

Lorain County *Beekeepers* Association

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President's Message

Hello LCBA !

Make sure you get those mite treatments applied! I am sorry for hammering this every Newsletter but this is the only way you will ever keep bees.

For all you new beekeepers this month we have "Meet your County Bee Inspector", John Reichel speaking.

Make sure you bring all your questions about the inspection program to this meeting. For all you wax aficionados, Friday night we will have a beeswax competition and it will be judged and scorecard given. All you will need is a 1# piece of your finest wax and courage to enter.

See you all this Friday the 11th in Grafton!

Denzil



Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

Congratulations to our 50/50 Raffle Winners!!

March Members Meeting

Sherry Lockridge-Oleyar

Beginner Beekeeping Classes

March 4 - William Humphreys

March 11 - Kimberly Saxton

March 18 - Sara Bracken

March 25 - Pat Kanzeg

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

LCBA Memorial Honey will be available at the April Members Meeting for \$12 a bottle

A gracious thank you to those 50/50 raffle winners who have donated their prize to the LCBA Building Fund.

Also thanks to all of you who have donated to the LCBA Building Fund at every meeting.

We appreciate you all!!!!

Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

Thanks also goes out to our generous vendors who have donated gifts and sponsored our annual Beginners Beekeeping Classes!

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Memorial Hive Classes - - - TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Watch your emails for potential weather cancellations!!

April 16, 10:00 am

We will be showing how to install your Bee Package, doing an Oxalic Dribble demonstration and we will be opening up the hives and answering questions

April 23, 10:00 am

Opening the hives, discussing how your Bee install went and answering questions.

April 30, 10:00 am

Opening the hives, some have done their first inspection and we will be talking about that and answering questions.

May 7, 10:00 am

Opening the hives, your bees should be well on their way, we'll be talking more about Oxalic Dribble and Formic Pro mite treatment.

This is all outside, so bring your Bee Veils [PPE's] since the bees will be buzzing around doing what bees do!!!

Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

Join us Friday, April 8th -

Meet your Lorain County Bee Inspector John Reichel

John will discuss:

- *his role as the county inspector*
- *Statistics from last year's inspections*
- *Your role as a beekeeper*

Reminder!!

This month we will be having the "LCBA Honey Product Spotlight" and April's product is Bee's Wax Cake. You may bring in a 1/2 pound wax cake (8 oz). It will be judged on cleanliness, uniformity of appearance, color, aroma and the absence of cracks and shrinkage.

No labels on the wax, no prizes, one winner, just bragging rights.

During the April meeting the judge will talk about how it was judged and what the qualities that they were looking for. Bring your wax cake to April's meeting and give it to Bren Leiby. She will give it to the judge and we will have the results before the night is done.

Judging criteria:

<i>Color (light yellow-lack of stain, no bleaching)</i>	<i>30 points</i>
<i>Cleanliness (free from dirt, honey impurities)</i>	<i>25 points</i>
<i>Uniform Appearance of entry</i>	<i>15 points</i>
<i>Freedom from cracking, shrinkage and marks</i>	<i>15 points</i>
<i>Aroma & Weight</i>	<i>15 points</i>

Lorain County Beginning Beekeepers Class—2022

Congratulations to the Class of 2022

LCBA would like to congratulate the 2022 Beginner Beekeeping Class members

Martha Barniak
Carter Boone
Sarah Boone
Robert Buck
Christian Caldwell
Steven Caldwell
Jessica Davenport
Scott Duncan
Elizabeth Fox
Todd Fry
Kim Golden
Malcolm Graham
Brenda Grimmett
Rita Harned
Jarrod Heredos
Rebecca Hinkelman
Hayden Hoy
Morgan Hoy
Alexis Jirousek
Pat Kanzeg
Paul Kelly
Beth Kuhn
Melissa Levesque
Bruce Marsh
Scott Medwid
Dennis Miller
Kathi Morgan
Emma Mould
Gary Ochenas
Brian Olcott
Aiden Post
Allison Riedl
Natalia Rogers
Christina Schwind
Kirsten Spickler
Owen Urbansky
Wendy Wilson

Florence Benton
Heidi Boone
Aidan Bracken
Valerie Calderwood
Jonah Caldwell
Jeff Cibroski
Melinda Davenport
Riley Dmytriw
Kevin Fox
Michelle Gearhart
Ashley Graham
Matt Graham
Adam Gudinas
Heather Hemmer
Joan Hinkelman
Jerry Hottel
Heidi Hoy
Riley Hoy
Nicole Jirousek
Shelli Kanzeg
Emily Kenyon
Dean Lacko
Amanda Manahan
JoLynne Marsh
Abigail Meier
Angela Milum
Brad Mortensen
Ginger O'Brien
John Ochenas
Luke Oliver
Brianna Post
Hayden Rogers
Kim Saxton
Doug Schwind
Tim Spickler
Albert Weigel
Rick Young

Angie Boone
Ken Boone
Sara Bracken
Anastacia Caldwell
Noah Caldwell
Shaina Cibroski
Samuel David
Jon Eckerle
Rose Fry
Gus Golden
Corbin Graham
Bob Grimmett
Jim Hand
Melinda Henry
Kevin Hinkelman
Asher Hoy
Matthew Hoy
William Humphreys
Richard Jirousek
Christine Kelly
Michael Kenyon
Mary Lane
Corrie Marquis
Brittany McGaney
Christina Meier
Alicestine Morgan
Amelia Mould
Tom O'Brien
Maria Ochenas
Andrew Pavlik
Evan Reisinger
Melissa Rogers
Arthur Schwandt
Lesley Scott-Gullion
Michael Stoicoiu
Lynn Weigel
Dave Zemancek

Lorain County Beekeepers 2022 Beginners Class

March 4th—Equipment Needed



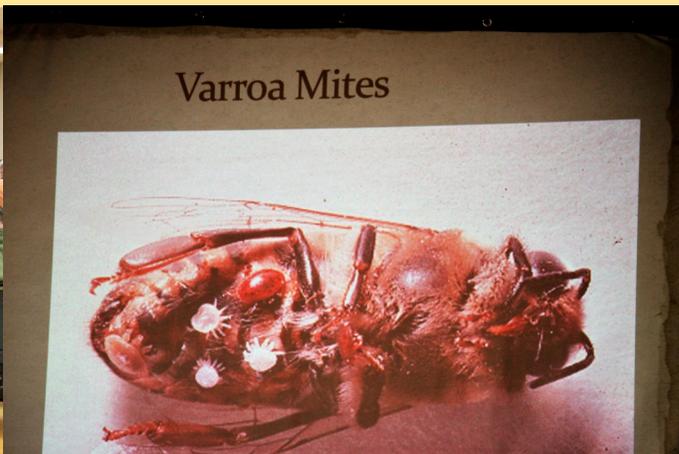
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March 11th—Managing Your Hive



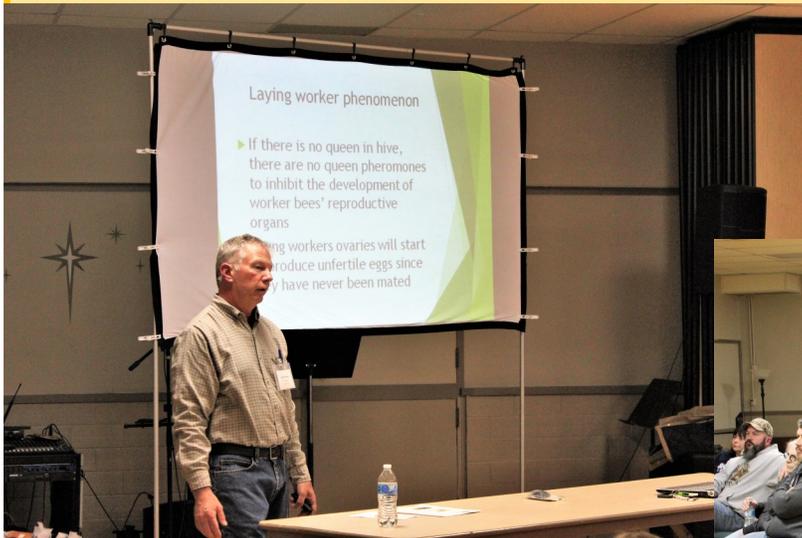
Lorain County Beekeepers 2022 Beginners Class

March 18th— First 2 Months As A Beekeeper



Lorain County Beekeepers 2022 Beginners Class

March 25th— Summer and Fall Management



Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

March 11th Members Meeting
Connie Skolnicki and "Apitherapy"



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

LCBA Executive Meeting**March meeting held on March 31, 2022**

Present: Denzil St. Claire, John Rose, Gene Gargas, Joan Romick, Marilyn Teeple, Randy Leiby, Bren Leiby, Sheila St. Clair, Cathy Lohse, Val Calderwood, Florence Benton, Corrie Marquis, Tracy Cairns, David Borling

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

Denzil St. Clair asked for approval of the February executive minutes, Randy Leiby made a motion to accept the minutes, Gene Gargas seconded, for 5, oppose 0, minutes accepted.

Beginner Classes Wrap Up

Congratulations to everyone completing the 2022 Beginner Beekeeping Classes. We have 105 new beekeepers. Thank you to all the teachers and those who supported the classes.

Future New Business – Fall Class – Introduction to Beekeeping.

John Rose made a motion to reimburse Audrey expenses of \$167.79 (certificates, cookies, coffee etc), seconded by Randy Leiby, for 5, oppose 0, motion passes.

Randy Leiby made a motion to pay Gene Gargas \$25 for the renewal of the State of Ohio Charter, Marilyn Teeple seconded, for 5, oppose 0, motion passed.

Memorial Hive Classes – April 16, 23, 30 & May 7, 10 am. Randy Leiby discussed probable topics: For April 16th - Installing bees; April 23rd – First Inspection, checking for the Queen. Weather permitting. Randy Leiby will have information in the newsletter.

Intermediate Class Presentation – April 9 beginning at 10 am – We currently have 37 people signed up for class. John Rose and Randy Leiby will facilitate the class. LCBA members – free; Non-members - \$10.

April 8 Members Meeting – Bee Inspector – Jon Reichel

John Rose will oversee the Smoker Contest – a bag of smoker fuel will be the prize. Anyone interested in taking part in the smoker contest should arrive at 6:45. Wax Contest – bragging rights

Field Day Presale Lunch tickets \$10

World Bee Day May 21 - Sheila St, Claire reports plans are going well; flyers are printed; banners are up at the farm. Opening remarks will be at 10:00 am. John Rose will open hives and provide education starting at 11:00am and on the hour. The **LCBA Booth** will be on Poor Man's Porch. Tri-folds, banners, flyers, Memorial Hive honey, and Cookbooks will be at the LCBA table.

Volunteers for helping at event – have 8 volunteers signed up. Games and activities that are planned: Corn hole, 'bee'minton, buggy rides, farm animal tours.

Details for the **LCBA Food Booth** - cost of food and who will purchase is tabled till next month. Food and anticipated needs are: Hot Dogs, individual chips, bee cookies (checking on price), popcorn, doughnuts (5 dozen), bottle of iced tea, bottled water, kids' lemonade in bear bottles (need small straws), coffee, coffee supplies, hot dog trays, napkins.

Wellington Eagles parking fundraiser – May 21, have 13 volunteers sign up. Randy Leiby will provide a schedule for the volunteers. More volunteers would be appreciated.

Field Day June 4 at QRC. Gene Gargas will confirm with Rita the menu and cost for lunch. LCBA is selling lunch tickets for \$10. Games and prizes will be determined at the April meeting. Reed Johnson is the speaker. Gene Gargas made a motion to donate \$400 to the OSU Bee Lab in place of a speaker fee to Reed Johnson, John Rose seconded, for 5 , oppose 0, motion passed.

Community Education Program Coordinator – The Rotary of Amherst has requested a speaker. Marilyn Teeple will be presenting to the group on April 4th.

Treasurers Report – Gene Gargas distributed and reviewed the treasurer’s report. Randy Leiby made a motion to accept the treasurer’s report, Marilyn Teeple seconded. For 5, oppose 0, motion passed.

Newsletter Report – articles due by April 5

Building Fund – The Building Fund page and thermometer are on LCBA website. Sheila St. Claire will update the thermometer for the next meeting. Bren Leiby reported many people buying 50/50 tickets donate extra or give back part of or all the winnings back to the building fund.

Bee City – Sheila St. Claire reported the annual report and fee were sent but has not had a response.

Pollinator Fields - LCBA and Bee City will plant sunflowers at the fairgrounds. Bee City will plant flowers at another location as well.

Grants – No information concerning Audio/ visual equipment has been provided By Scott. Marilyn Teeple suggested we do our own research on pricing and proceed with submitting the grant to LMRE.

Sheila St. Claire and Lacey will research quotes for screens, speakers, and lap top projectors.

Mentoring – John Rose expressed concerns about what mentors are telling new beekeepers. John Rose will send an email to the 8 people on the mentor list asking them to follow new beekeeper information provided in LCBA’s beginner beekeeping classes. Future project will be to have printed information on guidelines, best practices and expectations for mentors.

Memorial Hive Garden – Joanne Romick made a motion to pay \$165.08 for limestone for the Memorial garden, Randy Leiby seconded. For 5, oppose 0. Motion passed. Randy Leiby, Gene Gargas and Corrie Marquis discussed moving the hives further apart so that two demonstrations and hive inspections can be done at the same time. Corrie Marquis will check with Randy Leiby for supplies needed in the future for the garden.

Corrie Marquis reported that there are bees living in two windows of the gym of the old school in Grafton. She asked if there would be someone that could extract the bees.

First Fridays in Wellington – May 6 LCBA is sponsoring the First Friday. The theme is : ‘Buzzin By to Say Hi’. Randy Leiby will provide more details about set –up etc .

New Business:

Thank you to Wellington Masonic Lodge #127 for their donation of \$700

Gene Gargas made a motion to adjourn, Joanne Romick seconded, meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm

Next Exec meeting: April 28 at 7:00 pm

Set games and prizes for Field Day

Finalize food and supplies needed for LCBA Food booth at World Bee Day and who will purchase

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Marilyn Teeple spoke to twelve members of the Amherst Rotary on April 4th at their weekly meeting. She spoke about things to consider before becoming a beekeeper and what LCBA is all about – meetings, classes, and events. There were many good questions. A couple people showed interest in learning more and becoming beekeepers.





WORLD BEE DAY




The Economic Impact of Honey Bees and Other Pollinators

VIRTUAL EVENT

Thursday, April 7, 2022
12:00 - 4:00 pm (US EST)

Registration \$20

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GUEST SPEAKERS



Dr. Josette Lewis Ph.D. – Chief Scientific Officer of The Almond Board of California
 Alesa Mizigoj – CEO of MEDEX, Ljubljana, Slovenia
 Joan Gunter – President of American Beekeeping Federation
 Steven Coy – Coy Bee Company
 Moderator: Peggy Garnes – President of Ohio State Beekeepers Association

LIVE EVENT

Saturday, May 21, 2022

Join us for The Celebration of the World Bee Day!
10 AM - 4:00 PM

Location: Queen Right Colonies, Ltd.
43655 State Route 162, Spencer, Ohio 44275

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Lorain County Beekeepers Reminders



LORAIN COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION *Intermediate Beekeeping Class*

April 9, 2022

10:00 am

Life Church, 1033 Elm Street, Grafton, Ohio 44044

Dear LCBA Members:

LCBA will be offering an "Intermediate Beekeeping Class" on Saturday, April 9th, 10 am at Life Church, 1033 Elm Street, Grafton, Ohio. The class will last 2-3 hours or until all questions are answered.

Topics will include:

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

Cost of this class is free to all 2022 LCBA members. Non-member cost will be \$10, or \$20 for a 2022 LCBA membership for the rest of the year.

Please RSVP to events@loraincountybeekeepers.org if you plan to attend this class by April 7th.

Thank you,
Audrey Gargas,
LCBA Secretary

April 16, 23, 30 and May 7 - 10 am – Beginner Beekeeping Class Hands Class in the Memorial Hive Area, Life Church

May 13th Members Meeting – "Formic Pro, Organic Mite Treatments" with Tom Nolan, NOD

May 21 - LCBA Building Fund Raiser and parking cars at the Wellington Eagles on Saturday, May 21 OR selling gun tickets, please see Randy Leiby, 440-381-1956 or RDLeiby@hotmail.com if you are interested in helping.

May 21 – World Bee Day at QRC from 10 am to 4 pm. Please let Audrey Gargas, 216-534-6195 or gargas1@frontier.com know if you are interested in helping. We will have two booths, LCBA booth and a food booth.

Field Day Lunch tickets will be on sale for \$10 at the April & May Members Meetings! Please see Gene Gargas for tickets!



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