



# Lorain County Beekeepers Association

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## *President's Message*

*Hello Beekeepers,*

*Will we ever get a few days in a row with temperatures above 60 degrees and no rain??*

*Take advantage of any opportunity to inspect the hives, do necessary house cleaning, feed if honey stores are low, and make sure your bees don't get overcrowded and begin preparations to swarm.*

*And speaking of swarms, at this month's meeting- Friday April 10th 7:00 pm - Steve Moysan will be talking about the Demaree method for swarm prevention. Steve uses this method extensively throughout his apiaries. We will be meeting in the Church.*

*Before the meeting, High Tea Volunteers are invited to meet at 6:00 PM for a wrap up of the event. Meet in the Church. If you can't make it, please email any comments or suggestions to me.*

### *Other April events:*

*\*Saturday April 18th, 10 AM - a mock demo of installing a package of bees. Meet in the Memorial Garden. You will have the opportunity to practice a bee install without the bees. New beekeepers - don't miss this demo.*

*\*Saturday April 25th, 10 AM - Hands on hive opening in the Memorial Garden. Bring your veil and dress appropriately. Another 'can't miss opportunity for new Beekeepers.'*

*\*Saturday April 25th, 12:00 PM - Intermediate Beekeeping Class - Swarm prevention and Queen Management. This class is free for LCBA members and \$10 for non-members. If you are a 2nd or 3rd year (or more) Beekeeper, this class is for you.*

*Welcome to all our new Beekeepers. Good luck on your new adventure. LCBA is here to help you every step of the way.*

*See everyone on April 10th,  
Marilyn  
Your President*

# Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

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

***March's Members Meeting Winner***

***Lin Chafetz !!***

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

***50/50 Raffle Winners from Beginners Beekeeping Classes***

***Robert Bucknayich***

***Caleb Kolozvary***

***Patrick Bibb***

***Caleb Kolozvary***



***Congratulations to Scott and Kelley Danniger for winning the new hive box during the Beginning Beekeeper Classes!***

***Also, many thanks to the LCBA members who helped with classes as well.***



## Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

### *Congratulations to our 2026 Beginner Beekeeping Class*

<i>David Arkley</i>	<i>Lisa Atkinson</i>	<i>Jessica Bainbridge</i>
<i>Kathy Barber</i>	<i>Tim Barber</i>	<i>Glen Bebie</i>
<i>Patrick Bibb</i>	<i>Melanie Bibb</i>	<i>Dave Birckbichler</i>
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<i>Rebecca Justen</i>	<i>Barbara Kewish</i>	<i>Agata King</i>
<i>Caleb Kolozvary</i>	<i>Kristyn Kolozvary</i>	<i>Kurt Kuenzel</i>
<i>Laura Link</i>	<i>Brayden Love</i>	<i>Micheal McBride</i>
<i>Erin Miranda</i>	<i>Caleb Miranda</i>	<i>John Norris</i>
<i>Kara Odom</i>	<i>Paul Odom</i>	<i>Emma Owen</i>
<i>Liz Partick</i>	<i>Wes Patrick</i>	<i>Stephanie Phelan</i>
<i>Melanie Phillips</i>	<i>Irving Plascencia</i>	<i>Karleen Radke</i>
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<i>Jennifer Richardson</i>	<i>Ryleigh Richardson</i>	<i>Katie Royer</i>
<i>Keith Royer</i>	<i>Elizabeth Sanders</i>	<i>Traci Schmitt</i>
<i>Malachi Shepherd</i>	<i>Zachary Shepherd</i>	<i>Mark Sissam</i>
<i>Trent Speidel</i>	<i>Ron Thacker</i>	<i>Stacy Thacker</i>
<i>Jean Vanderpool</i>	<i>Genia Vetrano</i>	<i>Danielle Webb</i>
<i>Ron Webb</i>	<i>Gordon Wischmeier</i>	<i>Kathleen Wischmeier</i>
<i>Jessica Zurcher</i>		

LCBA would like to thank the following individuals for referring new beekeepers to our Beginners Beekeeping classes: Amanda Manahan, Maureen Duffy, Norm Groner, Joyce Poesse, Scott Danniger, Val Calderwood, Denzil & Sheila St. Clair, Queen Right Colonies and Audrey Gargas.

LCBA would like to thank the following bee vendors for contributing door prizes, water and catalogs to our Beginning Beekeeping Classes – Queen Right Colonies, White House Artesian Springs, Betterbee, Blue Sky, Mann Lake and Dardant

World Bee Day will be here May 13 – 15<sup>th</sup> at the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds in Middleburg Heights. Volunteer opportunities to help educate school children about bees are still available. Please contact Audrey at 216-534-6195 if you are interested in helping out. Times are 8am to 1 pm.

Mark your calendars for Field Day on June 6, hosted by Queen Right Colonies. Come and enjoy a day revolving around beekeeping and homesteading.

# Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

**World Bee Day will be celebrated on May 13-15 at the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds in Berea. We are expecting 1,000 students this year spread over 3 days. For those who have not attended in the past, each student is given a passport and they need to collect a sticker at each bee education area to complete the world tour. Stations have several different topics and are manned by 2-3 people Volunteer schedules are sent out in early May and you select your shift you would like to cover! If you are interested in sharing your bee knowledge with elementary school students and having a morning of fun, please sign up at the sign-in desk.**

## Belmont Prison Project 2025

**For those of you new beekeepers in 2026, please read the updated progress of the project, thank you cards and a "reprint" of the article from January's newsletter (next page)**

**The Belmont Prison Project 2025 was a real time example of team work. Queen Right Colonies has been working directly with the Prison on different projects over the past several years. The three beekeeping organizations split the expense and QRC made the Maxant 9 frame motorized Extractor available at cost.**

**A success story for sure. Congratulations to all who have given, donated, volunteered and supported all these groups. Special thanks to Steve Roth for his compliments and trust that if he made the need of the Belmont Correctional Beekeepers Club known, we would get it done.**

**"Alone ,we can do so little: together we can do so much." Helen Keller**

**Respectfully,**

**Sheila St . Clair**



## REPRINT

### *Inmates get honey extractor from local beekeeping organizations*

*Special Thank you to Reporters Sara Crawford, [scrawford@medina-gazette.com](mailto:scrawford@medina-gazette.com) of the Medina County Gazette and Larissa Beriswill, [lberiswill@morningjournal.com](mailto:lberiswill@morningjournal.com) of the Morning Journal for great articles and coverage. These local publications have been very supportive of Beekeeping over the years and we appreciate all their help.*

*SPENCER TWP. — With the help of three local beekeeping organizations, Belmont Correctional Institution inmates will soon have an electric extractor to help produce honey from the facility's nine hives.*

*The Lorain County Beekeepers met with the Greater Cleveland Beekeepers and the Medina County Beekeepers at Queen Right Colonies, 43655 state Route 162, on Thursday afternoon to present beekeeper Steve Roth with a donated extractor for inmates involved in the institution's bee club.*

*Roth said the Belmont Correctional Institution's bee club started about seven years ago and has since evolved to where the inmates are practically running the club themselves. He started helping with the club about six years ago and has since implemented a master beekeeping program for the inmates.*

*"You can't imagine how much that club means to these inmates," Roth said. "We have about 60 inmates in there, and some of them have been with it since inception."*

*Since the club's inception, the inmates had a honey extractor with a hand crank, Roth said. Recently, the hand crank broke. "When it did, it showered metal all through their honey, and it contaminated the honey," Roth said. Roth has wanted to get the inmates an electric extractor, and since the hand-crank extractor broke, he decided to call Sheila St. Clair of Queen Right Colonies. He asked St. Clair for the wholesale price of an electric extractor so he could set up a fundraiser and later purchase it. After hearing the need, St. Clair told him she'd give him a call back.*

*Rather than getting a price for Roth, St. Clair contacted local beekeeping organizations and explained what happened. Soon after, the three beekeeping organizations contributed to covering the honey extractor's full cost. "We've all done this as a group effort to help these men out," she said. When Roth came to pick up the honey extractor, he expressed both his and the inmates' gratitude for what the beekeeping organizations had done.*

*Roth hopes to use the donation to show the inmates that they are an entity in the community. "(The community knows) what you're doing," Roth said. "They think a lot of what you're doing."*

# Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

March's Meeting —

Shari Baker — Experiences of a Beekeeper



# Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

## LCBA's 2026 Beginners Beekeeping Classes



**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.

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# EXHIBITOR INVITATION



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Join Us at the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual  
**Beekeeping & Homesteading  
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Queen Right Colonies & the Lorain County Beekeepers Association  
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- 🌿 Homesteading skills
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- 🌿 Sustainable agriculture

## WHY EXHIBIT?

- 🌿 Connect with a like-minded community
- 🌿 Share your expertise and passion
- 🌿 Promote your products or services
- 🌿 Be part of a growing homesteading movement

## INTERESTED IN EXHIBITING?

We'd love to have you join us!

📞 Contact Lacey Postlethwait  
440-647-2602

✉️ [info@queenrightcolonies.com](mailto:info@queenrightcolonies.com)

*Come be a part of a day dedicated to getting back to  
the basics in all things good and natural.*





# 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](http://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 2026

### Swarm Prevention and Queen Management

**DATE:** Saturday, April 25, 2026

**TIME:** 12:00 - 2:00 PM

**LOCATION:** Life Church  
1033 Elm Street  
Grafton, Ohio 44044

**COST:** Cost of this class is free to all 2026 LCBA members. Non-member cost will be \$10, or \$20 for a 2026 LCBA membership for the rest of the year.

**TOPICS WILL INCLUDE:**

- Splitting a Hive:
  - Demo
  - Evaluation of queenless hive
- Swarm Mitigation:
  - Making more room in the hive
- Queen Evaluation:
  - Killing vs retiring
- Proper Introduction of New Queen

***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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please email to Marilyn at [m.teep70@gmail.com](mailto:m.teep70@gmail.com)

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Lorain County Beekeepers Association

P.O. Box 144, Lagrange, Ohio 44050

**Please RSVP by April 24**, to [m.teep70@gmail.com](mailto:m.teep70@gmail.com) if you plan to attend this class.

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# WORLD BEE DAY

# Field trip



**Celebrating the bees and other pollinators!**

**May 14-15, 2026**  
**Thursday - Friday**  
**9:00 am - 1:00 pm**  
 Cuyahoga County  
 Fairgrounds Bee Barn  
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## Honey Bee Educational Day for Students

World Bee Day celebration raises awareness on the essential role bees and other pollinators play in keeping people and the planet healthy, and on the many challenges they face today. The United Nations designated May 20 as World Bee Day thanks to the efforts of the Government of Slovenia with the support of Apimondia.

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