



Lorain County *Beekeepers* Association

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President's Message

Hello LCBA !

Spring has sprung, rain has stopped, sun is shining, bees are swarming, flowers are blooming, did I say bees are swarming, again?

Looks like it's going to be one of those years that winter ends and summer begins. Do not take those wraps off too early. I know it is inconvenient to work around, but if you must, do not them off (all) at once, or take them off gradually in layers. As one beekeeper found out this year already, premature insulation removal can and will kill brood in an otherwise well-developed colony.

It is an honor to welcome back Tom Nolan to once again address the number one problem in beekeeping today and into the foreseeable future - Varroa. Tom is a representative of Nod Global, the manufacturer of Formic Acid, Mite-Away and the Bee Cozy, and more, based in Canada.

I consider this a must meeting for all beekeepers.

See you Friday!

Denzil

Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

Congratulations to our 50/50 Raffle Winners!!

April Members Meeting

John Ochenas

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

LCBA Memorial Honey will be available at the May 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.

Thanks Wendi Volkert for sharing this link from Bee Culture Magazine:

<https://www.beeculture.com/usda-micro-farm-program/>

Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

Thank you to Jim Duffy from the Farmers Exchange in Medina for the donation of 50 pounds of sunflower seeds for our Sunflower Pollinator Garden at the Lorain County Fairgrounds.

Thank you also to our very own Randy Leiby for planting the Sunflower Seeds !!!

Reminders!!!

Memorial Garden Hive opening prior to May members meeting at 6 pm. Only one hive will be opened to enable everyone to attend the meeting at 7 pm.

All Gun Show Raffle Tickets should be turned back in to Randy Leiby at the May members meeting, this includes any unsold tickets as well....thank you

We still need a few more volunteers for Parking on May 21 at the Wellington Eagles Parking Fundraiser for LCBA. Please see Randy Leiby, rdleiby@hotmail.com or call 440-381-1956.

We need 6 more volunteers to help with Field Day on Saturday, June 4th at QRC. Event starts at 10 pm and ends around 3:30 after raffles and door prize drawings. We need volunteers to help with coffee and doughnuts from 8am to 10:30 am and help with the guessing games throughout the morning. Please see Audrey Gargas if you are able to help. Gargas1@frontier.com or 216-534-6195.

If you or your place of business would like to donate an item, basket or service to our Chinese Raffle Baskets for the End of Summer Classic, please bring these items to our members meeting and see Val Calderwood, valjohn708@gmail.com or call at 440-529-3825. We are a 501 C3 and can provide the paperwork needed for your donation.

Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

Join us Friday, May 13th -

Tom Nolan will be our speaker and he'll be discussing:

Organic Varroa Control

A brief bio:

Tom Nolan joined Nod Apiary Products in 2016 as their lead Sales Representative for North America and New Zealand. Previously, Tom managed the Toronto location of Propolis-etc beekeeping supply store. Tom is also the founder and past president of the Urban Toronto Beekeepers Association.

Together with his wife Sonia they manage approximately 60 colonies in the greater Toronto area, with half the colonies on urban rooftops and half in the rural Rouge valley of Ontario.

Before joining Nod Apiary products Tom spent several years in the cigar industry working for Havana House Cigar and Tobacco Merchants, as their custom service manager and later becoming their key accounts representative for Canada.

Tom will be speaking tonight about organic varroa control with a focus on Nod Apiary Products Formic Pro and Mite Away Quick Strips (MAQS).

Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

April 8th Members Meeting

John Reichel — Meet your County Bee Inspector



Lorain County Beekeepers Spotlight

Beekeeper: Cathy Lohse

May 2022

1. How long have you been beekeeping?

5 years

2. What prompted you to become a beekeeper?

I've grown vegetables and fruit (until deer became a nuisance) and beekeeping aids these endeavors. Plus, this doesn't require daily attention.

3. How did you hear about LCBA?

John Rose

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

John Rose

5. What has been your biggest challenge?

Low autumn nectar which means either becoming a master of 2-1 sugar solution OR saving spring honey for winter.

6. What have you enjoyed most about beekeeping?

Analyzing what's happening in each colony since each is unique.

7. How many hives do you have?

2 — one has issues

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

Hinckley Township/Medina County

9. What are your five year beekeeping goals?

Determining productive queens, sizing of colonies, growing the number of colonies.

10. Your words of wisdom to new beekeepers?

Follow the science. A beekeeper many be frugal on many things, but don't skimp where mitacides and other pest treatments are involved.

Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

April 8th Members Meeting
Bee's Wax Cake Contest and Judging
And the winner isRandy Leiby!!
CONGRATULATIONS!!!!



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?

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Medina Massage & Skin Care

April 8th Members Meeting

Smoker Contest Winner is.....

Christina and Abigail Meier!!!!



Lorain County Beekeepers Memorial Hive Classes



Lorain County Beekeepers Education

Queen bee Corrie Marquis and I had a lot of fun discussing beez and stuff with a Lodi 4H group today. Lots of enthusiasm from the youngsters, especially sticking their fingees in the honey comb and licking them clean. Might have even gotten a few recruits for the LCBA Youth Program.



Do you know someone who's interested in bees and beekeeping and are part of class, group or community organization??? Please stop and see Marilyn Teeple who can coordinate a speaker for your group



Mowing your lawn less creates habitat and can increase the abundance and diversity of wildlife including bees and other pollinators. One way to reduce mowing is by participating in NO MOW MAY. NO MOW MAY is a conservation initiative first popularized by Plantlife, an organization based in the United Kingdom, but which is gaining traction across North America. The goal of NO MOW MAY is to allow grass to grow unmown for the month of May, creating a habitat and forage for early season pollinators. This is particularly important in urban areas where floral resources are often limited.

In 2020, residents of Appleton, Wisconsin, an affiliate of Bee City USA, became energized about No Mow May and the City Council agreed to suspend their weed ordinance for the month of May. Over 435 registered property owners participated in the campaign, and Lawrence University, an affiliate of Bee Campus USA, partnered with Appleton to conduct research on the impact of NO MOW MAY on pollinators. Researchers Israel Del Toro and Relena Ribbons collected data on the abundance (the number of individuals) and species richness (the number of species) of flowers and bees found in unmown yards of a subset of the properties participating in NO MOW MAY. They then compared those numbers to the abundance and richness of flowers and bees found in nearby urban parks that are regularly mowed. The findings were impressive! Not only were the abundance and richness of bees higher in the yards of properties participating in NO MOW MAY, but they were way higher. Participating yards had three-times higher bee species richness and five-times higher bee abundance than nearby parks that had been mowed. This study was published in 2020 and is available for free download. Empowered by their success in 2020, Appleton has spread the word and attracted even more participants in 2021.

Even the smallest gesture towards feeding the bees and other pollinators is a great help! Let's do all we can. Support our "Village of Wellington" official Bee City, 1 of 295 in the United States.

Sheila St. Clair, Bee City Coordinator

Lorain County Beekeepers Memorial Garden

The Memorial Garden just received a great makeover.

Top soil, gravel ,new stands....the hives have been split and plans for planting have been discussed.

For any donations of plants for the garden please contact Corrie at : cmarquis7949@hotmail.com

Too many donations would be a good problem to have !

The plaques should be going on the memorial posts soon, thank you all for making the memorial garden such a success.

We are grateful for Life Church and Pastor Jeff, your generosity is unmatched!

See you soon,

LCBA Executive Board





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fun day

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10:00 am - 4:00 pm

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2022 EVENTS



Saturday, June 4, Field Day
Guest Speaker: Reed Johnson
Saturday, September 24,
“End of Summer Classic”
Bee part of the excitement!
Keynote Speaker: Susan Cobey
Guest Speaker: Kim Flottom

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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

www.collaborativechambers.org

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.
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For more information, please contact collaborativechambers@gmail.com or call 216-712-9080. The proceeds from this event will be donated to provide Honey Breakfast on November 18, 2022, for K-12 students in Euclid and Cleveland, Ohio.

28th Annual Field Day

Saturday, June 4, 2022



Honeybees, Pollinators & Pesticides
 Dr. Reed Johnson, Ph.D., Dept. Of Entomology, OSU



Rain or Shine Event!

Field Day is a Free Event for Everyone! For 28 years the Lorain County Beekeepers Association and Queen Right Colonies have made it their goal to provide the Best Ever Field Day for Beekeepers, Friends and Family alike. You don't want to miss out on this year's Field Day it has something for everybody with the emphasis always on beekeeping.

Field Day is held at Queen Right Colonies, a family friendly 17-acre century farm, where you will experience more than beekeeping. QRC is teeming with animals including; alpaca, goats, sheep, squirrels, doves, chickens, zebu cattle, and fallow deer, just to name a few. And in the past couple of years, the old Amish house went through a complete renovation. It was turned into a beautiful, quaint Antique & Gift Shop, now known as "Das Amish Haus".

On Field Day you can expect accomplished beekeepers giving talks and demonstrations on a variety of interesting topics.

This year is no different. We are thrilled to have Reed Johnson, Associate Professor, Ohio State University, Dept. of Entomology. His research focuses on the relationship between honeybees, pollinators and their environment, with an emphasis on the effects of pesticides to include understanding the physiological basis of pesticide toxicity. Pollinators are vital for the production of many fruits, nuts and vegetables, including apples, blueberries, almonds, tomatoes and pumpkins. These crops are also vulnerable to pests and diseases, which are often controlled through the use of pesticides. However, pesticides may be toxic to insect pollinators, setting up a conflict between the need for pollination and the need for pest and disease control. To understand how to protect pollinators from the pesticides and other toxins they encounter is a main focus. The managed European honey bee, *Apis mellifera*, serves as a model pollinator for toxicological testing. Honey bees are the most economically important pollinator in the U.S. and serves as an excellent model species.

Demonstrations and classes for Field Day this year include; Peggy Garges, OSBA President, teaching on Queen Assessment. Peggy has 20 plus years in beekeeping and 140 colonies, last count. She is a queen producer, queen breeder, and traveling speaker. A great class to attend!



Gene Gargas and Randy Leiby, productive and successful beekeepers, both work closely with new class members to see that they get a great start in their beekeeping adventure. These two classes are necessary for those who are getting started in beekeeping.

This year we also have the pleasure of having Shannon Warder, licensed in the Sport of Falconry with her Red Tail Hawk Sabrina, born April 2021.

So be sure and mark your calendar, bring your family and friends as the farm environment makes for a wonderful, relaxed and enjoyable day for all. Field Day is a free event filled with classes, speakers, games, raffles, door prizes and more.



Location
Queen Right Colonies
 43655 State Route 162
 Spencer, OH 44275
 Tel: 440-647-2602
queenrightcolonies.com



Lunch available for \$10, includes: sandwich, side, dessert & drink.

Lunch tickets will be pre-sold.

Agenda For the Day

- 9:30 am Registration
- 10:00 am Welcome
- 10:15 am Reed Johnson
- 11:30 am Lunch
- 12:00 pm Alpaca Shearing

Field Events

- 12:30 to 1:30 pm
 - Reed Johnson: Colony Examination
 - Gene Gargas: My 1st Year In Beekeeping Part 1
 - Randy Leiby: My 1st Year In Beekeeping Part 1
- 1:45 to 2:45 pm
 - Peggy Garges: Queen Assessment in the Colony
 - Gene Gargas: My 1st Year In Beekeeping Part 2
 - Randy Leiby: My 1st Year In Beekeeping Part 2

Closing Remarks & Contest Winners

3:00 pm

For more information on the 28th Annual Field Day visit: www.queenrightcolonies.com and www.loraincountybeekeepers.org or follow us on Facebook.

No used gloves or hive tools. Helmets & veils are required for the bee yards.

Field events and contests may change to accommodate inclement weather.





End of Summer Classic

KEYNOTE SPEAKER & GUEST SPEAKER

SUSAN COBEY

INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITY IN THE FIELD OF INSTRUMENTAL INSEMINATION OF HONEY BEES
Selection Methods for Honey Bee Breeding & Instrumental Insemination Techniques

KIM FLOTTUM

PAST EDITOR OF BEE CULTURE MAGAZINE & AUTHOR OF MANY BOOKS ON BEEKEEPING
Honey Adulteration



SEPTEMBER 24, 2022
GATES OPEN 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

LORAIN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
WELLINGTON, OHIO

Bee Part of the Excitement!

Lorain County Beekeepers Association proudly presents the End of Summer Classic 2022. This will be a fun-filled community educational day including; beekeeping experts & buzz, family-friendly activities, local artisans, crafters & vendors, fair food, games, door prizes and raffles. Plus a Classic Cruisin' with Frank LaManna Presents.

Day's Timeline of Events

- 9:00 am: Opening Announcements
- 10:30 am: Susan Cobey
- 12:30 pm: Kim Flottum
- 2:00 pm: Susan Cobey
- 3:15 pm: Drawings

Special Attractions

- LCBA Raffles
- LCBA Door Prizes
- Beekeeping Experts
- Classic Cruisin' with FLP
- Petitti Garden Centers
- Meyer Hatchery
- Buggy Rides
- Bounce House
- Food & Beverages
- Crafters & Vendors
- Music



"Our first End of Summer Classic was a remarkable accomplishment, not equal to any other. The Lorain County Fairgrounds venue was perfect for our event. We had over 600 in attendance, a lineup of great speakers, a vendor hall filled with all kinds of merchandise, fantastic food, car show, children's activities, buggy rides and more. The 2022 EOSC looks bright and will be an event to remember."

Gene Gargas, EOSC Chairman

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