - 8 PM - Help needed setting up a maze with Bee Buses and manning the LCBA table.***

***The next Members' meeting is June 13th. There will be a pot luck picnic. More details to follow about planned activities.***

***See everyone Friday,***

***Marilyn***

## Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

***Congratulations to our 50/50 Raffle Winner!!***

***April's Members Meeting***

***Donna Smith !!***

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



### Member's Mtg Friday, June 13th

- 6pm – Hive openings with split evaluation, equalizing of populations, & collection of mite data
- 7pm – 8:30pm
  - Potluck picnic.
    - The club will be serving hot dogs and buns
    - Bring your favorite picnic recipe to share with others.
  - Demonstration of mite control methods Formic Pro and Oxalic Dribble – 15min
  - Demonstration of analyzing mite measurements – 15min
  - Round table open forum on beekeeping issues – Bring your problems and the collective wisdom of the group will help you out. (This is always a lot of fun!)



### ***Thank You and Reminders!!***

***Thank you to Dave Varga and Ray & Nancy Frank for their generous donations to the LCBA Building Fund.***

***Thank you to David Colegrove for donating a package of bees to our LCBA YEP Program.***

***Sign up sheets will be available at the attendance table for parking cars at the Wellington Eagles on May 17<sup>th</sup> and helping out at Field Day.***



## Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

### LCBA Youth Education Program (YEP) 2025

**Caroline Hendrickson, age 11**

**First Year Youth Education Program**

*There are so many things I learned being involved in the Lorain County Beekeeper's Association. I have learned many things like having the right beekeeping tools, installing a package of bees, inspecting a hive and treating for mites and diseases. Taking care of the bees is more than just looking in the beehive once a week. You have to check the frames, find the queen, make sure they have all the resources they need and also doing all your treatments. You can't just throw your bees in the beehive and expect those bees to survive. It is just not going to work out. If you want to do beekeeping right you should attend the Lorain County Beekeeping Association classes!*

*My Uncle Aaron and I after we installed our bees.*



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**Abe Allie**

*I have enjoyed learning about bees, beekeeping, and taking care of our bees at our home. I love how fascinating bees can be (pun intended) - the process of how they develop the different members of their hive, the way that they communicate, and the study of bees it-self. I'm looking forward to our first honey harvest.*



**Patrick Bibb**

*Through this opportunity I have been able to learn and invest myself into beekeeping. I have been privileged with a very enjoyable experience from the beekeeping classes to hive openings. I have also learned how to start a smoker, and how to install bees correctly. I also know what to look out for and properly care for bees, including how to take care of mites, how to paint the hive, and where to place the hive. I have learned alot from my mentors, they gave me the knowledge I have now. I have learned alot from this project and I can't wait to learn more.*





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**Henry Klier — LCBA's YEP recipient 2024 Bee Package**





## Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

***April Meeting — How to install your bee package and a video of Queen Introduction and Raising Acceptance Rates - Jose Uribe Queen Bee Breeder and Producer***





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### April 26th Hive Opening





### 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

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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

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**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**

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!

#### LOCATION: Queen Right Colonies

43655 State Route 162, Spencer, OH 44275  
Tel: 440-647-2602 • [queenrightcolonies.com](http://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](http://loraincountybeekeepers.org) & [queenrightcolonies.com](http://queenrightcolonies.com) or follow us on Facebook.





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