

Lorain County Beekeepers Association



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President's Message

Hello Lorain County Beekeepers,

The days are getting shorter and we all know cold weather and snow will soon follow. Hope you are keeping up with mite treatments and your bees have plenty of food for the winter. Insulation and windbreaks will help the bees maintain temps in the hive .

This Friday, October 13th, is the Fall banquet and auction. This is a pot-luck dinner so bring your favorite dish and an item two for the auction. There is always a big mix of items for sale so come early and check out what will be up for auction. Doors open at 6:30 PM and the meeting starts at 7:00 PM. Pick up your auction number at the door. All proceeds go to the building fund.

Prior to our meeting on October 13th, John Rose will be inspecting and pulling honey frames from the Memorial Garden Hives, weather dependent. If you are interested in attending, please bring your PPE and be in the garden at 6 pm.

Don't forget to bring your honey samples for the best tasting honey contest. Samples will be collected at the door.

Next month's members meeting will be high-lighting the 'History of LCBA as it enters its 105th Anniversary year. Descendants of our first president, Violet Fowls, will be one of the featured speakers. Mark your calendar for November 10th. The busiest season of the year for beekeepers may be behind us but LCBA still has a lot going on. Check the newsletter and web site for upcoming events.

The holiday season is coming soon and if your family or friends don't know what to give you consider a gift certificate for LCBA annual dues or a Lifetime membership for \$200.

See you Friday!

Your humble President,

Marilyn

Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

Congratulations to our 50/50 Raffle Winner!!

September Members Meeting

Congratulations to Don Brooks !!!

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

A Special Thank You

LCBA would like to give a very special thank you to Denzil & Sheila St. Clair and Queen Right Colonies. They very graciously donated the Car Cruisin advertising, the Car Cruisin flyers, the Car Cruisin DJ/Announcer fees and the Car Cruisin prizes totaling \$600.

They also continually promote LCBA and all of our events through their paid Queen Right advertising with WOBL-AM and their sister stations. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

Gift Certificates Available

With the holidays coming up, LCBA is offering Gift Certificates that can be purchased in any amount. These certificates can be used as Christmas gifts for family or friends who are interested in becoming beekeepers. They can also be used to purchase Beekeeping for Dummies Books, Memorial Honey and for our upcoming LCBA Polo Shirt sales. Please see Gene Gargas at the meetings to purchase a gift certificate

Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

We would like to thank everyone who helped with the End of Summer Classic!
I will apologize in advance if I missed anyone, please let me know if I did.

A.I. Root
Jane Baker
Florence Benton
Kathy Borling
Don Brooks
Cleveland Zoo
Dadant & Son, Inc
Diann Ramirez
Dan Dubesa
Ed Elias
Fin Feather Fur
Gene Gargas
Bob Grimmett
Hinckley Hills Golf Course
Bobbie Howell
Jill Caryn Proffit Smith
Ellie Jisa
Katherine Holmes Cravener
Kim Vanderlinde
Lacey Postlethwait
Barb Leiby
Lisa Pitts
Amanda Manahan
McConnel Meats
Nancy Paschall
Gary Ochenas
Pine Brook Golf Course
Raising Cain Chicken, Strongsville
Cathy Rhoades
Corrie Rose
Gary Sooy
Denzil St. Clair
Tanny Flinn
Tracy – Cherished Creations
Denise Vasel
Wendi Volkert
Wellington Eagles #2051
Whitecaps Construction Company

AutoZone, Strongsville
Kathy Beal
Ella Boitel
Born Implement
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Connie Skolnicki
Daryll Postlethwait
Don Brooks
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Queen Right Colonies
Rate Tracker
Joan Romick
Schlietcher Brothers
Spencer Feed & Supply
Strong Microbials
Carrie Tisdall
Dale Vasel
Bill Vittori
Lynn Weigel
Wellington Masons #127
Dave Zemancik

Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

Introduction to Beekeeping — Fall Edition

Presented by John Rose, Randy Leiby and Gene Gargas



Lorain County Beekeepers Spotlight

Beekeeper: Richard Anderson

October 2023

1. How long have you been beekeeping?

7 years

2. What prompted you to become a beekeeper?

We have several gardens, fruit trees and berry bushes, so pollination mainly.

3. How did you hear about LCBA?

We lived and were brought up in Lorain County, so we always saw them at the Lorain County Fair.

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

No, I just pretty much follow what I learned at the LBBA meetings and go from there. I also keep a record of what does and doesn't work.

5. What has been your biggest challenge?

*Controlling mites, which has become easier with the products available today.
Controlling hives to prevent swarming in the early spring.*

6. What have you enjoyed most about beekeeping?

Just keeping them is enjoyable. I also enjoy sharing what I have learned with others as they always find the information fascinating.

7. How many hives do you have?

I have 6 hives and would like to stay at that number due to available space.

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

Huron City Limits

9. What are your five year beekeeping goals?

To be able to lieft the boxes, as I get older, they get heavier!

10. Your words of wisdom to new beekeepers?

Don't give up. Follow what you have learned and ask questions. Find a mentor if possible. Keep a log book so you know what works and what doesn't.

Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

LCBA Upcoming Calendar

- October 13** 6:00 PM Hive opening with John Rose
 7:00 PM "Fall Banquet with Building Fund Auction"
- October 24** 7:00 Executive Committee Meeting (Changed from 10/26)
- November 10** 7:00 "Getting Ready for 105 Years of LCBA" by Nina Bagley and Greg Wheeler
 CHILI COOK OFF RESCHEDULED TO JANUARY 12, 2024
- November 30** 6:00 Executive Committee Meeting



October & November are Nomination Months for LCBA Election of Officers

October & November are nomination months 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 is unable 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 club members and beginner class sign ups, send out class notifications to media, confirm speaker, other miscellaneous duties, submit minutes to executives for approval, 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 income 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.

LCBA October Pot Luck & Building Fund Auction



Come join all the fun on Friday, October 13th starting at 7 pm for our Annual LCBA October Potluck Dinner and Auction at Life Church in Grafton. Please bring a dish to share. Dishes can be dropped off in the kitchen starting at 6:30 pm. LCBA will provide dinnerware, napkins, coffee & water.

After dinner, our auctioneer Denzil St. Clair and his assistants will provide entertainment for the evening as they auction off our donations. This year everyone will be provided a number to bid with, which will be distributed when you sign in.

Now is the time to start going through your house, garage, attic, shed and yard to donate items for our LCBA Auction. All items are welcome – bee equipment, plants, pictures, books, animals, anything! Remember "One man's junk is another man's treasure."



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 Association

Founded 1882 Reorganized 1919 Incorporated 1966

LCBA would like to offer all of our members a chance to recognize beekeepers who are no longer with us and our organization. You will have the opportunity to add their name along with the year they passed to our newel post in the LCBA Memorial Garden. Each plaque will be 3" X 2 3/4", with the cost being \$25.

We kindly ask that you complete the following form and mail in or given to Gene Gargas at a meeting prior to November 20, 2023.

Newel Post Beekeeper Recognition Plaque

Name of Beekeeper (printed) _____

Year they passed _____

Your name: _____

Phone Number in case of questions: _____

Email address: _____

Forms can be mailed to:

**Gene Gargas
LCBA Treasurer
2410 Brook Haven Lane
Hinckley, OH 44233**

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please call Audrey at 216-534-6195.

Lorain County Beekeepers Condolences

in loving memory of

Carmen Conrad



A Celebration of Life Open House will be held Saturday, October 14, 2023 from 12:00pm to 4:00pm at Conrad Hive and Honey located at 6240 Wright Rd., Canal Winchester, Ohio 43110.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the American Beekeeping Federation (ABF) Queen Program (details at abfnet.org).

Lorain County Beekeepers Condolences



Merle Clifford Griffith

April 21, 1928 - September 1, 2023

Merle Clifford Griffith, 95 of Ashland passed away on Friday, September 1, 2023 at UH Hospitals Samaritan Medical Center after a brief illness.

Merle was born in Cleveland, Ohio on April 21, 1928, the son of the late Merle Chester and Helene Jeanette (nee Luse) Griffith.

On June 17, 1950, Merle married Lillian Fay Wise who preceded him in death on September 6, 2014.

Lorain County Beekeepers and Queen Right Colonies have been proud sponsors of World Bee Day for the past three years. We had the great privilege on Saturday evening of celebrating Mrs. Alenka Jerak's work with Slovenia as Ambassador and all of her efforts with World Bee Day.

We enjoyed an evening of laughs and great conversation with president and secretary of GCBA, Mike and Sarah Alonso, GCBA Board member Laura Brown and her husband Dwight and GCBA past president, Denzil St. Clair along with LCBA board member, Sheila St. Clair and OSBA Western Reserve Director, Dale Olsen and his wife, Nancy.

The Collaborative Chambers Alliance was represented as well as many supporters, donors, and friends of Slovenia and beekeeping Education. Pictured with Nicky Suladary is Su He, Immigration Attorney with Buckley King, who is also the Executive Director of Greater Cleveland Chinese Chamber. She also serves on the board of Cleveland Council for World Affair (CCWA). Her husband, Yuxin, is a scientist at the Cleveland Clinic.

As LCBA heads into a New Year we will work towards our commitment to "Promote Beekeeping through Education, Cooperation, or any other efficient means."

Thank you everyone for your commitment to the sustainability and education of honeybees and their vital importance . #World Bee Day 2024!

Sheila St. Clair
Building Fund Coordinator



What a special visit from the South!

By now we all recognize Wayne Shook and Stephanie as the Ambassador of all things Cookbook.

Visiting with them in September were Wayne's parents Glen and Dona. Over the past two years Wayne has single-handedly annoyed Denzil with his gift for selling and buying cookbooks! We all know how that ended, right?

His new plan of actionnow that the cookbooks are all sold, is to bring his parents on to his team. Dona said she came all the way from Southern Ohio to meet the man in the cookbook and ask when there was going to be a reprint along with lots of new recipes.

I think the deck is stacked because these folks are serious :)

Thank you so much Wayne and family for all you do in support of beekeeping through all your work with local groups ,not to mention The Belmont Correctional Institute and it's fantastic Beekeeping Program!

LCBA is honored to have your continued support.

*Sheila St. Clair
Building Fund Coordinator*





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