



Lorain County Beekeepers Association

Volume 19 Issue 221

October 2022

President's Message

Hello beekeepers of Lorain County, the greatest beekeeping organization in the world and beyond. Let me be the first to say LCBA is the best beekeeping organization in this galaxy and no one has ever reported otherwise! Now that this is out of my system, let me issue a word of caution to the beekeepers of OHIO, the last few months have been colder than normal, and when it was not cold, it was raining or both. Which means honey bees have not been able to take full advantage of the goldenrod and aster bloom this season. If you want to know what this means for you the beekeeper, make sure you attend this month's meeting for a brief narrative of the situation as it relates to you!

Our Fall banquet is this Friday, Oct. 14th, starting at 7:00 P.M. Doors will open at about 6:00 for set-up so come early and help if you can, and remember to bring us an auction item or two. A few items already donated for the auction, a nice 3-Frame stainless extractor, which would retail for 400.00, several pounds of cake wax, would retail for 12.00 per pound, smokers, hive tools, honey pot, and other bee related items donated from several retired beekeepers. So come early and check-out what will be available for sale, and by the way all proceeds will go toward the Building Fund. This is a pot-luck dinner so come and bring a friend to the best LCBA event all year.

I am pleased to report, this year's Lorain County Fair sales have exceeded all previous year's sales by a substantial amount, gross total sales of \$24,377.45. This is certainly a reflection of this organization and people who oversee and support it, thank you one and all. I am also pleased to announce that The End Of Summer Classic was also a huge success, this year's gross total revenue generated \$10,098. Be prepared and get ready for 2023, as things will only get more exciting as we begin the planning stages of most likely our best fair theme to date "The Wizard of Buzz."

See You Friday Night!

Your illustrious President

Denzil

Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

Congratulations to our 50/50 Raffle Winner!!

September Members Meeting

Gene Gargas, who generously donated his winnings to the LCBA Building Fund! Thank you Gene!

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

LCBA Memorial Honey will be available at the October Members Meeting for \$12 a bottle

A gracious thank you to all 50/50 raffle winners who have donated their prize to the LCBA Building Fund.

Also thanks to all of you who have donated to the LCBA Building Fund at every meeting.

October 15th Members Meeting at Life Church at 7 pm

"LCBA's Annual Fall Banquet and Auction"

So bring a friend, bring a dish and bring some auction items and be prepared to have an evening full of fun and delicious food!

Reminders!!!

Don't forget to bring some gently used items for the auction following the pot-luck. You will be entertained by our auctioneers and have a chance to bid on some great items! To date, our large items include an extractor, 2 Bee Hive Chairs, books, wax molds, gently used 1 & 5 lb honey jars, plants, gift baskets from EOSC that were not claimed and much, much more! Come and be a part of the fun!

Here's a few of the big ticket items we're looking to auction off!!!!



Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

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.

Please remember our October Potluck & Auction Banquet is this Friday, October 14th at 7 pm. Please RSVP to gargas1@frontier.com if you have not done so already to help us with our table set up count.

Don't forget to bring some gently used items for the auction following the potluck. You will be entertained by our auctioneers and have a chance to bid on some great items! To date, our large items include an extractor, 2 Bee Hive Chairs, books, wax molds, gently used 1 & 5 lb honey jars, plants, gift baskets from EOSC that were not claimed and much, much more! Come and be a part of the fun!

November members meeting with kick off with our Chili Cook Off! Start looking now for your favorite chili recipe and see if the LCBA members agree with you! Cash prizes available.

Come and join the fun in our November "Best Tasting Honey Contest." 2 oz bears will be distributed to all who would like to participate at our October meeting. Return the bears with your honey to be judged by a non-participating LCBA member. Join the fun! The trophy will be presented at our December members meeting.

Are you interested in becoming an officer for LCBA? Think about becoming more involved, descriptions of all positions will be next month's newsletter !

Are you interested in becoming the next Memorial Hive Garden Coordinator? If you have a green thumb or just like to putter in the garden, let Audrey Gargas know that you are interested!

Lorain County Beekeepers Fair Updates and Events

Reminders!!!

As we get into the colder weather and our bees are starting to stay inside, it's the perfect time to start making your plans for next spring! Any repair work on supers, deeps or other equipment can be done during this time, along with reading, you can never stop reading and learning about bees.

Fondant Bee Candy Recipe—Compliments of Iris Hunt, LCBA Member

Ingredients:

10 lbs. granulated sugar (2 cups = 1 lb.)
4 cups water, no more than 5 cups, as needed
1 Tbsp vinegar or lemon juice

Prepare molds in advance, aluminum tins. I use the plastic take out containers with a lid so they store nicely in the freezer. Spray lightly with oil.

Measure water and vinegar and put into a large pot, bring to a slow simmer.

Pour in the sugar, stirring until it dissolves completely. The vinegar helps to break down the sugar as it cooks and will evaporate. Keep stirring until you feel no "grits" in the water. If the sugar won't dissolve, add a little more water, little by little, up to another cup until all the crystal are dissolved.

Once the sugar is completely dissolved, gently turn up the heat to medium high and stop stirring, no crystals means no settling or burning and no stirring. Insert candy thermometer.

Boil the mixture until thermometer reads 234°. DO NOT OVERBOIL. Do not go over the temperature since this will cause the mixture to caramelize and will be harmful to the bees.

Remove the pot from heat and allow it to cool to 200°. Set pot in sink of ice water to speed up process. This will cause the candy to have an increased thickness.

Pour ½ the fondant into mixer bowl and cover mixer with a towel. Slowly beat at 2.5 speed until the mixture turns light-colored (white) and smooth (with air bubbles throughout), about 3-4 minutes. Pour into aluminum tin and repeat with other ½ of fondant.

Allow tins to completely cool undisturbed.

Wrap fondant in plastic wrap or wax paper. They will be completely white with whiter areas inside. Tiny crystals will shine from a broken edge. Store fondant for several weeks in a cool place or place in freezer for longer periods.

Place fondant directly on top of the brood cluster so the bees can have access to it and /or directly on top of upper box frames, under inside cover.



November is Nomination Month for LCBA Election of Officers

November is elections month for all LCBA positions- President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and one Trustee position. If you are interested in becoming more involved with LCBA, please consider joining our board. All officials are expected to attend every meeting along with planning, preparing and participating in all members meetings. There executive meeting is the last Thursday of every month to plan our upcoming events schedule.

Feel free to nominate a friend or yourself if you are interested in a position. Voting will take place at the December Christmas Pot Luck Meeting.

Nominations are closed after the November members meeting

Following are the job descriptions for each position:

President – Plan and lead meetings with the help of the executive committee, plan fair and outside functions and activities, run executive meetings, suggest speakers for meetings, write presidents note to members for BUZZZZ newsletter.

Vice President – Assist president in planning of meetings, fair and outside functions, lead meetings and write notes when president isn't able to, support, assist and vote on matters regarding LCBA.

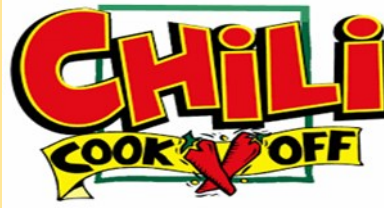
Secretary –Take meeting minutes at regular and executive meetings, handle necessary correspondence, mail or email notifications to potential beginner class sign ups, send out class notifications to media if needed, confirm speaker, other miscellaneous duties, submit minutes to executives for approval, submit final minutes to BUZZZZ editor for newsletter, support, assist and vote on matters regarding LCBA.

Treasurer – Establish and maintain financial matters for the organization (writing checks for bills or other expenses and payables), present reports at executive meetings regarding in-come and expenses, support, assist and vote on matters regarding LCBA.

Trustee – Asist all positions if needed and support, assist and vote on matters regarding LCBA. This is a 3-year term and only 1 position is available each year.

Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

LCBA would like to wish our Vice-President John P. Rose and his Queen Corrie Marquis a heart felt CONGRATULATIONS on your engagement!!!!



LCBA will be sponsoring a CHILI COOK OFF at our November meeting on Friday, November 11 at 7 pm. You have plenty of time to start looking for your favorite recipe and getting ready for the event. Pull out those recipe books and crock pots! Bring us your favorite version of chili whether its turkey, white bean, Cincinnati or good ole tomato-based chili! Spicy hot or cool-as-a-cucumber flavors welcomed! Let us be the judge!



Lorain County Beekeepers Spotlight

Beekeepers: Amanda Manahan & Joe Cross

October 2022

1. How long have you been beekeeping?

This is our 2nd year as beekeepers.

2. What prompted you to become a beekeeper?

I (Amanda) attended a field day in Washington County, NY about a decade ago, and I've been fascinated with bees ever since. I attended the LCBA beginner's class in 2020 to get a better sense of what's involved, and that May a swarm came to my place of employment. Randy and Bren Leiby came to collect the swarm, and that up-close experience solidified my determination to try beekeeping.

3. How did you hear about LCBA?

Word of mouth.

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

Yes, Randy and Bren Leiby

5. What has been your biggest challenge?

Trying not to worry so much that I stress dream about our bees dying and recognizing that making mistakes (to some degree) is part of the learning process.

6. What have you enjoyed most about beekeeping?

Talking with our friends and neighbors about the bees, and sharing our enthusiasm with others. Most people seem to be fascinated with the concept of beekeeping and how a colony works.

7. How many hives do you have?

2

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

Oberlin

9. What are your five year beekeeping goals?

Being practiced and knowledgeable enough to maybe mentor others and confidently say that we are beekeepers by keeping our bees alive and healthy.

10. Your words of wisdom to new beekeepers?

Do your research in advance by choosing reputable sources or participating in classes by an organization such as LCBA. If you're a hands-on learner, try finding a mentor or someone to shadow in their own apiary.

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

1/4 page ad - \$12.00 per month/issue

BuzzzzWorthy@gmail.com

1/8 page ad - \$10.00 per month/issue

Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

September 9th Members Meeting
"Preparing your hives for winter"





Lorain County Beekeepers Association

Founded 1882, reorganized 1919, and incorporated 1966.

INTRODUCTION TO BEEKEEPING CLASS October 15, 2022

An introduction to beekeeping to provide you with an overview of the equipment you need to start your first hive, the honeybee life-cycle, pests and diseases.

Time: 10:00 AM to Noon
Location: Life Church
1033 Elm Street
Grafton, Ohio 44044

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

The class cost \$20 for you and other family members living at the same address. Books will be available for an additional \$25 fee during class. Please list additional family members that will be attending the class with you:

How did you hear about this class? _____

Please make checks payable to: LCBA \$20 Cash _____ Check _____

Please mail form with check to:

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

Please contact Audrey with any questions at info@loraincountybeekeepers.org allowing 24 hours for messages to be returned.

The above person/family acknowledges that their contact information will be added to the email 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: _____

www.loraincountybeekeepers.org

End of Summer Classic

ROYAL SPONSOR

- ◆ Denise Vasel ◆ Ellie Jisa ◆ Hive Alive ◆ Kim Cooper
- ◆ Mallard Creek ◆ Offill Financial Group
- ◆ Queen Right Colonies ◆ Valley Chevy, Wellington

GOLD SPONSORS

- | | |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| • Born Implement | • Cobos Insurance Center |
| • Brad's Lawn Service | • Cravener Holmes Creative |
| • Brook Haven Apiary | • Dadant & Sons Inc. |
| • Cleveland Cavaliers | • Dirty Fingernails Nursery |
| • Cleveland Metroparks Zoo | • Kaye Construction |
| | • Lowe's – Elyria |
| | • Lynn Wieigel |
| | • Mann Lake |



- NOD Apiary Products
- Ohio State Beekeepers Association
- OxaVap
- Small Town Sweet Treats
- Strong Microbials



Sponsors & Vendors

Vendors

- | | |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| • Bottle Lights | • Larry Salyers |
| • Brook Haven Apiary | • Lilla Rose |
| • Carolyn's Paparazzi Bling | • Lorna Hendricks |
| • Cathy Wittenbrook | • M-R Alpacas Ranch |
| • D & J Cups and More | • Marci Ksiazk |
| • Diane Gott | • Mary Ann's Marvelous Manis |
| • Erin Phillips | • Melody Taulbee - Scentsy |
| • Fabit Metal | • Origami Owl |
| • Fred & Therese's Creations | • Pearls, Girls Knit Stitch |
| • Granny's Place | • Penfield Forge |
| • Henrietta Honey | • Queen Right Colonies |
| • Hobby Horse Candles & More | • Small Town Sweet Treats |
| • Jeff & Tracie Couch | • Sondra Miller |
| • KP Honey Farms | • Suzzie's Treasure Chest |
| | • Sweet Petits Patisserie |
| | • The Old Bag |
| | • Tupperware |
| | • Wilkes Wares |



Food Vendors

- Mason's
- Paula's Polish Sausage – **SILVER**



Informational Booths

- OSU Extension Lorain County Master Gardener Volunteers
- Firelands Flyfishers
- Petitti Garden Center
- Kids and Beekeeping
- World Bee Day
- Ohio State Beekeepers Association





Queen Right Colonies®

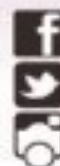
Beekeeping Supplies, Package Bees, Queens, & More

CALL US!
440-647-2602



queenrightcolonies.com

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



Lorain County Beekeepers Thank You

Thank you to Denzil & Sheila St. Clair, Randy & Bren Leiby, Lacey & Ella Postlethwait for all the LCBA promotions and decorating they have done over the past 4 months at Cherished Creations in downtown Wellington. Thank you for continually promoting LCBA!

LCBA gives a BIG thank you to Lorain Medina Rural Electric for their grant from the Lorain Medina People Fund. LCBA has purchased visual equipment to be used to enhance our meetings and events. Thank you LMRE!

**Thank you to all the 2022 End of Summer Classic Volunteers,
you are greatly appreciated!**

*Albert & Lynn Weigel
Bill Vittori
Bobbie Howell
Cathy Rhoades
Ellie Jisa
Daryl Baker
Denzil & Sheila St. Clair
Diann Ramirez
Florence Benton
Gene & Audrey Gargas
Jerry Hottel
Joe & Amanda Manahan
Joyce Poesse
Kim
Lisa Pitts
Marilyn Teeple
Nancy Paschall
Pat Talbott Brooks
Rose Fry
Rome Doherty
Shelly Norton
Tom O'Brien
Val Calderwood
Wendi Volkert*

*Barb Leiby
Bob & Brenda Grimmitt
Cathy Lohse
Corrie Marquis
Tim & Kathy Beal
Dave & Kathy Borling
Diane Corl
Frank & Lori Keleman
Gary & Lynn Sooy
Heather Hemmer
Jesse, Christine & Abigail Meier
John Rose
Katherine Holmes Cravener
Lacey, Eliza, Lilly & Ella Postlethwait
Mary Shapiro
Matt, Morgan & Asher Hoy
Norm Groner
Peggy Garnes
Randy & Bren Leiby
Ron Knapp
Steve & Dawn Moysan
Tracy Cairns
Vince Dubesa*





CRAVENER | HOLMES
 Graphic Design & Website Production

Let us help you with your project.

Dave Cravener
 dcravener@chcreative.com

Katherine Holmes
 katherine@chcreative.com

www.chcreative.com • 419.736.3374



Fender Takamine Ovation Marshall

Wellington Music, Inc.
 Musicians Serving Musicians

440-647-3233

117 W. Herrick Ave.
 Wellington, Ohio 44090
 www.wellingtonmusic.org
 wellingtonmusicinc@hotmail.com



Tactical Equipment and Services

- Firearms
- Ammo
- Transfers
- CCW Classes
- LE Supplies
- LE Uniforms
- Radar Repair/Certification

Phone: 440.647.3233
eMail tacandserv090@gmail.com



Cherished Creations

Tracy Wind

Phone: 440-828-0165 ~ Email: cherishedcreations2021@yahoo.com
 105 E. Herrick St Wellington OH 44090 ~ Facebook: cherishedcreations

Please remember to patronize our advertisers!!!!

