



Lorain County *Beekeepers* Association

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President's Message

Ohio weather is changing. It is time - as soon as possible - to thoroughly inspect the hives, assess for swarms and as always keep up with mite treatments.

On Friday April 12th John Rose will be doing a hive split in the Memorial Garden at 6 PM. At 6:15 Volunteers from the High Tea are asked to meet in the Church for a wrap-up of the event. And at 7 PM will be our monthly meeting in the Church. Noelle Akin will be our speaker presenting information on plants and attracting bees.

Please take note - the dates for the hive openings have been changed. On Saturday April 20th there will be a demonstration on installing bees in the Memorial Garden. Future Hive openings are Saturdays May 4th, 11th, and the 25th at 10 AM and all in the Memorial Garden.

LCBA will have a table at the LCCC Earth Day Event on Wednesday April 24th. I will be manning the table and would be happy to have someone join me from 10 AM to 2 PM.

Mark your calendars for LCBA's next big event, Field Day on June 1st. Check out the flyer in the newsletter and stay tuned for more information

*See Everyone on Friday,
Marilyn*

Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

Congratulations to our 50/50 Raffle Winner!!

March's Members Meeting

Richard Anderson!

Congratulations to Maureen Crawford 3/8 Gary Crumley 3/15

Carrie Cuomo 3/22

Beginners Beekeeping Class 50/50 raffle winners

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

Community Education

Several of our LCBA members have been out in the community talking about bees!

Randy Leiby and John Rose presented a 3 class Beginners' program in Martinsburg.

John Rose spoke to the Tri-state Beekeepers Club at their monthly meeting.

Audrey Gargas spoke to a Strongsville Elementary Class.

Denzil and John Rose have been going to 'Prison'. Denzil presented a Beginner's class at the Grafton Correctional Facility.

John Rose presented at the Belmont St Claire Correctional Facility.

Thank you everyone for representing LCBA. If you would be interested in 'Talking Bees' to community groups, please let Marilyn Teeple know.

Observation Hive at Findley State Park

Findley State Park is looking for someone to manage an observation hive. If you are interested, please contact Marilyn Teeple for the contact information.

Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

June 1, Field Day – This year we will have 2 keynote beekeeping speakers from California and are expecting a large draw in attendance. We will need lots of volunteers from setting up, covering the complimentary coffee & doughnut tables, raffles tables, Queen Bee races, LCBA sales table, 50/50 tickets, game tables, tearing down and helping direct attendees to their break out sessions in the afternoon. Look for the sign-up sheet and see where you can help out. Due to the keynote speakers, we will have speakers set up outside the tent for everyone to hear and if you would like to attend the talk, please designate when you sign up! Thank you!

Mark your calendars now for End of Summer Classic Car Show on Saturday, September 28th at the Lorain County Fairgrounds! Volunteer meetings will be starting in May, meeting dates will be announced soon! We will be looking for donated baskets, tickets, etc... for our Chinese Raffle baskets. This is our fundraiser during the event.

Thank you to...

Our Beginner Beekeeping Class Instructors – Richard Anderson, Amanda Manahan, Randy Leiby, John Rose and Gene Gargas. Thank you to everyone who helped at the classes – Marilyn Teeple, Bren Leiby, Corrie Rose and Audrey Gargas.

A very grateful thank you to Queen Right Colonies for their donation of beekeeping door prizes to our beginning beekeeping class. Thank you also goes to Blue Sky, Mann Lake, Kelley and Betterbee for a gift donation.

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Ms. Honey Bee's High Tea such a great success. We could not have pulled it off without all the wonderful LCBA Volunteers! Thank you to: Amanda & Heath Baus, Amanda Manahan, Bren & Randy Leiby, Cathy Lohse, Cathy Rhoades, Christine Meier, Dee Comstock, Denzil & Sheila St. Clair, Diane Corl, Diann Ramirez, Doreen Linden, Lacey & Ella Postlethwait, Ella Boitel, Florence Benton, Gene & Audrey Gargas, Joann Romick, John Rose, Jed Lamb, John & Corrie Rose, Jon Reichel, Katherine Holmes Cravener, Kathy Beal, Kathy Borling, Lynn Weibel, Marilyn Teeple, Marsha Coates, Nancy Koenig, Ron Knapp, Rose Fry, Steve Moysan, Tracy Cairns and Wendi Volkert. Thank you everyone!

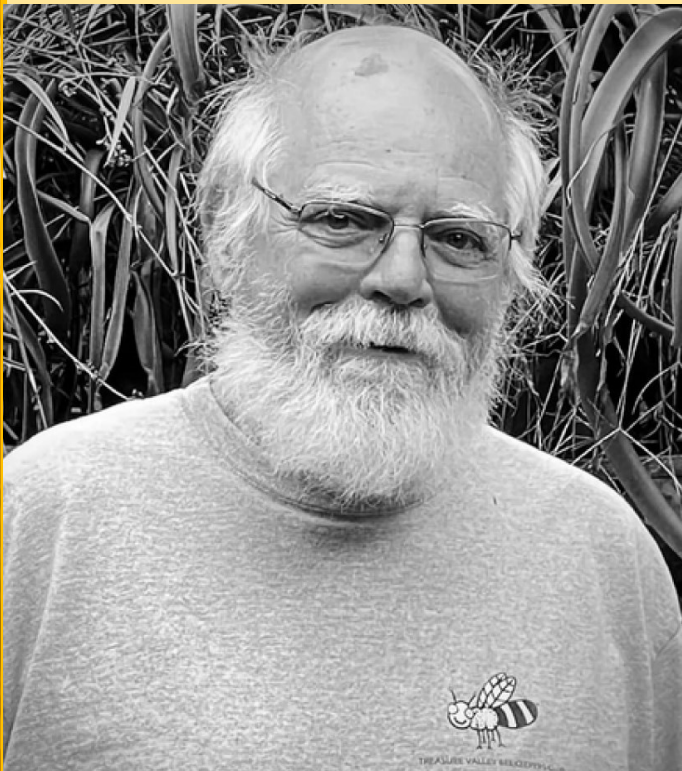
Thank you to all of our volunteers at the 1st (and only in most of our lifetime) Total Solar Eclipse who helped with the admissions gate. Thank you to: Denzil & Sheila St. Clair, Wendi Volkert, Jeff & Diane Breuler, Kathy Borling, Cathy Rhoades, Rose Fry, Marilyn Teeple and Audrey Gargas. Thank you to everyone who helped run the LCBA Educational Table – Randy & Bren Leiby, Carrie Rose, Ron Knapp and Carrie Tisdale. Thank you!

Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

Volunteers needed: sign up sheets available at April & May members meetings:

May 17 & 18 - World Bee Day – We will be helping Greater Cleveland Beekeepers Association host World Bee Day at the Berea Fairgrounds on Friday & Saturday May 17 & 18th. Friday will be for the school children with over 700 children signed up to attend. We will have 10 educational booths stationed in 2 buildings and the groups will be coming to your table to learn about a specific topic regarding bees. First year members encouraged to help, you will be paired with experienced beekeepers to help educate everyone! I believe hours on Friday are 8 – 2, Saturday will be the same and open to the public, I believe 8 - 4. Thank you!

May 18 - Wellington Eagles Gun Show Parking – This is one of our larger fundraisers as we help the Wellington Eagles park cars during their Gun Show on Saturday, May 18th from 7:30ish to 4 pm. Sign up sheet will be available and Randy Leiby will work out the shift scheduling. Please let him know in advance if you can only work at a certain time. Thank you!



Celebration of Kim Flottum's life, April 13, 2024, 12:00 Noon at Medina Community Church, 416 South Broadway Street, Medina, Ohio.

Please come and help us as we honor Kim's amazing journey and share memories with each other as we try and manage life without him.

If you are coming from out of town or state please let Kathy know so we can help with any questions or details.

There will be a meal served after the service. Questions or messages you can contact Kathy.

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Lorain County Beginning Beekeepers Class—2024

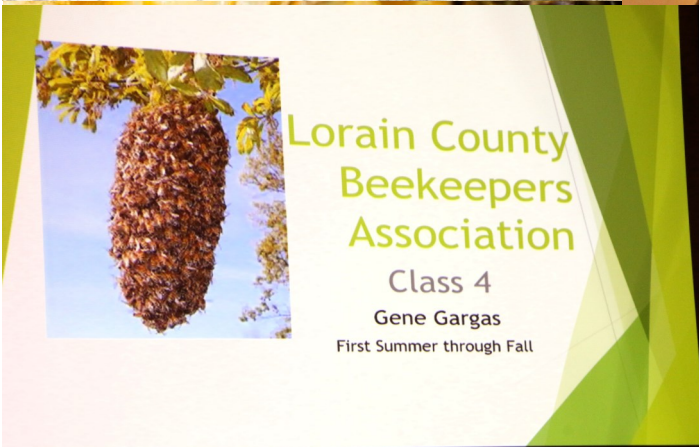
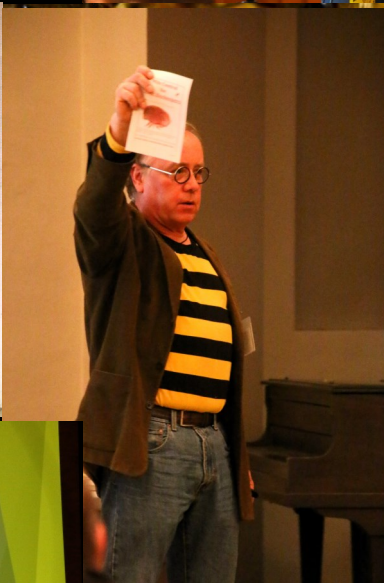
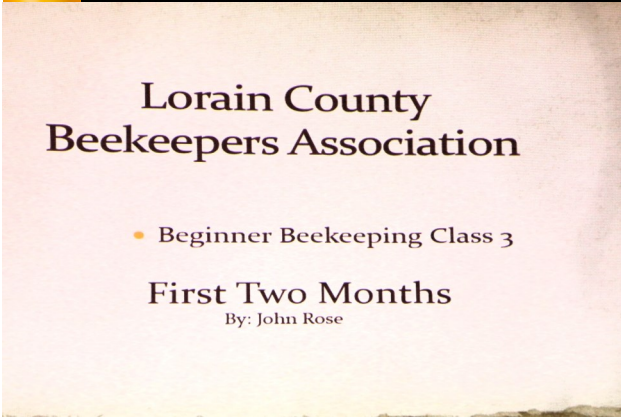
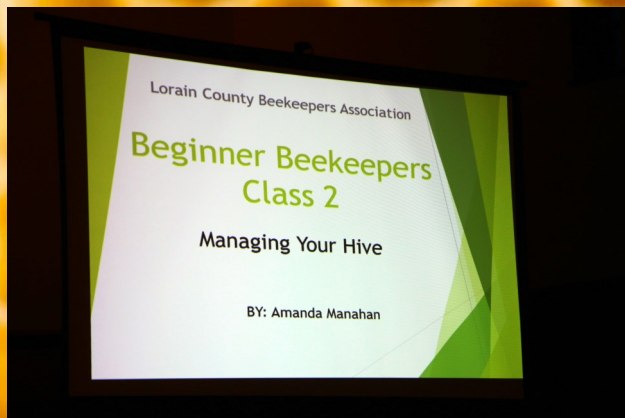
Congratulations to the Class of 2024

LCBA would like to congratulate the 2024 Beginner Beekeeping Class members

Brittany Adams	Thomas Adams	Mickael Alicea
Ron Apple	Kristen Ashenbach	Jamie Barbour
Juie Barbour	Robert Bari	Jill Baxter
Joe Baxter	Nicle Bialis	Erica Born
Kathy Bowman	Daniel Breda	Diane Breuler
Jeff Breuler	Kim Brown	Ron Brown
Caprice Wright-Ybara	Gary Cecil	Sharon Morgan-Cecil
Lin Chafetz	Jeff Chalmers	Ann Csongei
Linda Cowie	Brad Crawford	Maureen Crawford
Gary Crumley	Carrie Cuomo	Kayleigh Deeks
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Melinda Jordan	Rebecca Justen	Anndrelle Justen
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Haley Klier	Henry Klier	Joe Klier
Olivia Klier	Sophia Klier	Tommy Klier
Sharon Korney	Robert Lake	Mike Landers
Greg Landry	Kimi Landry	Orrin Leimbach
Shannon Leimbach	Kalenna Levsque	Carol Lindholm
Edward Lowe	Terri Marquis	Scott McDougald
Alyssa McManamon	John Moesher	Nathan Mohr
Jessica Moran	Matthew Moran	Olivia Morey
Gary Ochenas	John Ochenas	Maria Ochenas
Amy Okasinski	Aaron Oliver	Frank Oliver
Jessie Oliver	Kathy Oliver	Jeremy Pearce
Kathy Perales	Mico Perales	Roland Platten
Kate Rivet	Alissa Rodriguez	Rebecca Rollin
Jen Sanders	Rick Schweinberg	Kip Skolnicki
Berkeley Smith	Jason Smith	Alisha Stanley
Cliff Stanley	Andrew Syrowski	Mike Tabeling
Dee Tacket	Kenneth Tackett	Karen Terry
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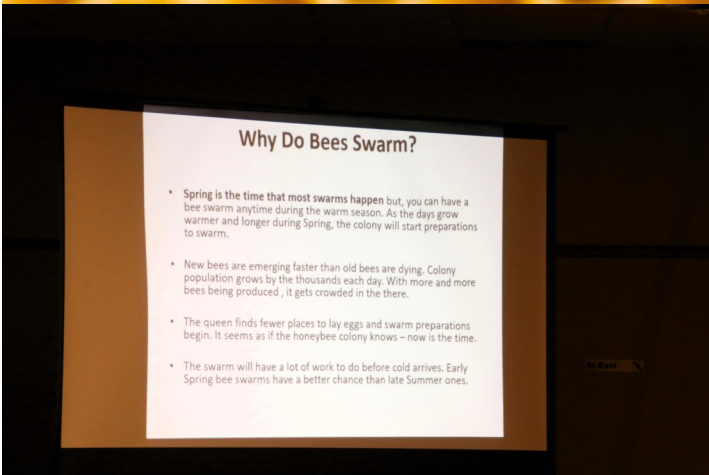
Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

LCBA's 2024 Beginners Beekeeping Classes - 3/8, 3/15, 3/22/2024



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March's Meeting - Catching Swarms



Lorain County Beekeepers Spotlight

Beekeeper: John Reichel

April 2024

1. How long have you been beekeeping?

12 years

2. What prompted you to become a beekeeper?

Retired, moved to OH, bought a homestead and inherited a few hives

3. How did you hear about LCBA?

Previous County Inspector

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

Tim Moore — but he never knew he was my mentor!

5. What has been your biggest challenge?

Being stupid (lol)

6. What have you enjoyed most about beekeeping?

The mystery and the science

7. How many hives do you have?

30 + in three apiaries

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

Penfield Township/Grafton

9. What are your five year beekeeping goals?

Stay at 24 to 30 hives. Use as little chemicals as possible. Continue to perpetuate my own queens and hives

10. Your words of wisdom to new beekeepers?

Find a local mentor and STAY OFF THE INTERNET

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

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Ms. Bee's High Tea - 2024



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Our very own LCBA meets Downton Abbey



LCBA Building Fund 2024

As we march towards our goal, we can never say thank you enough for our organizations that continue to support us!



Good news membership ! Cargill Cares sent LCBA a check for \$5,000.00 for the Building Fund Project.

We are on schedule to send additional information for the Fiscal year which begins June 1. Stay tune, great things will happen, doors will open one step at a time. Thank you everyone for all you do. Together we will Preserve the Past by securing the future for all Beekeepers and farmers, through a year-round educational facility located on the Lorain County Fairground.

Sincerely,

Sheila St. Clair

WORLD BEE DAY

Field trip



Celebrating the bees and other pollinators!

Friday
May 17, 2024
 10:00 am - 2:00 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
- 🐝 Learn from Certified Master Gardener about Pollinator Gardens
- 🐝 Learn How Honey Bees Improve Our Agricultural/Food Educational Stations; Fruits, Vegetables, and Honey
- 🐝 Honey Bee Observation Room

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30th Annual Field Day

Saturday, June 1, 2024



Field Day is a Free Event for Everyone!

www.loraincountybeekeepers.org



30 Years of Field Days, Education and Commitment for the past 105 years, Lorain County Beekeeper's has proudly served the beekeeping community in many ways. Working together Queen Right Colonies and LCBA have always set the bar high when it comes to education and this year is no different, but could possibly be the best ever.

Industry leaders Randy Oliver and Ray Olivarez will be with us for the day and you don't want to miss it! This is a free event and we don't think you will ever get this opportunity anywhere.

Food, fun, raffles, door prizes and a huge gathering of beekeepers. An educational day to spend with new and old friends on a 17-acre Century Old farm.

Something for everyone, the annual Alpaca shearing, Das Amish Haus Antiques shop, Ohio's largest retailer of Beekeeping equipment, live Queens and bees.

Watch for a detailed flier regarding a schedule of the days event at www.loraincountybeekeepers.org or www.queenrightcolonies.com and on Facebook.



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