



Lorain County *Beekeepers* Association

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President's Message

Greetings All Beekeepers,

Hope you all have been managing your hives; inspecting, making splits, and treating for mites as scheduled. Swarm season will continue at least through June and may occur anytime. So - Bee prepared. Despite Ohio's crazy weather, we have had some beautiful Spring flowering trees and plants, providing lots of pollen and nectar.

Dave Noble will be our speaker at this Friday's monthly meeting, May 10th. At 6:00 PM Dave will be working the hives in the Memorial Garden to show his techniques for finding queens. At 7:00 PM (inside) he will be presenting: 'The benefits of being able to build a hive inspection habit that will dramatically increase your chances of finding queens.' This will be a great class and a 'must' for the new and the experienced beekeeper

Check the LCBA calendar for all upcoming events. You will not want to miss Field Day June 1st. See the flyer for Field Day and flyers for other future events for all the details.

*Meet you in the Garden,
Marilyn*

Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

Congratulations to our 50/50 Raffle Winner!!

April's Members Meeting

Bob Shoemaker!

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

May's Members Meeting - Friday, May 10, 2024

Speaker: Dave Noble - Red Beard Bees

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

Pre-Sale Lunch Tickets for Field Day are \$10 and the menu includes pulled pork, mac & cheese and chicken paprikash. Tickets available at the sign in table

Sign Up Volunteer Sheets will be at the sign in table for:

Field Day

End of Summer Classic

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June 1, Field Day –

This year we will have 2 keynote beekeeping speakers from California and are expecting a large draw in attendance. We will need lots of volunteers from setting up, covering the complimentary coffee & doughnut tables, raffles tables, Queen Bee races, LCBA sales table, 50/50 tickets, game tables, tearing down and helping direct attendees to their break out sessions in the afternoon. Look for the sign-up sheet and see where you can help out. Due to the keynote speakers, we will have speakers set up outside the tent for everyone to hear and if you would like to attend the talk, please designate when you sign up! Thank you!

Mark your calendars now for End of Summer Classic Car Show on Saturday, September 28th at the Lorain County Fairgrounds! Volunteer meetings will be starting in May, meeting dates will be announced soon! We will be looking for donated baskets, tickets, etc... for our Chinese Raffle baskets. This is our fundraiser during the event.

Thank you to Randy Leiby and Amanda Manahan for speaking at Oberlin College Garden ExCo!



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LCBA Community Education

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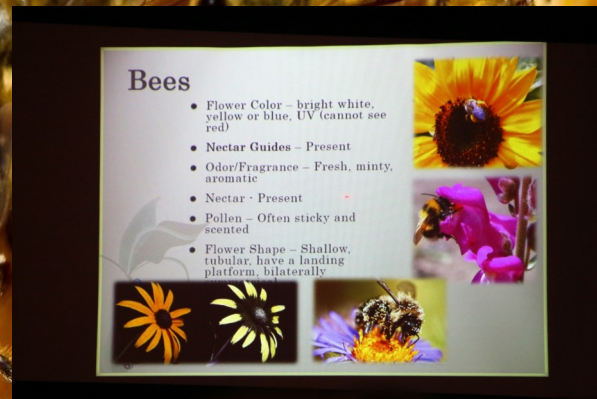


Thanks again to Randy Leiby for speaking at Polk's 4-H Group!!



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April's Meeting - Bee Friendly Gardening



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Saturday Morning Hive Opening - April



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Youth Education Program

From our Youth Education Program Recipient – Henry Klier

Thank you for accepting me into the 2024 Youth Education Program. I enjoyed the four Beginner Beekeeping classes. They were very helpful and educational in my journey with bees. I especially enjoyed the class on mite management. Hive management is much more complex than I originally thought.

My first hive opening experience was very enjoyable. Once I saw a hive being split in person I had a better grasp on how hives work. I even got to apply the smoke and help carry frames.

I am so glad that I had the opportunity to join the LCBA this year! I can't wait to get started with my own bees!

Henry Klier



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

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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30th Annual Field Day

Saturday, June 1, 2024



Field Day is a Free Event for Everyone!

www.loraincountybeekeepers.org



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.



End of Summer Classic

BEST of the **BEST**



Classic Cruisin'

SEPTEMBER 28, 2024 | LORAIN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

GATES OPEN 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Lorain County Beekeepers Association proudly presents the End of Summer Classic!

A fundraising project to build a year-round learning facility at the Lorain County Fairgrounds for future generations of beekeepers and farmers. With building plans in the works, we welcome you to join us in making this vision a reality!

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!

DONATIONS AT THE GATE ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED



Sponsored by Queen Right Colonies

A chance to win one of twelve \$50 cash prizes! You must be present to win.

Special Attractions

- LCBA Sponsored Raffles
- LCBA Sponsored Door Prizes
- Food & Beverages
- Music

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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30th FIELD DAY - JUNE 1, 2024



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Join QRC
& LCBA for
our 30th
Annual Field Day with
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**Randy Oliver of
Golden West Queens**
and guest speaker **Ray
Olivarez of Olivarez
Honey Bees.**

For more information visit:
loraincountybeekeepers.org

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Lorain County Beekeepers Association

Founded 1882, reorganized 1919, and incorporated 1966.

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, Hincley, 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: _____

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