

# Lorain County Beekeepers Association



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## *President's Message*

*Hello Beekeepers*

*Beginner Beekeeping Classes start Friday March 1st. A sure sign that Spring is on its way. Beginner classes are open/free to anyone current with their 2024 membership dues. If you feel you need a refresher or would like to help answer questions and encourage the 'Newbees,' plan on attending. Please RSVP to Marilyn Teeple*

*Marcia Coleman, an adjunct professor at LCCC, is our speaker at the February meeting. Presenting 'Business 101', she will talk about developing a business plan and ways to market your bee products.*

*The February meeting is also our soup cook-off. We have been having perfect soup weather so get out your best recipes and maybe win a cash prize.*

*Saturday February 24th is the Intermediate Class. If you are a 2nd, 3rd or 10-year beekeeper, this class is for you. The class is free for current LCBA members but please let Marilyn Teeple know you are coming.*

*Thank you everyone who donated to the raffle basket for the Lorain County Historical Society Fundraiser. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.*

*CALLING ALL CRAFTERS! Looking for donations for raffle baskets for the High Tea. I know we have some very talented crafters. Please consider donating something for our event.*

*Lots will be happening this coming year. Please let a Board member know if you are available to help with: the March 10th High Tea; April 7th & 8th Solar Fest; and June 1st Field Day. Check our website for more details.*

*Bee there - Friday February 9th, 7:00 PM*

*Marilyn*

## Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

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

***January's Members Meeting***

***Congratulations to Rick Jirousek and thank you Rick for donating the money back to LCBA's Building Fund!!!***

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

***CALLING ALL LCBA CRAFTERS! Now is your chance to show off your artistic ability, whether it is jewelry, stamping, crocheting, woodworking, sewing or anything! LCBA would like to collect donations for our High Tea Fundraiser Baskets on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. This can include gift cards or donations from your place of employment. Please bring your donations to a board or members meeting and give to a board member. If your donation will be closer to the event, please let Marilyn know what you are planning on bringing so we can include it in our baskets! Thanking everyone in advance.***

***Our condolences to the Linda Jorgensen family, great contributors to and long-time LCBA members. Thank you for all you have done with LCBA.***

***SOUP OFF INFO: Please let Joan Romick know if you are planning on bringing a soup to the February meeting so we will have enough room on the tables! 440-360-0444 or [jromick277@gmail.com](mailto:jromick277@gmail.com)***

***Congratulations to our Chili Cook Off Winners!!***

***1st Place - Bren Leiby***

***2nd Place - Wendy Volkert***

***3rd Place - Lynn Weigel***

***Thank you to Wendi Volkert for donating her Chili Cook Off winnings to the LCBA Building Fund.***



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### LCBA Soup Off



**Come join us on Friday, February 9, 2024, at 7 pm at Life Church for our annual LCBA Soup off!**

**Bring a crock pot of your favorite soup to be judged by our members and see if you win!**

**Bring your recipe and be here by 6:45 so we can set up.**

**There are cash prizes!!! Good Luck!**

**Come and join the fun!**

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**February Speaker is Marcia Coleman, Adjunct Instructor at LCCC - Her topic, "Business 101" she will discuss how to develop a business plan and ways to market your bee products.**

**A little bit about Marcia;**

**I have been teaching at Lorain County Community College for over four years. I currently teach the Business Principles for Sustainable Agriculture and all three Crop Production courses (Spring, Summer, & Fall). Recently this business course qualifies for the Beginning Farmer Tax Credit Program. I have a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration and am currently finishing up my MBA in Entrepreneurship at Southern New Hampshire University.**

**I started Coleman Gardens, LLC. in 2016, with just a dream and the will to farm. I purchased a home and vacant lot in Avon Lake, took a few "Market Garden" workshops, attended Farm Bureau meetings, took a beekeeping course, and read everything! Our farm supported 50 Community Supported Agriculture shares, two restaurants, weekly private sales, and an annual plant sale.**

**We farmed on almost two acres, had a high tunnel (NRCS EQIP grant), 4 to 6 bee hives, and a seedling room (where we started approximately 15K plants in the winter/spring). We worked with the LCCC Culinary department's "Farm to Table" class for five seasons, donated plants to over ten nonprofit organizations and gleaned produce for local food banks whenever possible.**

**I have 3 adult children, 2 cats, a loud beagle and a husband who tolerates my need for adventure. There is nothing like my hands in the dirt first thing in the morning! My goal is to encourage your dreams and support you any way that I can. I aim to help students to create ways to market products, develop multiple revenue streams, and produce a steady income/profit. Bring your dreams and your questions-you are always one decision away from a totally different life!**

# Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

## January's Meeting - Varroa Mites

**Robert Najjar**  
 Master Beekeeper  
 Revere Honey, LLC  
[www.reverehoney.com](http://www.reverehoney.com)  
[rnajjar@reverehoney.com](mailto:rnajjar@reverehoney.com)

216-374-8061



### Varroa

How I do it!!!  
 90%-95% Survival

- Alcohol wash the first week of each month (May-Oct)
- March 1st - ApiGuard (45-day treatment)
- June - Brood Interruption
- July - FormicPro (2 week treatment)  
- Drone Brood Frame (only super large colonies)
- Sept - FormicPro (2 week treatment)
- Oct - OA Vapor (2-3 applications weekly)
- Jan - OA Dribble

### Varroa

Reproduction

- One female enters a cell with a larva right before (Foundress)
- Lays first egg - Male egg (not fertilized)
- Female egg every 30 hours
- Once mature, young females will mate with their brother
- Mature females will leave the cell when the bees emerge
- Male and non-mature varroa stay in the cell and die

Credit: Picture from Bayer @ researchbayer.com



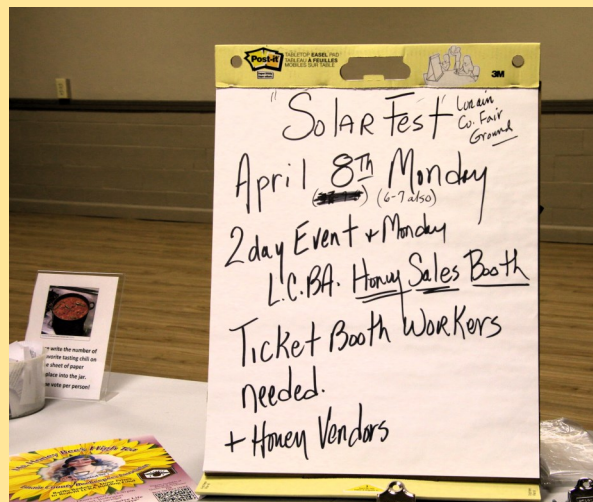
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Check out LCBA's window at Cherished Creations in downtown Wellington!



LCBA will be part of Solar Fest on April 8th at the Lorain County Fairgrounds.....

Please see Marilyn if you're interested in helping out!



## Lorain County Beekeepers Spotlight

**Beekeeper: Paul Kelly**

**February 2024**

**1. How long have you been beekeeping?**

*4 years*

**2. What prompted you to become a beekeeper?**

*The societal nature of the hive is appealing to me. I take satisfaction that I'm also helping the environment and promoting honeybee health. I also enjoy harvesting honey and sharing with my family and friends.*

**3. How did you hear about LCBA?**

*The folks at Queen Right*

**4. Did you have a mentor? If so, who was it?**

*I don't have one particular mentor but rather seek advice and counsel from a number of experienced beekeepers whom I've met at LCBA, MCBA and Queen Right.*

**5. What has been your biggest challenge?**

*Finding the time to administer my hives. I'm also concerned about keeping my apiary to no more than 5 hives. My goal will be to create a new one per year to give away to family or friends.*

**6. What have you enjoyed most about beekeeping?**

*Being around so many passionate and nice beekeepers. I also get satisfaction when I open a hive and spot a busy queen, then sit back and watch the non-stop activity.*

**7. How many hives do you have?**

*3 hives*

**8.. What area is your apiary in? (Village or Township only)**

*Sharon Township in Medina County*

**9. What are your five year beekeeping goals?**

*I'd like to have more time to help new beekeepers and be more involved in the local clubs. It would also be cool to make things with beeswax and develop more menus using my honey.*

**10. Your words of wisdom to new beekeepers?**

*Do it for yourself. Have fun. Ask questions. Be humble and don't be afraid of making mistakes. Be glad you're doing your part to make the world a little bit better.*

**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

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## 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, Hincley, 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: \_\_\_\_\_

[www.loraincountybeekeepers.org](http://www.loraincountybeekeepers.org)



Lorain County  
Beekeepers Association  
is proud to announce the

# 29TH ANNUAL BEGINNER BEEKEEPING CLASS 2024

**Class Dates: March 1, 8, 15, & 22**

**Time:** 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

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

**Cost:** \$50 – includes 1 year LCBA Membership and a monthly email newsletter for you and other family members living at the same address. Books will be available for an additional \$25 fee during classes.

### Classes Descriptions:

- March 1: Beekeeping Equipment
- March 8: Managing Your Beehive
- March 15: First Two Months as a Beekeeper
- March 22: Summer & Fall Management
- April 12: Members Meeting



**Memorial Garden Hands-On**  
Saturday, April 13, 20, 27 & May 4  
**Time:** 10:00 am

**Hands-On Field Day**  
Saturday, June 1 - Rain or Shine  
**Time:** 10:00 am  
**Where:** Queen Right Colonies  
43655 State Route 162  
Spencer, Ohio 44275

**Fall Wrap-Up**  
Friday, September 13  
**Time:** 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm  
**Where:** Life Church  
1033 Elm Street  
Grafton, Ohio 44044

Go to the LCBA website to download the Class Registration Form  
[www.loraincountybeekeepers.org](http://www.loraincountybeekeepers.org)



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## Intermediate Beekeeping Class 2024

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

**Date:** Saturday, February, 24 2024

**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 2024 LCBA members. Non-member cost will be \$10, or \$20 for a 2024 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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: LCBA    Cash \_\_\_\_\_    Check \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail form with check to:

Lorain County Beekeepers Association  
c/o Gene Gargas, LCBA Treasurer,  
2410 Brook Haven Lane, Hinckley, OH 44233

Please RSVP to [events@loraincountybeekeepers.org](mailto:events@loraincountybeekeepers.org) if you plan to attend this class by Feb. 23rd.

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 purposes.

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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# Ms. Honey Bee's High Tea



Lorain County Beekeepers Association  
Presented by

Raffle Baskets & Door Prizes  
to Benefit LCBA Building Fund



**Sunday**

**March 10, 2024**

**Luncheon at 1:00 pm - Doors open at 12:30 pm**

Wellington Eagles, 631 S. Main Street, Wellington

\$28 per ticket or Table of 6 for \$156 (\$12 savings)

**“Women in Beekeeping: The Expressive Life  
and Era of Our First President, circa 1919”**

Live Music! Hat & Period Attire Contests,  
Raffle Baskets, Door Prizes & 50/50!

Questions contact Marilyn at 440-759-2826 or teeppeop@aol.com

Tickets available at  
Bread & Brew,  
Queen Right Colonies  
OR

**BUY TICKET HERE**





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## YOUTH EDUCATION PROGRAM

**Are you interested in becoming a beekeeper?  
Are you between the ages of 11 and 18?**

Then check out LCBA's Youth Education Program. Information and details of the selection criteria, the process, and the application are on the LCBA's website: [www.loraincountybeekeepers.org](http://www.loraincountybeekeepers.org).

The Program guides the participant through a full year of beekeeping. Activities include: learning about beekeeping equipment, installing bees in a hive, hive inspections, disease management, extracting honey, and winter preparation.

If you are a member of 4-H and interested in doing the Beekeeping Project 641, the Youth Education Program will meet the goals, learning activities, and experiences needed to complete the Project.

After completing one year of the Youth Education Program, the student will be eligible to apply for a sponsorship and, if chosen, will receive a beginner's beekeeping kit and a package of bees.



### Apply Today!

The deadline to receive applications is Sunday, February 4, 2024

The LCBA website lists the dates and times of the association's monthly meetings and beginner beekeeping classes (held on four Fridays in March).

All meetings and classes are held at:  
Life Church  
1033 Elm Street  
Grafton, OH 44044



Go to the LCBA website to download the YEP Application Form  
[www.loraincountybeekeepers.org](http://www.loraincountybeekeepers.org)



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**LCBA would like to offer all of our members a chance to recognize beekeepers who are no longer with us and our organization. You will have the opportunity to add their name along with the year they passed to our newel post in the LCBA Memorial Garden. Each plaque will be 3" X 2 3/4", with the cost being \$25.**

**We kindly ask that you complete the following form and mail in or given to Gene Gargas at a meeting prior to December 31, 2023.**

**Newel Post Beekeeper Recognition Plaque**

**Name of Beekeeper (printed)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Year they passed** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number in case of questions:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Forms can be mailed to:**

**Gene Gargas**

**LCBA Treasurer**

**2410 Brook Haven Lane**

**Hinckley, OH 44233**

**If you have any questions or need any additional information, please call Audrey at 216-534-6195.**



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