



# Lorain County *Beekeepers* Association

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## *President's Message*

*Greetings LCBA Beekeepers,*

*Despite the unpredictable Ohio weather, the bees remain active and require consistent management. Please continue with your regular inspections and treatments, ensuring your hives have adequate space, as swarm season will continue through June.*

## *Upcoming Events:*

- *Friday, May 8th: Monthly LCBA Meeting*
- *6:00 PM: Hive opening in the Memorial Garden.*
- *7:00 PM: "Honey, Creamed Honey and All Other Fair Entry Preparation" presented by the LCBA Exec Board. Presentation will be in the Church Hall.*
- *Saturday May 9th 10 AM: Hive opening in the Memorial Garden*
- *May 14th & 15th: World Bee Day at the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds.*
- *May 16th: Volunteer opportunity for parking cars at the Wellington Eagles Gun Raffle (Ross Center at the Lorain County Fairgrounds).*
- *June 6th - Field Day at Queen Right Colonies - Beekeeping and Homesteading*
- *June 19th - Bee City Festival on the Square in Wellington.*

*Free vendor spaces available at Field Day and Bee City Festival*

*Please check the LCBA calendar and website for more details on these and other upcoming events.*

*See everyone on Friday,  
Marilyn*

## Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

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

***April's Members Meeting Winner***

***Cheri Keller !!***

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

*We are looking for volunteers to help our Field Day event held on Saturday, June 6. Volunteers are need for serving doughnuts from 8-10 am, prepping and serving the luncheon, 50/50 raffle, door prizes, guessing games, selling memorial honey & water. Sign up sheets will be available at the meeting and all volunteers will be able to listen to the guest speaker at 10 am.*

*Thank you to Zenta Apinis for her generous donation to the building fund.*

*The Lorain County Community Action agency is looking for a beekeeper to help them with their hives. They are planning on having hives at two locations - one in Elyria and one in Lorain. They will provide all the equipment and bees. If you are interested in partnering with the Agency, contact me for more information— [m.teep70@gmail.com](mailto:m.teep70@gmail.com)*

### **ATTENTION FAIR HONEY SELLERS**

***The 2026 Lorain County Fair***

***Fair Rules and Intent to sell form will be available at the May, June and July regular bee meetings. ( See Me )***

***The INTENT TO SELL FORM HAS TO BE TURNED IN BY THE END OF THE JULY 10TH REGULAR BEE MEETING TO ME***

***First year beekeepers are welcome to sell.***

***The rules and intent to sell form will be on the website also.***

***Questions ? [brenhono77@yahoo.com](mailto:brenhono77@yahoo.com) phone 440-381-1145***

***Thank You,  
Fair Chair  
Bren Leiby***

# Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

## April's Meeting —

### Steve Moysan — Demaree Method for Swarm Prevention

#### Demaree's Method

**George W. Demaree**  
(1832–1915)

- was a lawyer in Kentucky
- a pioneer in swarm control methods



His method was published in the American Bee Journal in 1892

As I have already intimated, my plan of preventing swarming, and entirely preventing increase, is accomplished by one slight manipulation right at the commencement of swarming. Only one hive and its outfit is used for each colony. Any system that requires a divided condition of the colony, using two or more hives, is not worthy of a thought.

In my practice, I begin with the strongest colonies and transfer the combs containing brood from the brood-chamber to an upper story above the queen-excluder. One comb containing some unsealed brood and eggs is left in the brood-chamber as a start for the queen. I fill out the brood-chamber with empty combs, as I have a full outfit for my colony. But full frames of foundation, or even starters, may be used in the absence of drawn combs.

When the manipulation is completed, the colony has all of its brood with the queen, only its condition is altered. The queen has a new brood-nest below the excluder, while the combs of brood are in the center of the super, with the sides filled out with empty combs above the queen-excluder.

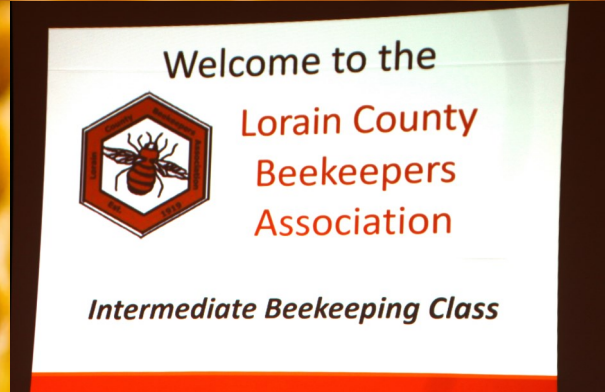
In 21 days all the brood will be hatched out above the excluder, and the bees will begin to hatch in the queen's chamber below the excluder; so a continuous succession of young bees is well sustained.



# Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

*Mock Bee Install — April 18th*

*Intermediate Beekeeping Class — April 25th*



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*I just attended the BEGINNER beekeeping class. The class was very entertaining and informative, and I learned a lot and it will help me with my future beekeeping journey. I learned how to keep bees healthy and how to keep bees alive. I learned how their honey is made and how to harvest it. I learned a lot from these first classes, and I will use this information for helping my bees when they need help or if there is a problem. Also taught me how to take care of my hives. And how to make the bees happy. Also how to know if our bees are not happy and are going to swarm.*

**Annabelle Justen**



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### Lorain County Beekeepers Associate Youth Education Program (YEP)

*"Since going to the bee classes I have learned a lot. The classes were cool. I was surprised the bees know what a bear looks like and attack dark colors. I never knew that was why people wear white in beekeeping. The part I liked the best so far was installing my bees and seeing them all. The part I am looking forward to the most is when they start to produce honey. I still want to learn how to get the honey from the frames. Watching the live install was neat. Seeing them with the bees and no protection was surprising, but I learned about why the bees aren't aggressive yet. During the classes I enjoyed participating in the raffles too."*

*-Caleb Kolozvary*

*I got my first bee packages after the bee class. My mom and sister helped me install the bees into the hive. My queen took almost a week to get out of her cage. I've been giving them sugar water every 3 days and they have some pollen patty. I started to see eggs on my last check. Here is a picture of me with a frame from one of our hives I thought was really neat.*

*Logan*



### 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

Any questions regarding advertising?

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

Contact Lori Keleman at

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

BuzzzzWorthy@gmail.com

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

# WELLINGTON OHIO

## Bee City Festival



CELEBRATING  
POLLINATORS



**JUNE 19, 2026  
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.) 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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# QUEEN RIGHT COLONIES & LORAIN COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION



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## 32nd Annual



# Beekeeping & Homesteading FIELD DAY

## June 6th

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- 🌿 Pollinator plants
- 🌿 Canning



Special Guest:  
**WOBL Radio**  
LIVE on-site  
from 11:00 a.m. -  
1:00 p.m.



Getting back to the basics in  
all things good and natural.

Bring your friends, family, and curiosity—  
— we can't wait to see you there!



# EXHIBITOR INVITATION



QUEEN RIGHT COLONIES &  
LORAIN COUNTY BEEKEEPERS  
ASSOCIATION



## Join Us at the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Beekeeping & Homesteading FIELD DAY!



Queen Right Colonies & the Lorain County Beekeepers Association  
warmly invite you to be part of this special day as an EXHIBITOR—  
— at **NO CHARGE!** —

📅 June 6th ⌚ 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. 📍 436555 State Route 162,  
Spencer, Ohio

### SHOWCASE WHAT YOU DO!

- 🌿 Natural & chemical-free living
- 🌿 Beekeeping & pollinators
- 🌿 Homesteading skills
- 🌿 Food production & preservation
- 🌿 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

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



# 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  
 19201 E Bagley Road  
 Middleburg Heights  
 Ohio 44130

**Honey Bee  
 Passport**  
 Get your Honey Bee  
 Passport stamped when  
 you visit the Bee  
 Observation Room and  
 the Educational Stations.

## 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.

-  Teaching Future Generation Importance of Honey Bees
-  Career in Beekeeping through Research and Science
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-  Educational Stations; Fruits, Vegetables, and Honey
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