

# Lorain County Beekeepers Association

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## *President's Message*

*Happy Holidays Fellow Beekeepers,*

*It's hard to believe 2023 is coming to an end. Planning has begun for next year and the Board will be sharing fun plans for 2024. The calendar for upcoming meetings, speakers and events is on the website and in our newsletter. More to come*

*December 8th at 7:00 PM is this month's members meeting and our Christmas celebration with a pot luck dinner. I am not sure how so many good cooks ended up in this association but I am sure the 'fare' Friday night will be phenomenal. There will be a white elephant gift exchange, elections and a quiz to test your bee knowledge. Bring your family, a friend or two, a dish to share and enjoy the holiday cheer.*

*Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Wealthy New Year!*

*Marilyn*



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## Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

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

***November Members Meeting***

***Congratulations to our anonymous winner !!!***

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

***Hello LCBA,***

***Lorain County Beekeepers is so busy sometimes it is difficult to keep up, and if you blink your eye you end up wondering what you've missed. I learned a long time ago in this organization that under no circumstances should you ever miss a meeting or you might be the next guest speaker at the White House.***

***This is my way of introducing a new program - The Grafton Correctional Institution (GCI). LCBA will teach Beginner Classes at the prison starting in February 2024. These classes will be held once a week for the month of February. After that, they will need monthly speakers provided by LCBA. I hope we can depend on you to help with this program. They have no other outside help and plan to have colonies on site. They will need extensive help in all aspects of beekeeping.***

***If interested please contact Denzil at [info@queenrigfhtcolonies.com](mailto:info@queenrigfhtcolonies.com)***

***~ Denzil***

**Ohio**

Department of  
Rehabilitation & Correction





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### **LCBA Christmas Potluck Meeting**

**Come join us on Friday, December 8, 2023, at 7 pm  
at Life Church for  
our annual Christmas Potluck and White Elephant Gift  
Exchange.**

**Please bring an appetizer, meat, side dish, vegetable or dessert  
to  
share with everyone. LCBA will provide plates, utensils and  
drinks.**

**Following dinner, we will be entertained with bee games di-  
rected by Marilyn Teeple and Peggy Vasu, testing your bee  
knowledge!**

**We will also have a White Elephant Exchange for anyone inter-  
ested,  
please bring your gift in a wrapped box or gift bag.  
Everyone who brings a gift, takes a gift!**

**Come and join the fun!**

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### LCBA Upcoming Calendar

- December 8 7:00 LCBA "Holiday Potluck Party & White Elephant Gift Exchange"
- December 28 6:00 Executive Committee Meeting
- January 12 7:00 Chili Cook Off & "Varroa Mites" presented by Robert Najjar, President Summit County Beekeepers
- January 25 Executive Committee Meeting
- February 9 Soup Cook Off & "Bee Business 101" presented by Marcia Coleman, LCCCC
- February 24 Intermediate Beekeeping Class
- February 29 Executive Committee Meeting



#### October & November are Nomination Months for LCBA Election of Officers

October & November are nomination months for all LCBA positions- President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and one Trustee position. If you are interested in becoming more involved with LCBA, please consider joining our board. All officials are expected to attend every meeting along with planning, preparing and participating in all members meetings. There executive meeting is the last Thursday of every month to plan our upcoming events schedule. Feel free to nominate a friend or yourself if you are interested in a position. **Voting will take place at the December Christmas Pot Luck Meeting.**

Nominations are closed after the November members meeting. Following are the job descriptions for each position:

**President** – Plan and lead meetings with the help of the executive committee, plan fair and outside functions and activities, run executive meetings, suggest speakers for meetings, write presidents note to members for BUZZZZ newsletter.

**Vice President** – Assist president in planning of meetings, fair and outside functions, lead meetings and write notes when president is unable to, support, assist and vote on matters regarding LCBA.

**Secretary** –Take meeting minutes at regular and executive meetings, handle necessary correspondence, mail or email notifications to club members and beginner class sign ups, send out class notifications to media, confirm speaker, other miscellaneous duties, submit minutes to executives for approval, support, assist and vote on matters regarding LCBA.

**Treasurer** – Establish and maintain financial matters for the organization (writing checks for bills or other expenses and payables), present reports at executive meetings regarding income and expenses, support, assist and vote on matters regarding LCBA.

**Trustee** – Assist all positions if needed and support, assist and vote on matters regarding LCBA. This is a 3-year term and only 1 position is available each year.



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## Lorain County Beekeepers Spotlight

**Beekeeper: Gregg Wheeler**

**December 2023**

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

*Most of my life on and off assisting my parents when needed—myself exclusively, 5 years.*

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

*Swarms flew into some of my Dad's empty hives.*

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

*My family members were founders of LCBA.*

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

*My Dad mentored me when I was young (just wish I could remember much of what he taught me!)*

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

*Getting hives to overwinter.*

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

*Continuing a long held family tradition, and incorporating my wife and son into the process.*

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

*I currently have seven strong hives prepared for winter.*

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

*River Falls Township (Pierce County, WI)*

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

*Become adept at raising my own queens. Find or create a more winter hardy genetic line. Continue to improve on mite reduction techniques. Having upwards of 20 operating colonies.*

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

*Befriend an experienced beekeeper and learn as much as you can. Beekeeping books, magazines and YouTube are all good sources of information.*



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### IMPORTANT SELLERS UPDATE!!!!

**Fair Sellers Rules for 2024 have been posted to the website, please review, changes have been made. The Mandatory Fair Sellers meeting will NOT BE HELD on the same night as the members meeting. Date will be announced and listed on the Intent to Sell forms, which will be available in June.**

**Congratulations to Dave Zemancik, who won Best Honey at the OSBA Fall Conference!!!!**



**Congratulations also to Bob Schumaker who won the Ross Rounds kit and Bill Vittori for winning the honeybee outdoor sign!!**





### 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

*Founded 1882, reorganized 1919, and incorporated 1966.*

## LCBA MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

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

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

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

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



Annual Membership cost is \$20.00 per person. 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, Hinckley, 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)





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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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