



Lorain County *Beekeepers* Association

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President's Message

Hello Fellow Beekeepers !

The first day of Spring is less than two weeks away! Mother Nature has been giving us lots of days to check on the bees. It is time to manage their food and as always keep up with mite treatments.

This Friday at the Members' meeting Dale Olson will be speaking on 'Catching swarms and Bees in the walls. Important information for Spring. Dale is the Western Reserve Regional Director for OSBA.

As always LCBA has a lot going on and many opportunities to volunteer:

Solar Fest at the Fairgrounds. April 6th , 7th, 8th

World Bee Day May 17th and 18th

Eagles Parking May 18th

There will be sign-up sheets at Friday's meeting If interested in helping at any of these events or you can also let any of the Board members know.

See you at 7PM Friday.

Marilyn

Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

Congratulations to our 50/50 Raffle Winner!!

February's Members Meeting

Congratulations to Diane Breuler!

Congratulations to Brian Fisk – from 2024's first Beginners Beekeeping Class for their 50/50 raffle

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

Congratulations to our Soup Off Winners!!

1st Place - Doulas Vogel

2nd Place - Todd & Rose Fry

3rd Place - Wendi Volkert



Thank you to Florence Benton for her continuous donations to the LCBA Building Fund.

Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

Beginners Beekeeping class has 88 families that are taking the new classes. We are looking for mentors, please sign up Friday night at the meeting if you are interested in being on the list!

Swarm list closes on March 15th. Please make sure you sign up at the meeting this Friday if you are interested.

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Celebration of Kim Flottum's Life

April 13, 2024, 12:00 Noon at

***Medina Community Church
416 South Broadway Street
Medina, Ohio***

Please come and help us as we honor Kim's amazing journey and share memories with each other as we try and manage life without him.

There will be a meal served after the service.



Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

February's Meeting - Business 101



Marcia Coleman, Adjunct Instructor at LCCC

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LCBA's Intermediate Beekeeping Class - 2/24/2024



Key Points to take away from this class

- There are no solid formulas for swarm mitigation
- Be aggressively proactive in swarm mitigation – There's little downside to it and LOTS of upside.
- Drawn brood comb is a beekeeper's second most valuable resource just after a good queen. Be proactive in making it.
- **“If a queen has drawn comb with empty cells within her reach, she generally won't swarm”**
- Replace a queen when needed, retire her to a spare parts nuc rather than kill.
- Questions?

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LCBA's 2024 Beginners Beekeeping Class - 3/1/2024

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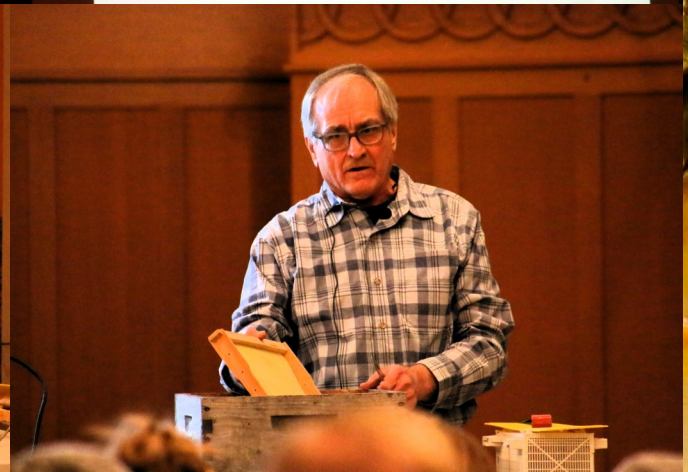
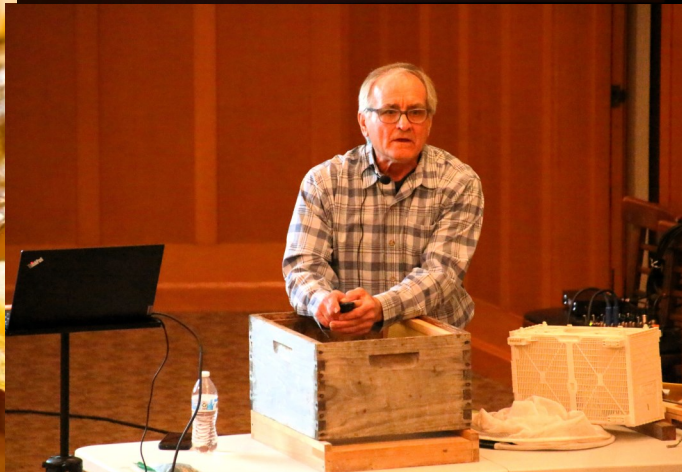
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Beginners Beekeeping Class 1

By: Richard Anderson

LCBA MEMORIAL GARDEN

We have a bee yard on site, The Mike Gallagher Memorial Bee Yard. It will be up and running all spring and summer for your entertainment and education. LCBA also has a Field Day and education. Saturday, June 1st. There are classes for you, the beginner. It is a free event, everyone is welcome, come and bring a friend.



Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

If you missed the October banquet and fund raiser we have a update for you! This is Einstein, a Bantam Frill Rooster, he was purchased at the auction and is spending his winter months in Florida with his new family. He will be back this spring when all the rest of his flock comes home to Ohio .We have had inquiries about him ,I think some bidders have buyers regrets .

Thank you Cathy Rhoades for all your support ! Always lending a hand, donating or buying auction items

LCBA is a unique collection of some of the finest people you could ever work with. The greatest part about it, is they know the importance of Honeybees and love to share their knowledge and they have a giving heart.

You never know what you'll find in the newsletter, read it from cover to cover!

News Desk

Future YEP candidates (We hope!!!)



Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

APRIL 6-8, 2024

SOLARFEST

COMMERCIAL VENDORS

FOOD TRUCKS

CAMPING AVAILABLE \$175/WEEKEND APRIL 6-9

ACTIVITIES APRIL 7
"BOARD GAMES"
MAGIC: THE GATHERING TOURNAMENT 5:30PM SPONSORED BY WIZARDRY AND WARFARE
EQ 3-7PM
TAROT CARD READING

YOUTH ACTIVITIES APRIL 8
SPONSORED BY LORAIN COUNTY 4H

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APRIL 6	10AM - 5PM
APRIL 7	10AM - 5PM
APRIL 8	8AM - 5PM

\$10 ADMISSION/WEEKEND

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TO BUY TICKETS AND FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:
WWW.LORAINCOUNTYFAIR.COM

LCBA will be part of Solar Fest on April 8th at the Lorain County Fairgrounds.

We need ticket booth workers and honey vendors!

Please see Marilyn if you would like to help out!

Lorain County Beekeepers Spotlight

Beekeeper: Todd and Rose Fry

March 2024

1. How long have you been beekeeping?

3 years

2. What prompted you to become a beekeeper?

We discovered the booth at the Fair. Found it very interesting. We talked with the people at the booth and took the classes with LCBA and decided we want to become beekeepers

3. How did you hear about LCBA?

Found them online after going to the Lorain County Fair

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

Everyone at LCBA has been very helpful. We learned so much at the beginners classes. We ask a lot of questions and we did call Randy with any questions outside of classes.

5. What has been your biggest challenge?

Swarm prevention

6. What have you enjoyed most about beekeeping?

Learning about the bees. They are so interesting. From the hives they build to watching them fly off to get pollen and how they protect their hives.

7. How many hives do you have?

7 hives

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

New London Township

9. What are your five year beekeeping goals?

Maintaining healthy colonies with little loss.

10. Your words of wisdom to new beekeepers?

Follow what you learn in classes. Don't be afraid to ask questions. Keep up on mite treatments.

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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LCBA MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____



Annual Membership cost is \$20.00 per family, all living at the same address. 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

WORLD BEE DAY

Field trip



Celebrating the bees and other pollinators!

Friday
May 17, 2024
 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
 Cuyahoga County
 Fairgrounds Bee Barn
 19201 E Bagley Road
 Middleburg Heights
 Ohio 44130

**Honey Bee
 Passport**

Get your Honey Bee
 Passport stamped when you
 visit the Bee Observation
 Room and the Educational
 Stations.

Honey Bee Educational Day for Students

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.

- 🐝 Teaching Future Generation Importance of Honey Bees
- 🐝 Learn from Certified Master Gardener about Pollinator Gardens
- 🐝 Learn How Honey Bees Improve Our Agricultural/Food Educational Stations; Fruits, Vegetables, and Honey
- 🐝 Honey Bee Observation Room

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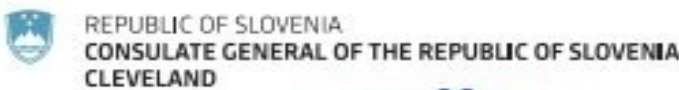


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30th Annual Field Day

Saturday, June 1, 2024



Field Day is a Free Event for Everyone!

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30 Years of Field Days, Education and Commitment for the past 105 years, Lorain County Beekeeper's has proudly served the beekeeping community in many ways. Working together Queen Right Colonies and LCBA have always set the bar high when it comes to education and this year is no different, but could possibly be the best ever.

Industry leaders Randy Oliver and Ray Olivarez will be with us for the day and you don't want to miss it! This is a free event and we don't think you will ever get this opportunity anywhere.

Food, fun, raffles, door prizes and a huge gathering of beekeepers. An educational day to spend with new and old friends on a 17-acre Century Old farm.

Something for everyone, the annual Alpaca shearing, Das Amish Haus Antiques shop, Ohio's largest retailer of Beekeeping equipment, live Queens and bees.

Watch for a detailed flier regarding a schedule of the days event at www.loraincountybeekeepers.org or www.queenrightcolonies.com and on Facebook.





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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 Sunday, February 4, 2024

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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