



# Lorain County Beekeepers Association

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## *President's Message*

*Hello to all you freeze babies, I am told there only 67 days to spring and believe me, it can't come soon enough for me.*

*Just an FYI , beginner classes start again in March and if you want a refresher course keep this in mind it is free to members. That brings up another subject, membership renewals are up, so make sure to renew your membership in order to keep up on all that LCBA is doing this year, and believe me it's a lot, stay tuned!!*

*This Friday we are fortunate to have Dave Noble as a guest speaker. For those who want a deeper understanding of beekeeping, I think you will find the subject matter of interest; "Pheromone's Within the Colony". Dave is not new to beekeeping, but began in OSU's Honey Bees Research Lab. in the mid 1990's. Most recently he spent 7 years as the staff apiarist at Stratford Ecological Center at Delaware, Ohio.*

*During his tenure there Dave developed popular beekeeper training programs for both novice and veteran beekeepers alike. Dave operates Red Beard Bees where he continues to develop and refine and teach his beekeeper training programs and presentations across Ohio and the Nation.*

*See you there,  
Denzil*

## Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

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

**Bruce Hager!!!**

**Shelia graciously donated her winnings to the LCBA Building Fund**

**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*

**LCBA Members,**

**Just to clear up any questions regarding the new cookbooks we are putting together. Here are the categories we presently have:**

**Appetizers**

**Beverages**

**Candy & Cookies**

**Desserts**

**Bread & Rolls**

**Vegetables, Salads**

**Dressings**

**Meats & Marinades**

**This and That**

**(includes)**

**Canning with honey**

**Beeswax**

**Skin Care Products**

**(facial toner, masks, hair conditioner, skin lotion**

**cleansing scrub, lip gloss and balm, lotion bars**

**foot bars, soap)**

**Pet Foods (dog biscuits)**

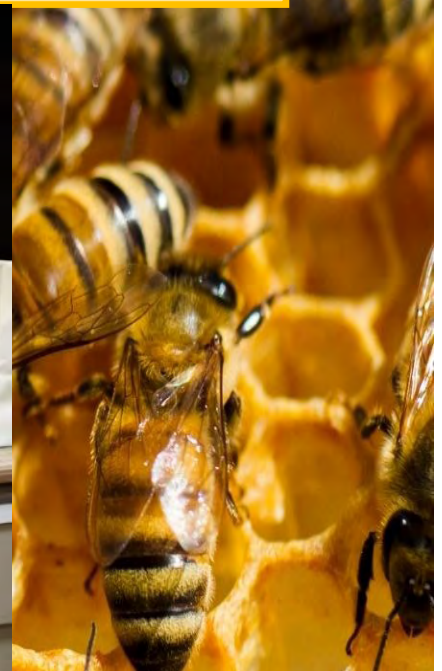
**Bird Mix**

**All recipes are welcome as long as they include honey, wax or propolis! We can also add additional categories!**

**Please have all recipes to Audrey Gargas at [gargas1@frontier.com](mailto:gargas1@frontier.com) by January 18<sup>th</sup>.**

**Thank you,  
Audrey & Marilyn**

Lorain County Beekeepers December 11th Mtg  
Christmas Potluck Dinner and White Elephant Gift  
Exchange!



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***Congratulations to Audrey Gargas, 2021's Propolis Award Recipient from Ohio State Beekeeper's Association! She truly is our glue that keeps LCBA together!!!***



Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

*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!*



## Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

### **Reminder!**

***In February we will be having the “LCBA Honey Product Spotlight” and February’s 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 the February 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.***



***ALL 2022 LCBA paid yearly memberships are welcome to attend any or all of the beginners classes as a refresher class. Membership dues must be paid prior to the start of the class and please let Audrey Gargas ([gargas1@frontier.com](mailto:gargas1@frontier.com)) know you will be attending to make sure we have enough seats for everyone!***







# Lorain County Beekeepers Association

is proud to announce the

## 27TH ANNUAL BEGINNER BEEKEEPING CLASS 2022

**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

**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](http://www.loraincountybeekeepers.org)

## Lorain County Beekeepers Spotlight

**Beekeeper: Marilyn Teeple**

**January 2022**

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

**8 years**

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

**Honey of course! Also having the bees pollinate my vegetable garden**

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

**At the Lorain County Fair**

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

**Tim Moore was the county Bee Inspector when I started. He was very helpful and always took time to answer my questions. Queen Right Colonies has been a great resource too.**

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

**Getting bees through the winter.**

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

**I have enjoyed learning how the bees work, their social behavior, their value and role in our food supply, and of course the honey!**

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

**One, I did have two one year as well.**

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

**LaGrange Township**

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

**To be declared the Best Tasting Honey in Lorain County for the next five years!!**

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

**Never stop learning. Attend the LCBA meetings— I learn something new every month. There are many knowledgeable beekeepers ready and willing to share information.**

## Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

**Friday, January 14th Member's Meeting**

**Presentation Title: Honey Bee Pheromones: Theory & Management**

***A look at the fascinating role that pheromones play in regulating the life and behavior of a colony as well as a discussion about how we could use this information in colony management.***

***Dave Noble began his professional beekeeping career at OSU's Honey Bee Research Lab in the mid-1990's. He has been training beekeepers and teaching about bees since the early 2000's.***

***For 7 years Dave was staff apiarist at a nature center in Delaware, OH. Currently Dave runs Red Beard Bees where he continues to refine, develop, and teach his training programs across Ohio and the nation.***

***Dave employs a bee-centered philosophy to guide his beekeeping, bee-breeding, and educational endeavors. He believes that a better understanding of bees creates better beekeepers.***

***"Listen to the bees and let them guide you." -Brother Adam***

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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



2022 L.C.B.A. Membership Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is \$20.00 for each year membership desired which includes the newsletter e-mailed. You must include your e-mail above.

Payment Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ (cash / check / money order)

Please make checks payable to: Lorain County Beekeepers and mail to: 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 to December).

The above person / family has applied for membership in the Lorain County Beekeepers Assoc. 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 free 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

**LCBA Executive Meeting****December 30, 2021**

**Present:** Denzil St. Clair, Sheila St. Clair, Randy Leiby, Bren Leiby, Marilyn Teeple, Don Brooks, John Rose, Lori Keleman, Val Calderwood, Cathy Lohse, Gene Gargas, Audrey Gargas, Bill Vittori, Ellie Jisa, Joan Romick

Meeting called to order at 6:50 pm.

Denzil St. Clair asked for approval of the November Executive Minutes, Marilyn Teeple made a motion to accept the minutes, Randy Leiby seconded, for 6, oppose 0, minutes accepted.

**Speakers for 2022** – The only speaker position open at this time is Field Day and we will continue looking for a speaker.

**Community Education Program Coordinator** – Marilyn Teeple had 2 beekeeping talks given by John Rose at the Wellington Elementary School and the Maple Heights School, both talks were well received, thank you John Rose for presenting on behalf of LCBA.

Marilyn Teeple will check with Natalia to see if she will be able to present her YEP presentation at the January meeting so we can have her 2<sup>nd</sup> year part of her project ready to present. She will notify QRC if Natalia will be presenting.

**Memorial Hive** – Audrey Gargas last heard the plaques were with the design group. They should be ready for spring so we can install. Thank you, Garrett Kuhner for helping LCBA with this project.

**2022 Fair Rules and book changes** – Joan Romick was kind enough to go through the fair and LCBA's fair book rules so we can make sure they give the same entry information. Since we will be selling honey on the Sunday set up day, we will keep registration open till 6 pm. Joan Romick also reviewed our LCBA Sellers rules and changes will be made throughout the document. At this time, we will keep the 2021 Fair Honey Prices the same and review at the July exec meeting once we observe the prices for Medina and Cuyahoga County Fairs. Thank you, Joan Romick for fine tooth combing our rules. The intent to sell forms have been changed to reflect Bren Leiby as Fair Booth Chair. Thank you, Bren Leiby for volunteering for Fair Booth Chair.

Suggestions for fair booth:

Labels on both sides of sample bottles, easier to see vendor from both sides of table.

No writing on top of lids, numbers only

Pricing – table and review at July Executive meeting

LC Fair liked our Kids Day Presentation so we will do the same this year with the observation hive and games.

Keep greeting table across from education booth, consider doing demos a few days of the week.

Joan Romick agreed to be the Assistant Fair Judge.

**Beginner Classes** - Instructors for the classes have been set. It was suggested we use a microphone for the speakers since they are soft spoken. All class info will be mailed first week in January. Audrey Gargas will possibly be out of town for February but will include a message saying confirmations and reminders will be sent the first week in March. Refreshments will be kept to coffee and water, continue with 50/50 raffle and selling books.

John Rose has suggested we present an advanced course for our 2<sup>nd</sup> year classes which he would be happy to put together. This could be done on a Saturday, and we will continue to discuss. Considerations are charge for class, membership to attend (\$20 for nonmembers which equals a membership,) number of classes and day of classes.

John Rose also agreed to review the beginner class slides, talking with the class presenters for their suggestions, and review with exec board on Thursday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at Life Church. Thank you, John Rose.

**Cookbooks** – Marilyn Teeple & Audrey Gargas working on a budget for the new cookbooks. Deadline for recipes is February 28, 2022.

**Treasurers Report** – Gene Gargas presented the treasurers report. Randy Leiby made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Joan Romick seconded, for 6, oppose 0, treasurers' report accepted.

**Newsletter Report** –All articles due by Jan 11 to Lori Keleman. We will see about adding the donation thermometer.

**Building Fund** – Sheila St. Clair will see about starting the Building Fund donation on the website and will work with Lori Keleman and Katherine Holmes Cravener. She will continue to promote LCBA on the radio stations along with the sunflowers, pollination, fair, EOSC and Bee City.

**Honorary memberships added to bylaws** – It was agreed the LCBA honorary memberships definition we currently have in our By-laws is acceptable for Honorary Membership.

### **New Business:**

**Don Brooks** presented a very motivating talk on ways to improve our membership, making our club more social and inviting new members who may not want to be a beekeeper, like him. He suggested that at sign in, we have nametags so members can put names to faces; offer a question / suggestion / comment bin to encourage questions people may not want to bring up during the meeting; instead of asking for volunteers consider designating and finally, a microphone for the speaker so everyone in the back of the room can hear! We will start these suggestions at the January meeting.

At the fairgrounds, he loved talking to people during his volunteer time and suggested we go back to doing demos throughout the week with sample products for people. Thank you Don and we are looking forward to you helping us with membership! Thank you for donating the name tags you had available!

**Memorial Hive Garden Coordinator** position is still open. We are looking for a gardener to oversee the garden.

Marilyn Teeple is working with Scott about getting a **grant** for our screen for our beginners' beekeeping class and will have a report at the next executive meeting.

Tracy from downtown Wellington will donate the window front to LCBA for the months of January & February to promote our beginning beekeepers' classes; July & August for the Mad Hatter at the fairgrounds display; and September for our End of Summer Classic Event. Thank you, Bren Leiby.

We reviewed our tabled list and will carry over the LCBA Wannabees to our 2022 agenda.

Gene Gargas made a motion to adjourn, Randy Leiby seconded, meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

**Next exec meeting: January 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm or as soon as EOOSC committee meeting over.**

**Tabled Items:**

LCBA Wannabees

**LCBA End of Summer Classic  
December 30, 2021**

Present: Denzil St. Clair, Sheila St. Clair, Randy Leiby, Bren Leiby, Marilyn Teeple, Don Brooks, John Rose, Lori Keleman, Val Calderwood, Cathy Lohse, Gene Gargas, Audrey Gargas

Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm.

2022 Advertising Budget – It was decided to place the following ads for the EOOSC.

|  |      |                     |
|--|------|---------------------|
| OSBA – Spring- Complimentary Carry Over from last year | Free |                     |
| Summer – Full Page, \$200 with discount                |      | \$180               |
| ABJ – ¼ or ½ 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            |

We will continue to advertise on Facebook, LCBA website, other social media, Rural Urban, LMRE, and the Chronical Telegram.

**Speakers:** Sheila St. Clair is in the process of confirming Tami Strachan and son for speakers. They work with OSU. Other thoughts are Reed Johnson or Sue Kolbe. Audrey Gargas has spoken with Albert Robertson, and he would prefer speaking at the EOOSC, did mention a possible webinar if borders are still closed.

**Cost of Admission** – It was suggested the cost of admission is \$5 per person with 13 and under free. Vote by attending committee – for 8, oppose 0, no vote – 4.

**Vendor Ad:** Marilyn Teeple has the final vendor form ready, making sure vendors aware they must reserve tables in advance.



**Car Show:** Denzil St. Clair is working with Frank LaMata on the car show portion, which will be a donation on behalf of QRC. Denzil would like to have 2 – 50/50 raffles, one in am and one in pm. We will put that on the agenda.

**LCBA Booth: -**

**Committees:**

Advertising – Sheila St. Clair, Katherine Cravener Holmes

Vendors – Marilyn Teeple & Randy Leiby

Grounds – Randy Leiby

Camping – Randy Leiby

Speakers – Audrey Gargas, Denzil St. Clair

**LCBA Booth –**

Welcoming (attendees register and get info)– Florence Benton

Education – John Rose

Membership & Dummies Books -????

Door Prizes -????

Raffle Donations – Val Calderwood

Beehive Raffle & Memorial Honey -????

50/50 – Daryl Baker

Website Donation Button – Sheila St. Clair & Katherine Holmes Cravener

Audrey Gargas was volunteered to oversee the raffle sections of the event, working with Florence Benton and John Rose for welcoming and educational.

Val Calderwood put together the EOSC donation forms on LCBA letterhead and would like to have the EOSC logo attached. Audrey Gargas will direct her to Katherine Holmes Cravener and see about setting up an EOSC email for her for donations.

It was suggested we invite the automotive dealers in Wellington to the car show and have them set up tables.

Randy Leiby has tentatively reserved September 9, 2023, for the EOSC if we decide to continue the event.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.**

***Are you interested in being listed on the 2022 Swarm list? Please submit your name, name of county you would like to collect swarms from, cities you would like to collect swarms from and one phone number to Audrey Gargas at [gargas1@frontier.com](mailto:gargas1@frontier.com).***



## Lorain County Beekeepers Thank You

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### *LCBA Community Education*

*December 17th, John Rose gave 2 presentations to about 40 5th grade science students of Mr. Kotlarz at Garfield Heights' Obama Elementary. These students were well prepared with a lot of superb questions about bees and beekeeping.*

*Several of them even expressed interest in becoming young beekeepers, and so I referred them to the Greater Cleveland Beekeepers Association. Young Anthony even put on my bee suit to see what it felt like to be a beekeeper.*



**Thank you to all who support Lorain County Beekeepers! Whether through classes, events, volunteering, donations, etc.**

**Celebrating our 103rd Birthday this year is no different. Our mission statement is as prevalent today as in days gone by.**

**Last year WOBL and WDLW graciously began running public service announcements for Lorain County Beekeepers.**

**On January 11th starting at 9:00 a.m. We have been given the opportunity to talk to the listeners about this great organization. What a great gift we have been given. Be sure to support these radio stations as they are Friends of LCBA and Stewards of the Honeybees and their environment.**

**Whether you enjoy Country or the Kool Kat Oldies, be a supporter of those who care!**



**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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