

Lorain County Beekeepers Association

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President's Message

Happy New Year!

Hope everyone is doing well! Hopefully your hives are doing well despite Mother Nature's roller coaster ride!

It is once again time to renew your LCBA membership and as always the 2023 calendar is pretty full with speakers, demos, classes, activities and events, so you don't want to miss out on any of the happenings and continue to receive the newsletter. Renewal should be by March 1st.

Anyone interested in selling honey at the fair must also be a member by March 1st and attend 4 member meetings by July.

Beginner Beekeeper Classes start in March. Members wanting a refresher may attend for free.

If you know of someone between the ages of 11 and 18 who is interested in beekeeping, have them check out our Youth Education Programs. All the information on selection criteria, process and application is on LCBA's website. March 1st is the deadline to apply.

The next Members' Meeting will be on Friday, January 13th at 7pm with an open forum hosted by Denzil. So bring your stories, mysteries, quandaries, questions and anything else you might want to talk about concerning your bees.

Your Newbee President,

Marilyn

Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

Congratulations to our 50/50 Raffle Winner!!

December Members Meeting

Lori Keleman !!!

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.***

We appreciate you all!!!!

***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 is Thursday April 13th, 6:00 pm at the Amherst Historical Society
(113 South Lake St. Amherst)***

Contact Marilyn if interested at Teepeeop@aol.com

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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.

January's Members Meeting is going to be an open forum for all beekeepers. Denzil will be there to answer any and all questions, concerns and thoughts. He will address them after he presents his yearly bee report. If you're shy, write them down and give them to one of our executive committee members.

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

LCBA is currently looking for a greeter for all LCBA monthly meetings. Responsibilities include greeting everyone at the door, passing out name badges and other sundry duties. IF you're interested, please let a board member know.

Are you interested in helping out at the Lorain County Fair Bee Barn? Our first Fair Committee meeting will be held Friday December 9th at 6pm at Life Church prior to our 7pm Members Meeting. We will be discussing the fair theme, decorating ideas, booth ideas and changes that need to be made to the fair booth, etc.

The 2023 End of Summer Classic Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 26th 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!

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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: Joan Romick

January 2023

1. How long have you been beekeeping?

12 years — I was on the Transition Board for St. Herman's—we had an underused farm.

2. What prompted you to become a beekeeper?

I was tasked to see if Amazon sold bees. I took 2 multi-day classes to make sure I was getting the right stuff.

3. How did you hear about LCBA?

I found LCBA at the fair and got information

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

My mentor and many times my rescuer was Rick Becker, Trumbull County Bee Inspector

5. What has been your biggest challenge?

My biggest challenge is time management. Having the BEE Team and good weather on the same day doesn't happen much.

6. What have you enjoyed most about beekeeping?

I LOVE the bees. I see Gods's world in a hive and I have met wonderful people.

7. How many hives do you have?

I'm responsible for 30 hives in 5 locations and that is why I have a time management issue.

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

2 apiaries in Cleveland city proper, 2 apiaries on farms and 1 at a monastery.

9. What are your five year beekeeping goals?

I don't have a 5 year goal, just hoping to make it through each winter for the rest of my life

10. Your words of wisdom to new beekeepers?

New beekeepers, don't give up! Keep learning. It takes a couple of years just to learn the human vocabulary, not to mention to hear and understand what your girls are saying.

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

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December 9th Members Meeting
LCBA Christmas Potluck Holiday Meeting



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**Congratulations to Sheri Oleyar for
winning the best tasting honey of
2022!!!**

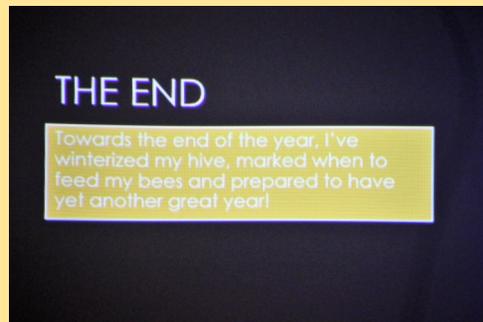


Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

Congratulations to our 2023 Executive Board Committee



Natalie Rogers—Year In Review YEP Program—2022



December 9th Members Meeting
"A Fond Farewell to our President and good Friend
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

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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



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