



Lorain County Beekeepers Association

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President's Message

Hello Fellow Beekeepers,

During the month of February, we, the beekeepers, really don't need to do much of anything with the bees, except to keep the front entrance clean of dead bees, ice and snow. If it gets warm enough take a peek into your hives to make sure they have food stores. To keep you in the beekeeping mode, this month's meeting will be an open forum and will address the Repair and Maintenance of Beekeeping Equipment. The meeting is Friday February 10th at 7 PM. Find out what you need to do to be ready when the sun shines and the bees are flying.

Our soup cook-off is this month so pull out your favorite and best recipe and brew up a pot of soup. 1st place prize - \$40; 2nd place prize - \$30; 3rd place prize - \$20.

The word is that Spring is less than six weeks away. That means Beginner Beekeeper Classes are coming in March. LCBA will be hosting a whole new group of prospective Beekeepers! Any member who is current with their 2023 dues is welcome to sit in on the classes at no charge. It could be a good review and who knows, you may learn something new.

Your 2023 membership dues are up for renewal. Please remember if you have not renewed your membership you will not be receiving any newsletters after March 1st. Membership forms will be at the next meeting. The forms are also available on the LCBA website.

We regularly receive requests for speakers about beekeeping. If interested in giving community talks please let me know. See the newsletter for recent requests.

See you soon,

Marilyn

Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

Congratulations to our 50/50 Raffle Winner!!

January Members Meeting

Congratulations Dan Dubesa !!!

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

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

Also thanks to all of you who have donated to the LCBA Building Fund at every meeting. A gracious thank you to all 50/50 raffle winners who have donated their prize to the LCBA Building Fund.

The Amherst Garden Club has requested someone to talk about bees: the value of bees, how they make honey, pollination, plants for the bees.

The date -Thursday April 13th, 6:00 pm at the Amherst Historical Society (113 S Lake St. Amherst)

Columbia Branch of the Lorain Public Library System has requested a speaker for their children's program ages 8 - 12. Children's programs are Monday through Thursday at 1 pm, 2 pm, or 6 pm or Saturday afternoon. This is for their summer program - June through August. They would like to have a beekeeper shar what they do and the tools they use and the inner workings of a honey hive. The library is next door to the Columbia Park so this could be an outside venue.

From the Grafton-Midview Public Library has requested a speaker for their children's program about bees on Tuesday June 12th at 6:30.

If interested, please contact Marilyn Teeple at teepeop@aol.com

Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

Reminders!!!

LCBA is looking for volunteers who are interested in helping with a Hospitality Committee. Responsibilities would include setting up the kitchen before and after meetings, preparing coffee, setting out water, desserts and accessories for the meeting. Please let a board member know if you are interested.

February's Members Meeting is going to be an open forum for all beekeepers. John Rose and Randy Leiby will be talking about Repair and Maintenance of Beekeeping Equipment. They'll be discussing topics such as inspecting your equipment for damage and what to do about repairs for frames, hive boxes, smokers and tools so come prepared with questions.

LCBA's Executive Committee is looking for speakers and topics for next year's meetings. Please let any board member know your ideas or email them to gargas1@frontier.com

The 2023 End of Summer Classic Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 28th at 6pm at Life Church prior to the Executive Committee Meeting. We will be deciding on the format of this year's event, which will be held on Saturday, September 9th. We need suggestions and ideas to continue to grow this event! Hope to see you there!

This weekend is the Slovenian Festival and one of their presentations is "Api-Tourism" which will explore many different ways to enjoy Slovenia's rich honeybee culture.

Register for this FREE online event at:

<https://cleveland-kurentovanje.ticketleap.com/honeybee-apitourism/details>

All active members are welcome to attend the beginning beekeeping classes at no charge as long as their 2023 memberships have been paid.

Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

LCBA Soup Off



Come join us on Friday, February 10, 2023, at 7 pm at Life Church for our annual LCBA Soup off!

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

Bring your recipe and be here by 6:45 so we can set up.

There are cash prizes!!! Good Luck!

Come and join the fun!

Lorain County Beekeepers Spotlight

Beekeeper: Corrie Marquis

February 2023

1. How long have you been beekeeping?

5 years

2. What prompted you to become a beekeeper?

My interest in nature and my desire to help it in the future

3. How did you hear about LCBA?

Internet search for local beekeeping groups

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

Yes, Joe Pritach

5. What has been your biggest challenge?

Being comfortable around bees

6. What have you enjoyed most about beekeeping?

Making many new friends and meeting my handsome and intelligent finace, John Rose

7. How many hives do you have?

3

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

Village

9. What are your five year beekeeping goals?

To share my knowledge of beekeeping with others and to help by my bees multiply and continue their role in nature

10. Your words of wisdom to new beekeepers?

Get involved in a local beekeeping club, work with a mentor and don't be afraid to ask for help.

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

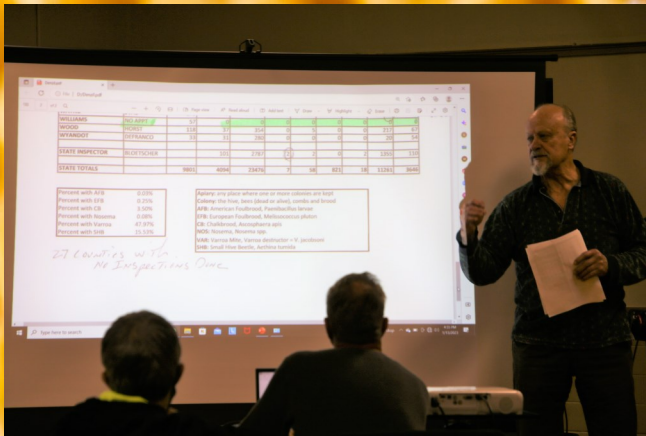
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Contact Lori Keleman at

BuzzzzWorthy@gmail.com

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January 13th Members Meeting
Open Forum with Denzil St Clair



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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. 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



Lorain County Beekeepers Association

is proud to announce the

28TH ANNUAL BEGINNER BEEKEEPING CLASS 2023

Class Dates: March 3, 10, 17, & 24, 2023

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 \$25 fee during classes.

Classes Descriptions:

- March 3: Beekeeping Equipment
- March 10: Managing Your Beehive
- March 17: First Two Months as a Beekeeper
- March 24: Summer & Fall Management
- April 7: Members Meeting



Memorial Garden Hands-On
Saturday, April 15, 22, 29 & May 6
Time: 10:00 am

Hands-On Field Day
Saturday, June 3 - Rain or Shine
Time: 10:00 am
Where: Queen Right Colonies
43655 State Route 162
Spencer, Ohio 44275

Fall Wrap-Up
Friday, September 8
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

End of Summer Classic

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YOUTH EDUCATION PROGRAM

**Are you interested in becoming a beekeeper?
Are you between the ages of 11 and 18?**

Then check out LCBA's Youth Education Program. Information and details of the selection criteria, the process, and the application are on the LCBA's website: www.loraincountybeekeepers.org.

The Program guides the participant through a full year of beekeeping. Activities include: learning about beekeeping equipment, installing bees in a hive, hive inspections, disease management, extracting honey, and winter preparation.

If you are a member of 4-H and interested in doing the Beekeeping Project 641, the Youth Education Program will meet the goals, learning activities, and experiences needed to complete the Project.

After completing one year of the Youth Education Program, the student will be eligible to apply for a sponsorship and, if chosen, will receive a beginner's beekeeping kit and a package of bees.



Apply Today!

The deadline to receive applications is Tuesday, March 1, 2023

The LCBA website lists the dates and times of the association's monthly meetings and beginner beekeeping classes (held on four Fridays in March).

All meetings and classes are held at:
Life Church
1033 Elm Street
Grafton, OH 44044



Go to the LCBA website to download the YEP Application Form
www.loraincountybeekeepers.org



The Bee City report is due this month and LCBA will continue to plant Sunflowers at the Lorain County Fairground and wildflowers at the rec park in the Village of Wellington.

The beauty of these two locations have been well received in the community and have become quite the Buzz, thanks to farmer Randy!

As most of you know, we are given the opportunity to decorate the big window at Cherished Creations in Wellington . This is a great opportunity for us to showcase the importance of honey-bees and the Lorain County Beekeepers Association, not to mention our classes, Field day, Fair, and the End of Summer Classic, and anything else we can think of!!

LCBA Building Fund

Our building fund project is moving right along. So far this year we have submitted two reports to the Cargill Cares committee. Those were both well received. Work has begun on a power point presentation to be submitted in the months to come. Cargill's committee meets the first Friday of every month, and we will continue to submit information as requested. We always share any updates at the regular monthly meetings. Stay tuned!

Working hard for the future of LCBA's forever home,

Sheila St Clair,

Building Fund Director





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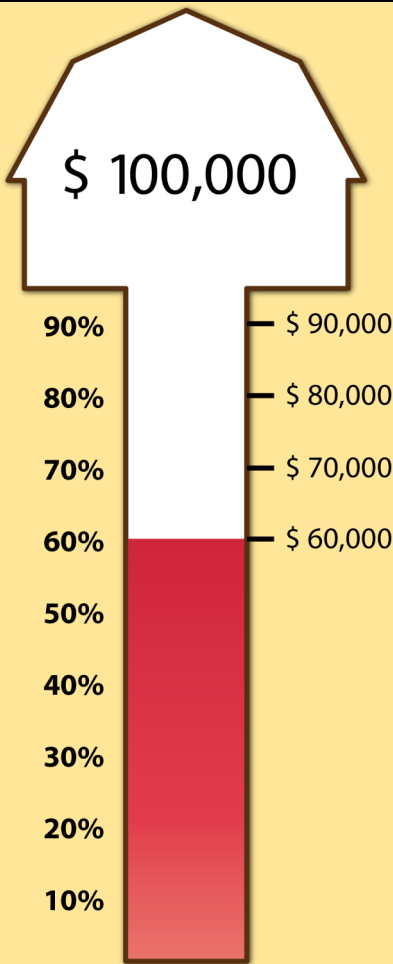


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LCBA is proud to introduce our "Barnometer" - The Building Fund is officially going to be in every newsletter now to let everyone know how our fundraising is going for our new building!

Please feel free to reach out to businesses and organizations to see if they might have interest in a tax deductible donation.

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