Lorain County Beekeepers Association

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Hello beekeepers from around the world ~

Everyone is teaching beginner beekeeping classes now, so that must mean spring is in the air or at least on the calendar. The lead-in to this is to say next month, LCBA will host a whole new crew of (newbees) and your support/help is always needed as well as appreciated.

This month we are privileged to have Dave Edwards teach a class on basswood section honey production, along with a brief follow up on other sources of comb honey production. This method of honey production is a losing to dying art, and it (is) an art form. Almost anyone can produce comb honey or ross rounds. There used to be several other types of comb honey production systems in use such as Hogg half comb, Beo-pack, etc., but the first and best was and is basswood sections.

This month we are also having a soup cook-off with a 1st place prize of \$40.00, 2^{nd} place of \$30.00, and 3^{rd} place of \$20.00, so make Gordon Ramsey proud and bring the best.

LCBA has a new program starting this month and will continue the rest of the year featuring a hive product for show at a regular meeting and judged while the meeting is in progress. It will be given an official show scorecard. The winner will receive bragging rights for the year's best ???? product. This month the product being judged/featured will be creamed honey, so bring your best creamed honey for SHOW, and stay tuned for the rest of the year to see if your name appears as the winner in the Buzz!

Please do not forget membership dues are now due, so to stay informed about the many LCBA ventures, Field Day, Bee Yard, Lorain County Fair, End of Summer Classic and much more, send in or bring those dues to the next meeting!

Your Illustrious President,

Denzil

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Lorain County Beekeepers updates and Events

Congratulations to our 50/50 Raffle Winner!!

Dave Weber !!!

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

LCBA Memorial Honey will be available at the February Members

Meeting for \$12 a bottle

Reminder!

At Friday's meeting, we will be having the "LCBA Honey Product Spotlight" and the product is creamed honey. You may bring in one jar of regular creamed honey to be judged, your choice of an 8, 12 or 16oz jar.

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

During Friday's meeting the judge will talk about how it was judged and what they were looking for. Bring your creamed honey to February'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.



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February Members Meeting LCBA SOUP OFF

Bring a crock pot of your favorite soup to be judged by our members at our February meeting and see if you win!

Please bring a copy of your recipe and be here by 6:45 to participate!

Good Luck!



Remember there are cash prizes of \$40, \$30 and \$20 for the top 3 delicious soups!!





Reminder!!

This will be the last newsletter that you will be receiving if you have not yet renewed your LCBA 2022 Membership Dues.

Please see Gene Gargas at Friday's meeting or mail in the membership form today!

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2022 L.C.B.A. Membership Form

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Lorain County Beekeepers Association

is proud to announce the

27TH ANNUAL BEGINNER 2022

BEEKEEPING CLASS

Class Dates: March 4, 11, 18, & 25, 2022

Time: 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Location: Life Church

1033 Elm Street Grafton, Ohio 44044

Cost: \$50 – includes 1 year LCBA Membership

and a monthly email newsletter for you and other family members living at the same address. Books will be available for an additional \$23 fee during classes.

Classes Descriptions:

March 4: Beekeeping Equipment

March 11: Managing Your Beehive

March 18: First Two Months as a Beekeeper

March 25: Summer & Fall Management

· April 8: Members Meeting

Memorial Garden Hands-On Saturday, April 16, 23, 30 & May 7

Times 10.00 cm

Time: 10:00 am

Hands-On Field Day

Saturday, June 4 - Rain or Shine

Time: 10:00 am

Where: Queen Right Colonies

43655 State Route 162 Spencer, Ohio 44275







Fall Wrap-Up

Friday, September 9

Time: 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Where: Life Church

1033 Elm Street Grafton, Ohio 44044

Go to the LCBA website to download the Class Registration Form www.loraincountybeekeepers.org

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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

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LCBA Executive Meeting

January 25, 2022

Present: Denzil St. Clair, John Rose, Audrey Gargas, Gene Gargas, Randy Leiby, Joan Romick, Bren Leiby, Sheila St. Clair, Lori Keleman, Frank Keleman.

Meeting called to order at 7:15 pm.

Audrey Gargas asked for approval of the December Executive Minutes, Randy Leiby made a motion to accept the minutes, John Rose seconded, for 6, oppose 0, minutes accepted.

Feb 11 members meeting - Dave Edwards & Denzil St. Clair have been confirmed to speak on "Basswood Sections, Cut Comb and Ross Rounds." Joan Romick has everything ready for the Soup Off along with the winners checks. Bren Leiby will be collecting and numbering the Creamed Honey entries, Denzil St. Clair will judge the entries, discuss the judging criteria for creamed honey and announce the winner, who will have bragging rights and a spotlight in the March newsletter.

March 11 Members Meeting – Apitherapy with Connie Skonickie has been confirmed.

Beginner Classes – We currently have 22 registrants. At our next exec meeting we will have the total number of attendees and decide if we will have the classes in the church or church hall. The screen will need to be up on a table and a microphone needed. The cost of the Dummies books has gone up so we will increase the cost to \$25. Randy Leiby will check with Mike Yuhas regarding equipment for classes and Field Day.

John Rose has canceled his meeting with the class instructors to review the presentations. He will sit through the classes and make his recommendations after the classes.

Field Day June 4 - The schedule for Field Day at QRC was set so it could be published in the catalogue. It will be as follows:

9:00 Registration opens

10:00 Announcements

10:15 – 11:30- Speaker – Reed Johnson "The Relationship Between Pollinators and Their Environment, Emphasis of the Effects of Pesticides and Pesticide Toxicity."

11:30 - 12:30 lunch and Banjo Man

12:30 - 1:30

Reed Johnson - Colony Assessment in a Live Hive

Randy Leiby - Part 1 Beginners Class

Gene Gargas – Part 1 Beginners Class

1:30 - 2:30

Peggy Garnes – Queen Assessment

Randy Leiby - Part 2 Beginners Class

Gene Gargas - Part 2 Beginners Class

2:30 Main Tent:

Beehive Raffle Drawing

Door Prizes

50/50 Raffle

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The tent, table and chair deposit has been done.

Gene Gargas will check with Rita regarding the menu and cost of the menu with a report at the next meeting.

Audrey Gargas will check with the Boys Scouts for parking and Banjo Man for lunch entertainment.

Hive raffles will be a hive and a nuc. We have equipment in the Memorial Garden, and we will shake or split one of the hives for the raffle. QRC will donate a nuc with bees for the second raffle. Thank you QRC.

Games and prizes will be decided at the March meeting.

2022 Fair Rules – The sellers' rules will have the addition of a quality product phrase added. It will state:

Product will be checked periodically during the week, any product that is deemed unsatisfactory by the executive of the day and agreed upon by the fair chair, will be marked unsatisfactory and removed from the shelf and tagged unavailable for sale for the rest of the week. The taster sample will also be pulled.

Cookbooks – The cookbooks have been completed with a total of 372 recipes, sent to the printer and we did avoid the price increase on January 31. A total of 200 books were orders, they run an additional 10% incase of printing problems and add 6 complimentary books with a potential of having 226 books to sell. Total costs with shipping were \$1,744.40. Audrey Gargas paid 50% to start the production and the rest is due prior to shipping and is asking to be reimbursed. Gene Gargas made a motion to reimburse her for the cookbooks, Joan Romick seconded, for 5, oppose 1. Denzil St. Clair asked to be put on record as opposing, and if LCBA can sell all the cookbooks in 3 years, he will donate \$500 to LCBA. Game on!

Treasurers Report – Gene Gargas presented the treasurer's report with the last months activity. Randy Leiby made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Joan Romick seconded, for 5, oppose 0.

Newsletter Report – Lori Keleman asked that all articles due by her by Feb 8.

Building Fund – Sheila St. Clair has been promoting LCBA and their beginner classes, Bee City, EOSC and the building fund on WOBL Radio Stations on Wednesdays at 9 am. For every paid advertising slot QRC pays for, they are given additional time in which they choose to promote LCBA. Thank you QRC.

Bee City membership renewal is due in February. Sheila St. Clair will complete the Xerces Society form and include pictures of our pollinator fields on their website.

QRC has been asked to host **World Bee Day** the weekend of May 20th at their farm. They are asking all the local bee associations to have a tent to promote their organization, which could include trifolds, EOSC flyers, educational material, etc. More information will be available at the next meeting.

Community Educational Program – John Rose is putting together a form to be sent to schools, Eagles clubs, garden clubs, nursing homes, etc. that would like to host a bee education program. This form will ask the director to list the topics they would like to have covered along with the intended audience, so the educator will know what level the program will need to be presented at. Thank you, John.

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New Business:

John Rose would like to work on the club's definition of mentoring, formal and informal. A mentorship form he had available from another group was emailed to all board members to review and we will discuss at an upcoming meeting.

John Rose would like to discuss the clubs' position on mite control, and this will be added to the March 1 agenda.

Audrey Gargas was emailed by Catherine Timko from the Lake Erie Nature & Science Center to see if we had someone who would be interested in working with the nature center hives. Audrey Gargas asked her for a job description, whether it would strictly hive care or if community education was also involved. She is waiting to hear back. Denzil St. Clair asked the email to be forwarded to the Greater Cleveland Beekeepers Association since the nature center is in Cuyahoga County.

Randy Leiby made a motion to adjourn, Joan Romick seconded, meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.

Next Exec meeting has been changed to March 1st at 7 pm. EOSC meeting has been changed to March 1st at 6 pm.

LCBA End of Summer Classic January 25, 2022

Present: Denzil St. Clair, Sheila St. Clair, Randy Leiby, Bren Leiby, Val Calderwood, Frank Keleman, Lori Keleman, Daryl Baker, Florence Benton, Gene Gargas, Audrey Gargas

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm

7:00 - 8:30 am

The Schedule was set for EOSC event as follows:

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9:00	Gates open, opening announcements
10:30 - 11:30	First speaker
11:30 - 12:30	Lunch, vendors & booths
	Banjo Man
12:30 - 1:30	Second speaker
1:30	½ door prize drawings
	Cash drawing for Car Cruisin
1:30 - 2:00	Vendors & booths
2:00 - 3:00	Third speaker
3:15	Drawings and raffles
	Raffle baskets
	50/50
	Remainder of door prizes
3:30	Vendor tear down
3.30	Clean un

Vendor set up

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Door prize tickets will be handed out at the entrance, along with asking attendees how they heard about the event to help with our marketing for next year.

Suggested to have sign-up sheet at gate for e-mail addresses at gate for advertising at future events.

Randy Leiby suggested we drawn door prizes throughout the day to encourage people to return to raffle area and buy more tickets.

LCBA Education booth, raffle tickets, Chinese raffle, beehive raffles and gold sponsorship vendors who are not selling will be in Building #17.

Vendors who are selling will be in Building 11.

Denzil St. Clair will be approaching car supply dealers in Wellington to offer them a free booth at the car show. Car vendor cost will be a basket donation to our Chinese Raffle baskets. Val Calderwood reported we had between 25-30 Chinese raffle baskets last year.

50/50, Chinese raffle baskets and beehive drawings will be done at 3:15 pm as to not distract from the final speaker. If last speaker done earlier, drawings will start earlier.

Advertising demographics:

Bee Culture magazine subscribers from Jen Manis: 13,148 active subscribers,

21%, or 2,840 come from Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, and Wisconsin.

14%, or 1,980 come from Pennsylvania, New York, and New Jersey.

Currently have under 500 total digital subscribers

Bee Culture "Catch the Buzz" emails:

19,586 subscribers

23.5% open rate for our emails

Around 600 come from Ohio and Pennsylvania.

ABJ - 1733 subscribers in Ohio and the border states surrounding Ohio.

Proposed 2022 Advertising Budget -

OSBA – Spring- Complimentary Carry Over from last year Free
Summer – Full Page, \$200 with discount \$180

ABJ – $\frac{1}{4}$ or $\frac{1}{2}$ page ads June, July, August \$1,311 to \$2,007

Full page ad September` \$ 1,175

Bee Culture – ¼ or ½ page ads June, July, August \$1,500 to \$2,250

Full page ad September \$ 1,500

Total using larger page ads for June, July August: \$7,112

After reviewing the advertising demographics and proposed budget, Audrey Gargas made a motion that we advertise in OSBA and local media and at this time we NOT place ads with Bee Culture and ABJ. Randy Leiby seconded. For 10, oppose 0. Motion passes. Sheila St. Clair will continue to look for free advertising options. Peggy Garnes suggested we contact all the Ohio bee clubs presidents and talk to them about our event, mail flyers to them and encourage club attendance. Randy Leiby and John Rose volunteered to do this and will also look at surrounding states associations. Val Calderwood volunteered to place ad in Farm & Dairy. John Rose will be speaking at an Ashtabula event 2 weeks prior to our event and has permission to advertise our event there.

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Sheila will be doing a lotion bar demonstration at Tri-County and is exchanging her speaker fee for placing an EOSC ad in the Tri County brochure. Thank you, Sheila.

Next meeting, we will gather and review ad costs for local publications.

Committee reports:

Advertising – Sheila St. Clair – Generic flyer ad is available for event.

Vendors – Marilyn Teeple & Randy Leiby – flyers are done, Building 11

Grounds - Randy Leiby - will check with set up on Friday prior to event

Camping – Randy Leiby – same as last year

Speakers - Audrey Gargas, Denzil St. Clair - no report currently,

Car Show – Denzil St. Clair & Frank – Flyer done and posted on website and car show sights.

LCBA Booth - Audrey Gargas - Coo book is done, now will concentrate on LCBA booth for next meeting

Welcoming - Florence Benton - Membership forms, trifolds, will need a few volunteers with her.

Education - John Rose - Building 17

Dummies Books – Building 17

Memorial Honey and Beehive Raffles – Building 17

Raffles - Audrey Gargas

Raffle Donations – Val Calderwood

50/50 - Daryl Baker - Building 17, suggests stationary booth, 2 volunteers for walking & selling tickets

Door Prizes –Building 17

Randy Leiby made a motion to adjourn, John Rose seconded, meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 1 @ 6 pm.

Agenda:

Advertising budget for local publications

Flyer costs

LCBA Booth

Locations

Layouts

Staffing

Materials needed

We are continuing to ask any and all members to come join us in our planning of this amazing event.

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Lorain County Beekeepers Association 2022 Fair Rules and Guidelines

Rules and Guidelines for LCBA Executive Board while representing LCBA at Lorain County Fair. RULES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Amended by votes of Executive & Fair Committee (1-4-2020)

The purpose of these rules is to have guidelines in place to better aid future fair committees. LCBA board must approve these changes, additions, etc. since they have the potential to affect all LCBA membership and its future.

It is your responsibility to read these rules and guidelines and familiarize yourself with them.

- 1. Must be a LCBA member with dues paid prior to March 1 of the year in which fair will take place, attend 4 members meetings in a calendar year beginning January to July to sell honey at the August fair. Exceptions will be made for new beekeepers.
- 2. A majority of the LCBA executive board must approve or disapprove all decisions currently four is a majority.
- 3. Executive Board is to promote a voting block to elect Lorain County Fair Directors and LCBA fair committee to better represent LCBA at the Lorain County Fair.
- 4. All items sold must contain bee products in them, i.e., honey, wax, propolis, royal jelly.
- 5. All products that are being sold and are awarded a premium in the premium book must be entered in the open entry classes in apiary class AND be judged.
- 6. 20% of all sales of vendor (seller) will go to LCBA.
- 7. <u>Mandatory</u> that <u>Sellers</u> participate in the cleaning, preparation, set up & tear down of LCBA barn at Fair Grounds. This is separate from the hours needed for sales booth. Failure to participate in set up will automatically disqualify you from selling product for the current year. Failure to participate in tear down will also disqualify you from selling product the following year.
- 8. Applications or intent to sell products at Lorain County Fair will be circulated at the June members meeting with all forms due back at the **July MANDATORY SELLERS MEETING** beginning at 6 pm. If you turn in an intent to sell form, you are committed to working the seller's booth, regardless of having honey to sell or not.
- 9. If selling any products, wax, cosmetics, or honey products, you must commit yourself to the designated allotment of time, which averages a total of 10-16 hours depending on the number of volunteers. Work scheduled hours calculated by the total number of available seller's slots divided by the number of sellers with the resulting number being rounded up to the next whole number. If you cannot fulfill your time slot, you must arrange with ANOTHER SELLER to fill your complete time slot.

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10. Work schedules for sellers in the sales booth will be circulated at the July Mandatory Sellers Meeting to allow all LCBA membership to actively participate in fair activities. If open times remain on the work schedule, all remaining hours must be evenly divided by LCBA vendors no later than August LCBA meeting or the last meeting before fair.

- 11. Inventory sheets will be circulated at the July LCBA meeting with the honey vendor hour sign-up sheet available. A lottery draw for vendor space will be at the August fair clean up meeting. The space you draw will be your space for the entire week. The fair committee will only move you to another space in the case of flooding from the gutters.
 - Inventory sheets must be completed and submitted with all products **from noon to 4 pm** on Sunday, August 21. The product brought in at that time and inventoried will be your final product for the week.
 - In addition to your product, all sellers must bring **10 pounds of display honey for the LCBA booth**.

 Only exception is first year sellers. Sellers also **encouraged to bring in wax to** be displayed in the LCBA Booth.
 - All honey and other products being sold will be checked for quality. The quality check list will be available at the July meeting. All decisions made by the quality check-in team will be final.
 - Product will be checked periodically during the week. Any product that is deemed unsatisfactory by the executive of the day and agreed upon by the fair chair, will be marked unsatisfactory and removed from the shelf and tagged unavailable for sale for the rest of the week. The taster sample will also be pulled.
 - Once inventory checked in, quantities cannot be changed.
 - Additions to inventory can be added during fair week only if weight limit has been increased based upon a decision by the executive committee and Fair Chair.

The current maximum weight of honey (liquid, cut comb, section, creamed honey, honey in any form, etc...) per vendor is 100 pounds and is subject to change at executive board discretion.

- 12. Color grading with pre-filled glass should be checked against Pfund scale before use each year.
- 13. All items being sold must be labeled. Implementation of guidelines to regulate labeling of all products to conform to State and County regulations.
 - All products being sold must be priced. Price must be prominently placed on top of cap or lid, or next to the label for other products such as soap, cut comb and candy.

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14. Taster bottles for liquid honey will be provided by LCBA and be a standard size for all.

A LIMIT OF FOUR TASTER BOTTLES / VARIETIES PER SELLER

Taster Bottle Labels must be the same labels, including font size, as your jars/bottles being sold. No other labels will be permitted on taster bottles. If it is not on your containers being sold, it cannot be on taster bottle.

Vendors (seller) can only have on display one taster per product. For example: One taster for clover honey, one taster for buckwheat honey, etc., and the same applies for all products being sold. If more than one taster is found to be the same honey, it will be removed from the counter.

Creamed honey sample jars are to be 12 oz size.

No cut comb samplers.

- 15. Honey sales booth countertop is to be used at fair committee discretion for LCBA use only.
- 16. There is no selling of your own product or your sales booth partner'(s) product except for wax, candles, jelly, lip balm, hand lotion, soap and candy while you are working your scheduled hours! If caught in violation of this rule, your product will be pulled for the remainder of the fair and you may not be allowed to sell the following year. Your product and sample bottles will be covered while you are working your scheduled hours. Each apiary will need to have their product covered the same amount of time. Two members from the same apiary can work together but it will only count as 2 hours, not 4 hours so their honey is covered the same amount of time as other sellers.
- 17. THERE WILL BE NO HAWKING OR BARKING OF ANY PRODUT AT ANY TIME, NOR THE SELLING OF PROD-UCTS OUTSIDE OF THE BEE BARN, PER LORAIN COUNTY FAIR RULES.

If LCBA Rules and Guidelines are not followed, selling privileges CAN be suspended pending decision of the LCBA Executive Board.

If you intend to sell honey at the 2022 Lorain County Fair, please make sure you read and understand all the above rules. If you have any questions regarding this or any other fair questions, please see Bren Leiby, Fair Chairperson Page 17 The Buzzzz

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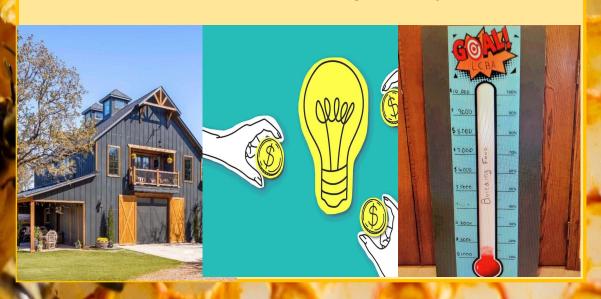
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Dream Big or Go Home!

LCBA is dedicating it's fundraising efforts this year to raise funds for a permanent home for Lorain County Beekeepers Association. Wouldn't it be great to have our meetings, education and other beekeeping activities in a home away from home? Looking for ways to donate or assist in fundraising?? See Sheila St. Clair at all members meetings to share your ideas!



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LCBA Community and Youth Education

Community Education Program

LCBA receives many requests for speakers from schools, libraries, and community organizations and would like to create a speakers bureau. A power point presentation has been developed so no prep-time is needed for the talks. If you are interested in sharing your interest in bees and beekeeping, please send your contact information to Marilyn Teeple at Teeppeop@aol.com or text a message to 440-759-2826.

Thank you,

Marilyn

Program Coordinator

Youth Education Updates

LCBA would like to congratulate Natalia Rogers as our winner of the youth education presentation !!!! Along with being our very first winner, she also received a brand new hive kit and will get her bees in the spring. She is an inspiration to all of us with her knowledge and sparkling personality!!!



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Lorain County Beekeepers updates and Events

Next time you're in Downtown Wellington, please check out the front window at Cherished Creations! They have generously donated the use of their front window to LCBA to advertise what we all love.....BEEKEEPING!!!!





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