

Lorain County Beekeepers Association

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President's Message

Hello LCBA,

It is March and the Beginner Beekeeping classes are underway! We had 80 plus expectant new beekeepers at Friday's class. There are 3 more classes on Friday nights at 7 pm and members may attend for free. Managing Your Beehive, First Two Months as a Beekeeper and Summer and Fall Management are topics yet to be covered. All Beginner classes take place in the church.

March 10th at 7 pm is our regular monthly meeting. Sheila St Clair will give a demo, "All about Wax". We will also have Peggy Vasu, a Master Gardener Volunteer, giving some insight on 'plants for bees'.

Mother Nature has given us a couple nice weather days. Take advantage of those 60 plus degree days to check out what the bees are doing. If needed treat for mites!

See you Friday,

Marilyn



Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

Congratulations to our 50/50 Raffle Winner!!

February Members Meeting

Congratulations Wendi Volkert !!!

Beginner Beekeeping Class (3/3/2023)

Congratulations John Ochenas !!!

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!!!!

LCBA will have a table at LCCC's Earth Day Celebration on Wednesday April 26th from 10 am to 2 pm. You also get a free lunch! If interested in helping out let Marilyn know.

Would you like to be a mentor to our new beginners students? If so, please sign up at the meeting or contact Audrey Gargas (gargas1@frontier.com) by March 15.

If you are interested in being listed on the Swarm List, please sign up at the meeting. We will need your name, cell number and the area of Lorain County you would like to receive phone calls from, ie Southern Lorain County, Amherst area only, all Lorain County, etc.. Deadline is March 24th and will be posted to website on March 27th.

All 2023 membership dues must be paid by March 1, 2023 to remain on the e-mail mailing list.

Mark your calendars now for World Bee Day on Saturday, May 20th at the Cuyahoga County Fair-ground. Event hosted by GCBA (Greater Cleveland Beekeepers Association) and LCBA will have a booth to show support. Please let a board member know if you are interested in helping.

Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

Reminders!!!

Our March members meeting will have Sheila St. Clair presenting "All About Wax" with a demo on rendering wax and talking about candles and other wax products. Peggy Vasu will give a Master Gardeners presentation on "Best Plants for Bees." The parking lot will be full since we will also have the Beginners Beekeeping Classes going on in the church. Hope to see everyone there.

April 8th will be our Intermediate Beekeeping Class at Life Church. This is free to all LCBA members and \$10 to non-members. We would like an approximate number of people attending so please register if you are planning on attending. Applications available at the sign in table and on our LCBA website.

Our May fundraiser with the Wellington Eagles is also on May 20th. We help to park cars for their Gun Show and will need two shifts of workers. If you are interested in helping, please sign up at the back table or let Randy Leiby know. (Rdleiby@hotmail.com)

The 2023 End of Summer Classic Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 30th at 6pm at Life Church prior to the Executive Committee Meeting. Our next Fair Committee Meeting will be Friday, March 24th at 6pm in the church building of Life Church, prior to the last beginner class. Everyone is welcome and hope to see you there!

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's Annual Soup Off

Congratulations to this year's winners!

1st Place - Wendy Volkert (Low Country Chowder)

2nd Place - Amanda Manahan (Split Pea with Ham)

3rd Place - Eleanor Jisa (Sante Fe)



Low Country Chowder

1/4 stick butter	1 onion chopped	1 large celery rib chopped	baby carrots chopped
sliced mushrooms	2 gloves minced garlic	1 can cream of mushroom soup	
16 oz chicken stock	1 1/2 cups milk or half and half	hot sauce to taste	salt/pepper to taste
Old Bay seasoning to taste	smoked sausage or andouille	baby redskin potatoes	12 medium shrimp
4-6 crab claws or canned crabmeat	2 cooked ears of corn/cut away along with scrapings	bay leaf	

Melt butter in soup pot over medium heat. Add onions, celery, carrots, mushrooms and garlic. Cook until onions are translucent and veggies soften. Add mushroom soup, chicken stock, milk/half and half, seasonings, sausage and potatoes. Cook on medium low heat until well blended and all veggies are cooked through. Reduce heat to low and cook 10 more minutes. Add crab, shrimp and corn until heated through. Remove from heat and serve. Leftovers taste better the next day!!!!

Lorain County Beekeepers Spotlight

Beekeepers: Nicole and Rick Jirousek

March 2023

1. How long have you been beekeeping?

1 year

2. What prompted you to become a beekeeper?

My husband had known Don Downs for a very long time so we would see his hives and learn from him every week. I was amazed at all what all the bees create and wanted hives of our own

3. How did you hear about LCBA?

The Lorain County Fair display

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

We didn't start with a mentor but Randy Leiby helped us with questions and came to see our hives

5. What has been your biggest challenge?

Coordinating schedules between the girls, my husband and I getting in the hives and learning not to interfere with them too much

6. What have you enjoyed most about beekeeping?

We love the bees and learning from their community. Learning from other people in LCBA and guest speakers

7. How many hives do you have?

2

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

Grafton

9. What are your five year beekeeping goals?

We hope to learn a little more every year to make sure our girls are successful

10. Your words of wisdom to new beekeepers?

Continue to learn and attend meetings and activities for support

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

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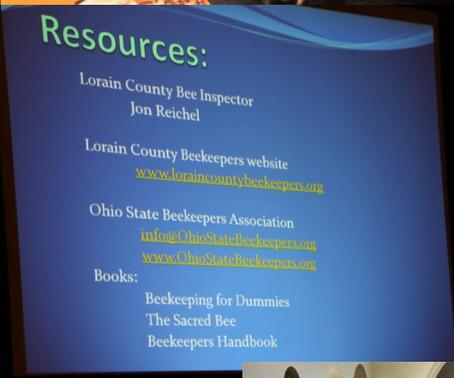
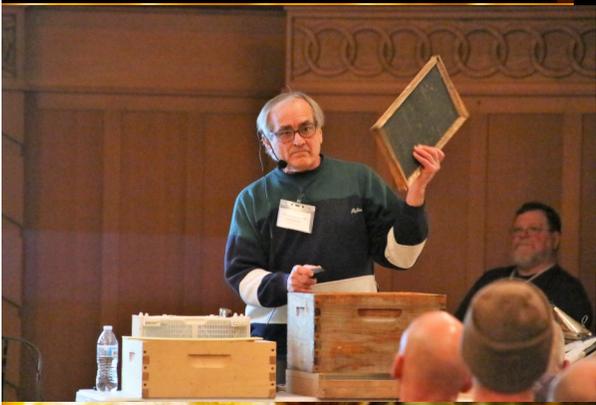
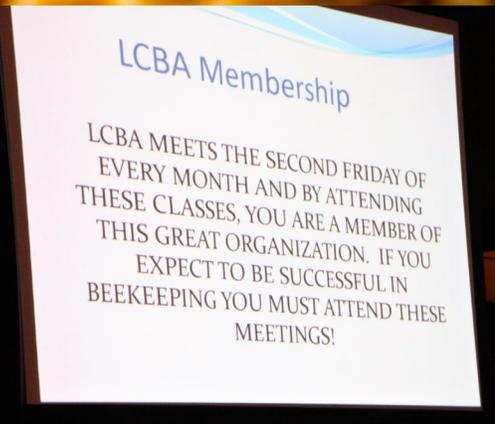
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February 10th Members Meeting
Beekeeping Equipment, Repair and Maintenance
with John Rose and Randy Leiby



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2023 Beginning Beekeepers Class - March 3rd, 2023



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Home School Bee Class Instruction with John Rose



Michael Gallagher Memorial Bee Yard





Lorain County Beekeepers Association

Intermediate Beekeeping Class 2023

If you are a 2nd or 3rd year beekeeper, this class is for you!

Date: Saturday, April 8, 2023
Time: 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Location: Life Church
 1033 Elm Street
 Grafton, Ohio 44044
Cost: Cost of this class is free to all 2023 LCBA members. Non-member cost will be \$10, or \$20 for a 2023 LCBA membership for the rest of the year.

Topics will include:

- Splitting a Hive:
 - Demo
 - Evaluation of queenless hive
- Swarm Mitigation:
 - Making more room in the hive
- Queen Evaluation:
 - Killing vs retiring
- Proper Introduction of New Queen

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please make checks payable to: LCBA Cash _____ Check _____

Please mail form with check to:

Lorain County Beekeepers Association
 c/o Gene Gargas, LCBA Treasurer,
 2410 Brook Haven Lane, Hinckley, OH 44233

Please RSVP to events@loraincountybeekeepers.org if you plan to attend this class by April 6th.

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 purposes.

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: _____

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WORLD BEE DAY

fun day



Celebrating the bees and other pollinators!

**Saturday
May 20, 2023**
10:00 am - 4:00 pm
**Cuyahoga County
Fairgrounds Bldg #25
19201 E Bagley Road
Middleburg Heights,
Ohio 44130**
\$2 Donation
The proceeds from this event will be donated to provide Honey Breakfast on November 17, 2023, for K-12 students in Euclid and Cuyahoga County, Ohio.

We invite you to join in the fun of World Bee Day!

World Bee Day celebration raises awareness on the essential role bees and other pollinators play in keeping people and the planet healthy, and on the many challenges they face today. The United Nations designated May 20 as World Bee Day thanks to the efforts of the Government of Slovenia with the support of Apimondia.

- 🐝 All Day Speakers Series about Honey Bees and Agriculture:
 - Where Our Food Comes From
 - Backyard Bees and Pollinators
 - Bee Venom Therapy
- 🐝 Learn from Certified Master Gardener Lorainne Bartosa about
- 🐝 Pollinator Gardens
- 🐝 Demonstration Tables: Honey in Cuisine and Cosmetics
- 🐝 Slovenia Corner
- 🐝 Food Trucks
- 🐝 Face Painting

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29th Annual Field Day Saturday, June 3, 2023

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A Day in the Life of a Commercial Beekeeper
Charles Linder

Rain or Shine Event • Free Event for Everyone!

Time has flown and it is yet time again for the Greatest Field Event this side of the Mississippi!

The 29th Annual Field Day will go down in the history books as a day filled with Masters in their class, outstanding in their fields of time spent, education gleaned and success in beekeeping for years.

From the keeper with one colony to the commercial beekeeper with 3000+. An event where we all come together annually see old friends, remember those that are no longer with us and enjoy meeting new ones. "Come as a stranger, leave as a friend." For this very reason, our lineup of speakers for the day will cover a wide range of topics.

A lot has been stated over time on TV, in the print media, and in beekeeping publications as well about agriculture/farming and its negative impact on the environment and beekeeping. Unfortunately, because those in agriculture/farming are a smaller group and have a limited voice, as a consequence, they are not heard. The same could be said for the commercial beekeeper and for those very reasons we have **Charles Linder** as our featured speaker. Charles is a commercial beekeeper, producer of the Bee Bus, the Pro Nuc box, agriculture equipment engineer, and lifelong farmer. He will share his journey as a commercial beekeeper with a day-by-day perspective. All



beekeepers are in agriculture whether you want to be or not, and we should not be closed minded to those we work with. Now seated on the Board of Directors of The American Beekeeping Federation, representing commercial beekeepers special interest groups.



We are also fortunate to have **Peggy Garnes**, OSBA President. Peggy is a beekeeper with 20+ yrs. experience keeping 140 colonies, queen breeder and nuc producer, traveling speaker for OSBA and past Western Reserve Representative.

Peggy will do an open hive, one hour class on, Methods of Queen Rearing.

LOCATION: Queen Right Colonies

43655 State Route 162, Spencer, OH 44275
Tel: 440-647-2602 • queenrightcolonies.com

LUNCH STAND AVAILABLE

Gene Gargas and Randy Leiby,

productive and successful beekeepers, both work closely with new class members to see that they get a great start in their beekeeping adventure. These classes are necessary for those who are getting started in beekeeping.



Connie Skolnicky, Apitherapist, will be with us too. We have always had a BVT specialist with us at Field Day, a very interesting program. Learn the importance of Bee Venom Therapy.



John Rose and Corrie Marquis

will be our Youth Education Program instructors for Field Day. Taking the Youth class on an adventure thru our mini colonies. There will also be a scavenger hunt on Field Day for the young in age not the young at heart...watch for the signs.



So be sure and mark your calendar, bring your family and friends as the farm environment makes for a wonderful, relaxed and enjoyable day for all.

Field Day is a free event filled with classes, speakers, games, raffles, door prizes and more.

AGENDA - WEATHER PERMITTING

- 9:30 am Registration/Coffee/Tea/Donuts
- 10:00 am Welcome
- 10:15 am Charles Linder in the Big tent
- 11:30 am Lunch
- 12:00 pm Alpaca Shearing & Scavenger Hunt



Field Events 12:30 to 1:30 pm

- Connie Skolnicky: "Apitherapy" in the Big tent
- Gene Gargas: My 1st Year In Beekeeping Part 1
- Randy Leiby: My 1st Year In Beekeeping Part 1
- John and Corrie Youth Education Mini Hive Yard

1:45 to 2:45 pm

- Peggy Games: Methods of Queen Rearing
- Gene Gargas: My 1st Year In Beekeeping Part 2
- Randy Leiby: My 1st Year In Beekeeping Part 2
- John and Corrie Youth Education Mini Hive Yard

3:00 pm

Closing Remarks & Contest & Scavenger Hunt Winners Announced

For more information visit: loraincountybeekeepers.org and queenrightcolonies.com or follow us on Facebook.



Saturday, September 9, 2023

Lorain County Fairgrounds

Wellington, Ohio • Gates Open 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Bee Part of the Excitement!

A fundraising project to raise money to build a year-round learning center at the Lorain County Fairgrounds for the future generations of beekeepers and farmers. With building plans well under way, we invite you to work with us to make this plan a reality.

Bee specialists, family-friendly fun, local craftsmen and vendors, fair food, games, and prizes will all be featured at this event, which is being held for a very worthy cause. Plus a Classic Cruisin' with LaManna Presents.

Day's Timeline of Events

- 9:00 am: Opening Announcements
- 10:30 am: Speaker
- 12:30 pm: Speaker
- 2:00 pm: Speaker
- 3:15 pm: Drawings



Special Attractions

- LCBA Sponsored Raffles
- LCBA Sponsored Door Prizes
- Beekeeping Experts
- Classic Cruisin' with LP
- Master Gardeners
- Meyer Hatchery
- Buggy Rides
- Crafters & Vendors
- Food & Beverages
- Music



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2023 END OF SUMMER CLASSIC

Admission \$5 13 and under free

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End of Summer Classic



BEST of the BEST



Classic Cruisin'

Saturday, September 9, 2023

Lorain County Fairgrounds

Wellington, Ohio

Gates Open 9:00 am - 3:00 pm



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We would especially like to thank LaManna Presents for their generosity and time. Open to all years, makes and models. Shine'em up and show them off!

Become a friend of LCBA by taking part and giving generously!



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You must be present to win.

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2023 END OF SUMMER CLASSIC

For more information contact Randy at (440) 381-1956. Visit www.loraincountybeekeepers.org or follow us on Facebook for more updates and announcements.



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- World Bee Day
- Ohio State Beekeepers Association





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