



Lorain County *Beekeepers* Association

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President's Message -

Hello LCBA!

The greatest beekeeping organization in history! Do not forget Friday night @ 7:00 P.M. is another big event.

LCBA is honored to have Connie Skolnicki speaking. She will address a little understood aspect of beekeeping, apitherapy or more specifically the benefits of bee venom and yes there are advantages to bee stings.

This class will take place in the auditorium because as you know the beginner classes will be going on at the same time as the regular meeting, and as usual we have a class full of expectant new beekeepers. Just a reminder get those mite treatments on ASAP.

Bee There!

Denzil

Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

Congratulations to our 50/50 Raffle Winner!!

Richard Anderson !!!

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

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

February's Beekeepers Honey Product winners were:

1st Place winner....Ellie Jisa

2nd place winner...Vince Dubesa

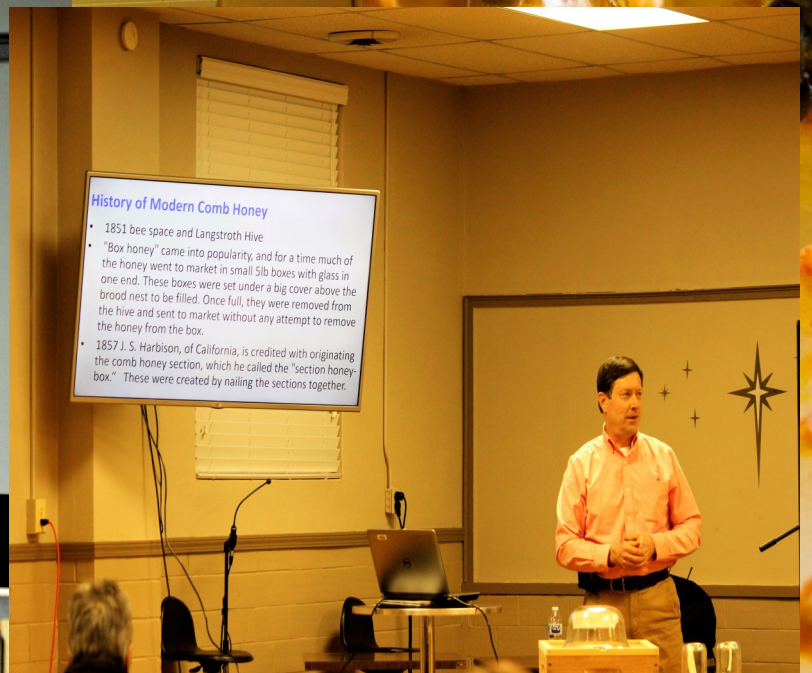
3rd place winner... Randy Leiby

Thank you to the 7 members who entered their product!!



Lorain County Beekeepers February 11th Meeting

Basswood Section Comb Honey



Lorain County Beekeepers February 11th Meeting



Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

Congratulations to our Annual Soup Cook Off Winners for 2022

1st place...Melissa Rogers with Potato Soup

2nd place ...Lynn Sooy with Chicken Tortellini Soup

3rd place....Sherry Lockridge-Oleyar with Ham and Bean Soup



Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

Congratulations to our Annual Soup Cook Off Winners for 2022

Recipes

Chicken Tortilla Soup

<i>¼ cup butter</i>	<i>1- oz can RoTel tomatoes</i>
<i>¼ cup flour</i>	<i>2 cups cooked, shredded chicken</i>
<i>3 cups chicken broth</i>	<i>1 tsp cumin</i>
<i>1 cup milk</i>	<i>1 tsp chili powder</i>
<i>8 oz Velveeta, cubed</i>	<i>salt & pepper to taste</i>

In a pot, melt butter, stir in flour and cook stirring for 3 minutes. Add chicken broth slowly, then milk, stirring well. Stir in Velveeta cheese until melted. Stir in Rotel, chicken and spices. Serve with tortilla chips.

Ham & Bean Soup

<i>1 Tbsp olive oil</i>	<i>1 celery stalk</i>
<i>2 small carrots</i>	<i>Smoked ham hock</i>
<i>1 small onion</i>	<i>1 potato</i>
<i>Fresh thyme</i>	<i>3 cups no salt chicken stock</i>
<i>2 garlic cloves</i>	<i>salt & pepper to taste</i>
<i>1 cup dried white beans</i>	<i>½ cup dried pinto beans</i>

Wash beans and soak overnight. Sauté veggies for 5 minutes. Add garlic, thyme, ham, beans, and stock. Cook slow until done.

***Congratulations and thank you to everyone who participated!!!
Start thinking about your favorite soup concoction for next year's
Soup Off!***

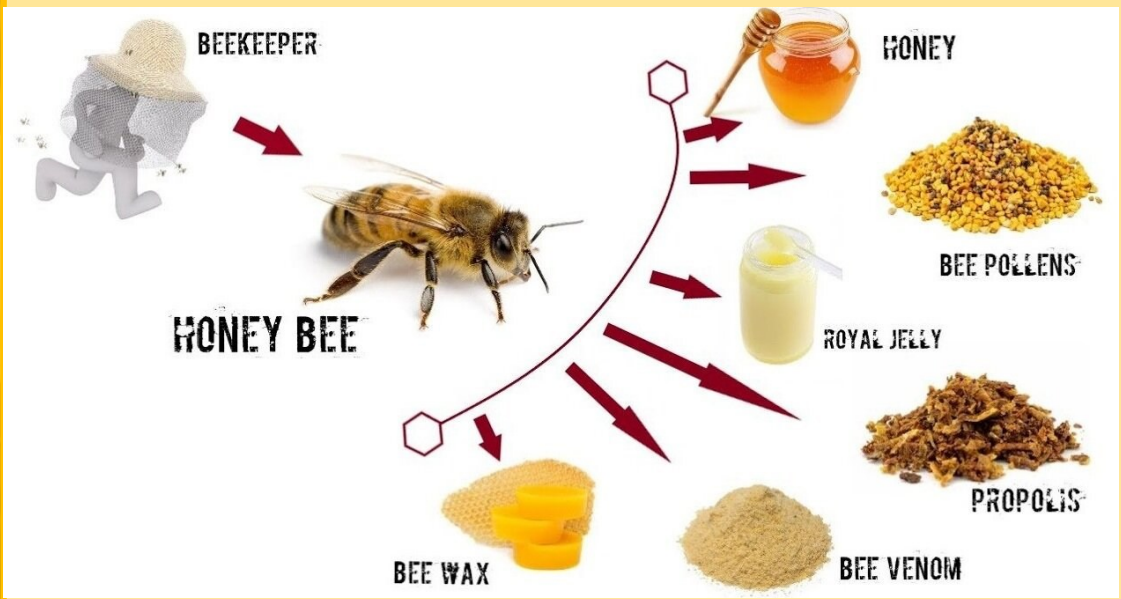
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March Members Meeting Speaker

Cathy Skolnicki

Topic: Apitherapy

Apitherapy is a type of alternative therapy that uses products that come directly from honeybees.



Lorain County Beekeepers Spotlight

Beekeeper: Daryl Baker

March 2022

1. How long have you been beekeeping?

25 years

2. What prompted you to become a beekeeper?

I saw a bee beard at the Lorain County Fair in 1996 and had 25 fruit trees that needed pollination and I love honey!!

3. How did you hear about LCBA?

At the Bee Barn at the Lorain County Fair

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

Yes, Bonnie Pierson and Don Downs

5. What has been your biggest challenge?

Getting bees through the winter.

6. What have you enjoyed most about beekeeping?

The best thing about beekeeping is the people you meet. Everyone has a story to tell about bees. People are curious about bees and how to help to help them, teaching and sharing the experiences.

7. How many hives do you have?

3—5 hives are my target. I love swarms as long as they aren't mine!!

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

I'm on the border of Amherst and Lorain

9. What are your five year beekeeping goals?

To learn more and how to keep colonies alive through the winter

10. Your words of wisdom to new beekeepers?

Start with atleast two hives and if you sell honey, don't underprice it!

Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

Reminder!

In April, 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.



If you're thinking about entering creamed honey in the Lorain County Fair 2022, here is what the judges look for:

GRANULATED/CREAMED HONEY

<i>Firmness (uniformity, absence of froth, general condition of honey).....</i>	<i>30</i>
<i>Flavor and Aroma.....</i>	<i>20</i>
<i>Texture of Granulation (smoothness).....</i>	<i>20</i>
<i>Color.....</i>	<i>15</i>
<i>Appearance, Suitability, Uniformity of Containers.....</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>Uniform and Accurate Volume of Honey.....</i>	<i>5</i>
TOTAL.....	100

Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

Are you interested in being listed on the 2022 Swarm list? Please submit your name, name of county you would like to collect swarms from, cities you would like to collect swarms from and one phone number to Audrey Gargas NO later than March 15, 2022 at gargas1@frontier.com



Beginners Beekeeping Class Mentors list will be closed out on March 15. If you would like to be a mentor for our new beekeepers, please send your name and phone number to: gargas1@frontier.com

LCBA will be parking cars for the Wellington Eagles on May 21 from 8 – 4 pm. The Wellington Eagles will donate \$1,000 to our club for helping them out. Please contact Randy Leiby 440-381-1956 or rdleiby@hotmail.com if you are interested in helping out. If you are interested in selling tickets for the event, they will also donate \$5 for each ticket sold to our club. Thank you!

Thank you to Bren & Randy Leiby for presenting a creamed honey demonstration and Sheila St. Clair for presenting a body lotion bar demonstration at the Tri-County Beekeepers Workshop at OSU Wooster last weekend. Thank you to Marilyn Teeple and Audrey Gargas for promoting LCBA upcoming events and selling cookbooks at the LCBA booth.

Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

Thank you to Corrie Marquis who has volunteered to take care of the LCBA Memorial Garden Flowers. We will be setting up a date soon to spring clean the pollinator gardens. Any perennial flowers anyone is looking to get rid of, please let Corrie know! She can be reached at cowgirl_corrie@hotmail.com (underscore between cow-girl and corrie)

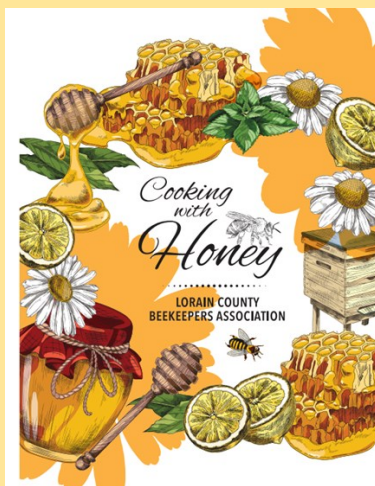
The **NEW** Lorain County Beekeepers Association Cookbooks are now available for \$15.

This honey recipe cookbook includes 135 new recipes and will be great gifts for everyone who receives honey from beekeepers.

So instead of just putting it in your tea, on your biscuits or eating it raw, you can make amazing presentations and be the envy of all your guests at the dinner table. This book includes recipes for beverages, dips, sauces, appetizers, soups, salads, breads, rolls, main courses including beef, pork, poultry and seafood, cookies, cakes, pies, and candy. There is a special section at the end that includes jams, jellies, canning, beeswax products, health & skin care recipes and pet foods.

Cookbooks will be available at all meetings and special events. You can also contact gargas1@frontier.com for your special orders. Cash or check made payable to LCBA will be accepted. All proceeds support the LCBA Building Fund.

Denzil St. Clair, LCBA President, has endorsed this product 100%. Book signings available at all meetings.



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 .

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| 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**February meeting held on March 1, 2022**

Present: Denzil St. Clair, John Rose, Audrey Gargas, Gene Gargas, Joan Romick, Marilyn Teeple, Randy Leiby, Bren Leiby, Sheila St. Clair, Cathy Lohse, Val Calderwood

Meeting called to order at 6:58 pm.

Denzil St. Clair asked for approval of the February executive minutes, Joan Romick made a motion to accept the minutes, Randy Leiby seconded, for 6, oppose 0, minutes accepted.

Beginner Classes – We currently have 55 signed up for the class with more registrations coming in. We will meet at the church on Friday at 6 pm, we can set up tonight also. Randy Leiby brought a screen display which we will use, along with the microphone. Thank you, Randy!

John Rose would like to establish a set mite treatments program for the Beginners classes. After discussion, John Rose made a motion for instructors to teach 2 formic acid and 3 oxalic acid dribble treatments at our beginning beekeeping classes for mite prevention. Randy Leiby seconded. For 6, oppose 0, motion passes. John Rose will update the mite treatment brochure for the beginner beekeeping classes.

Marilyn Teeple made a motion to reimburse QRC for the purchase of our class books, Beekeeping for Dummies. Joan Romick seconded, for 6, oppose 0, motion passes.

Memorial Hive – Saturdays' class schedule for beginners' class will be April 16, 23, 30 & May 7 at 10 am.

Thank you to Corrie Marquis who volunteered to be our Memorial Hive Garden Coordinator for the flowers and upkeep. Corrie will put a budget together for the estimated costs this year to present to the board. Thank you, Corrie! Thank you to the Gallagher family for their generous donation to our Memorial Garden.

March 11 Members Meeting – Apitherapy with Connie Skolnicki, meeting will be in the church since there will be classes in the church hall. Someone will need to turn on the heat prior to the Friday meeting.

April 8 Members Meeting– Bee Inspectors meeting with Phil Bartosh, Jon Reichel.

World Bee Day May 21 will be hosted at QRC. Admission will be \$2 and education booths will be \$20, with all money collected going to the World Bee Day honey breakfast they provide for schools. LCBA will have an education booth and QRC would like LCBA to host a food booth. We will start asking for volunteers to help at this event.

Wellington Eagles parking fundraiser will also be held on May 21 at the Wellington Eagles from, 8-4 pm. We will have a sign-up sheet for volunteers also.

Field Day June 4 at QRC – Gene Gargas has spoke with Rita regarding keeping our costs for food to \$10. She will get back with Gene with a menu. Banjo Man and the Boy Scouts troop has confirmed they will be available to help. Games and Prizes will be discussed at our next meeting.

Fair – Randy Leiby made a motion for LCBA to pay their fair barn rental fee and fair book ad. John Rose seconded, for 6, oppose 0, motion passes.

Audrey Gargas asked if we would like to sponsor kids' day again on Wednesday from 11 – 6 pm. She will notify the fair and we will need to come up with a game and prizes. Val Calderwood suggested have something different for the older kids.

Community Education Program Coordinator – Marilyn Teeple reports that we have had no requests for community educational programs

Treasurers Report – Gene Gargas distributed and reviewed the treasurer's report. John Rose made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Joan Romick seconded. For 6, oppose 0, motion passes. Sheila St. Clair presented the YEP program receipts to Gene Gargas.

Newsletter Report –articles due to Lori Keleman by March 8

Building Fund – Sheila St. Clair is getting ready to load our Building Fund with the goal thermometer onto the LCBA website. She presented Gene Gargas, treasurer, with the donated radio talk time for LCBA with WOBL. Thank you, Queen Right Colonies, for donating your free advertising time to LCBA.

Grants – Marilyn Teeple has nothing to report.

Mentoring – John Rose, will be tabled until March exec meeting.

New Business:

Bee City – Sheila St. Clair has sent in our annual report to the Xerces Society along with LCBA yearly dues.

Pollination Gardens – Randy Leiby will keep us updated on the pollination gardens for 2022.

Wellington Window – Bren Leiby has secured the Wellington Display Window for July, August and September and will be working on bee displays with Sheila St. Clair.

First Fridays in Wellington – Bren & Randy Leiby, John Rose and Marilyn Teeple will represent LCBA at the event. Randy will try to have Beatrice present.

Randy Leiby asked Gene Gargas to keep a separate total of **EOSC receipts** so we can keep our membership up to date on expenses.

Intermediate Beekeeping Class – John Rose would like to put together an intermediate beekeeping class for our second-year beekeeping. After discussion, Joan Romick made a motion to sponsor a one-day Intermediate Beekeeping class on April 9th at 10 am at Life Church, no charge to current members and \$10 for non-members. Randy Leiby seconded, for 6, oppose 0, motion passes.

Denzil St. Clair would like to see about offering a fall beekeeping class, right after the fair and EOOSC event. We seem to be losing interest after these events by having people wait till the spring to take a class. More discussion to follow.

John Rose made a motion to adjourn, Gene Gargas seconded, meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Next exec meeting: March 31st at 7:00 pm

LCBA End of Summer Classic

February 25 meeting held on March 1, 2022

Present: Denzil St. Clair, Sheila St. Clair, Randy Leiby, Bren Leiby, Daryl Baker, Marilyn Teeple, John Rose, Vince Dubesa, Cathy Lohse, Gene Gargas, Audrey Gargas, Val Calderwood

Meeting called to order: 6:00 pm

Speakers have been confirmed for the event, Sue Cobey from Washington speaking on "Selection Methods for Honeybee Breeding" at 10:30 am and "Instrumental Insemination Techniques" at 2 pm. Kim Flottum will be speaking on "Honey Adulteration" at 12:30.

Advertising budget – Sheila St. Clair and Katherine Holmes have finalized the EOOSC flyers now that speakers are locked in. Flyers have been sent to the printers for Marilyn Teeple and Audrey Gargas to pass out at the Tri County event this Saturday at the OSU Wooster Extension Campus. These flyers will also be passed out at World Bee Day in May, Field Day in June, and the LC Fair in August. We will print more flyers if need. John Rose and Randy Leiby will need approximately 80 to forward to local beekeeping groups.

The ad for OSBA has been forwarded to them. We still have a one edition ad credit from last year.

Local Publications, such as the Rural Urban, Chronical Telegram and others will be handled closer to summer.

LCBA Educational Booth – Audrey Gargas put together a rough draft of a possible layout for Building 17.

John Rose will need 2 tables for education. The other table will be used for the Memorial Hive honey, Hive Raffle, cook-books, and dummies books.

Daryl Baker would like to have the 50/50 booth more central in the building.

Val Calderwood would like additional help on the door prizes and raffle baskets. Marilyn Teeple and Audrey Gargas volunteered to help her. She would like to see the door prizes separated from the Chinese Raffle Baskets.

Since we have not heard back from any food vendors yet, we discussed offering Rita a space to cook.

Denzil St. Clair will need a space for the car show people to put their tickets into a black hat for their special drawings.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Next Meeting: March 31 at 6pm

Lorain County Beekeepers Thank You

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Natalia Rogers made Randy and Bren Leiby a bee picture for Randy being her mentor and helping her with her hives - her first year as a beekeeper has been very successful!



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
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10 AM - 4:00 PM
Location: Queen Right Colonies, Ltd.
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