



Lorain County *Beekeepers* Association

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President's Message

Hello to all the Great Beekeepers of Lorain County and members of the greatest beekeeping organization ever.

Hope everyone is continuing to inspect colonies every 7-10 days for cups, brood congestion etc. Things can change quickly.

This Friday, July 11th, at the members meeting, John Rose will be in the Bee yard at 6:00 PM inspecting and pulling frames for extraction. Bring your protective gear, learn about frame selection and give John a hand. At 7:00 PM there will be demos on uncapping the honey, checking moisture content, extraction, bottling to sell and show and labeling - all with hands-on opportunities. These activities are must for any beekeeper

It is also time to get your honey and bee related products ready to show at the Lorain County Fair. Entry Forms must be submitted by August 5th. You can access entry information at the Fair website under 'Entries'. Bee info starts on page 95 - Entry Book 40 and goes through Entry Book 43 - page 98. This year's Fair book has new premium guidelines for winners of each honey color division, along with a trophy for the first-place winner

If you are interested in selling honey and bee related products at the Lorain County Fair you MUST attend the Sellers' meeting on Thursday July 17th, 7:00 PM at the Bee Barn at the Fairgrounds. Fair sellers' rules and guidelines will be presented and discussed. Plans for remodeling the sellers' booth area are underway and can be viewed that night. The sellers' sign-up/worksheet will also be available.

See you Friday,

Marilyn

Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

Congratulations to our 50/50 Raffle Winner!!

June's Members Meeting Winner

Don Brooks — thank you Don for donating your winnings to the building fund !!

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

Some great news for the 2025 Beekeeping Season! Our very own Steve Moysan has been appointed the Lorain County Bee Inspector by the Ohio Dept. of Agriculture, Apiary Division. As an organization we are proud to have one of our members filling a very important job in Lorain County.

Thank You Steve!



Thank You !!

Thank you to Ellie Jisa for her fantastic job on Field Day with the food preparations!

Thank you to Rick Jirousek for helping in the Memorial Garden. Your wealth of plant knowledge along with weeding has made the gardens look great! Thank you!

Continued thanks to Randy Leiby and his sunflower extravaganza!!



Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

Hello LCBA members!

We have received an invitation for any of our members that would like to compete in the upcoming BBQ cook off at the Summer Fest to please enter the competition! Make Lorain County Beekeepers proud for having the best lipsmackin honey BBQ sauce on the planet!

<https://loraincountyfair.ticketbud.com/smokin-at-summerfest-bbq-2025?>



LCBA's first annual Bee City Festival was a wonderful event on June 20th. Beautiful weather, a great group of vendors and educators filled the Wellington downtown area. Ohio Extension Master Gardeners Volunteers with our own Peggy Vasu, Hooks Green House, Plant Specialists, Operation Pollination with Raymond Stewart, Lorain County Beekeepers membership with all their Beautiful honey and Products. We had a chance to showcase our Bee City and bring Honeybees and native pollinators to the attention of the Village and beyond. Special Thanks to Wellington Kiwanis and Jenny Arntz, Main Street Wellington for all their help and support. Our President Marilyn Teeple was the Hostess of the day, coordinating, helping, doing interviews, and doning the most amazing pollinator hat ever, I believe owned by Ray Stewart. I think she was hesitant to give it back!

Thank you to all who participated !

Sheila St. Clair

Bee City Coordinator

Equipment wanted: I am looking for a used a nine-frame motorized extractor. Please contact me if you have one available. Thank you, Ella Boitel (440)537-7099 or eboitel@slyinc.com



Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

June's Meeting —

John Rose — Hive opening and Mite treatment and Q&A



"Are you ready for the 2025 Lorain County Fair??"

Our new theme for 2025/26 is Harry Potter!

"The Magic and Power of Honey"

Every year the organization puts on a beautiful theme related display encompassing all aspects of beekeeping. Thousands of folks come through the barn annually .It's always fun to incorporate an idea that everyone who visits the bee barn can relate to no matter the age. Maybe the first time you became acquainted with LCBA was through the welcome station in the bee barn!

In order to put on a grand week-long event it takes, volunteers, ideas and skills. We all started working on this project right after the 2024 fair week ended. Layout out of floor, looking for amazing deals on Facebook market place, etc.

Whether you are new to the organization or not, we would love to have you step up and volunteer.

Meetings will be announced as we begin the next phase on planning. We will be building, moving, hanging, and cleaning as the year progresses, even an in-house artist would be amazing. Try to come and listen in and see if there is something you feel you can help with.

Collecting items for props and staging are a must!

We are trying to focus within the first movie , "Harry Potter and the Sorcerers' Stone" however we will borrow from the others where there is a gem that everyone remembers.

Here is a list of items we might use so you can begin to let your creative juices flow !

Large aged old books, sorting hats large table candelabra's ,Gold plastic coins(lots of them), remember the Gringott's Bank, the car in the movie that flies, Flying keys to be made , the letter to be put together (maybe you have a lot of manila colored envelopes) larger battery candles with timers or remotes. So you get the idea, order that movie, get some popcorn and make a list. Our bee barn is a 30'x90' blank canvas and we use just about every square inch.

Remember, if you wind up bringing personal items in for the bee barn, remember to mark it and pick it up at the end of fair.

Its early, I know but from experience we know it will be here tomorrow.

Thank You,

Sheila St. Clair

Board member

P.S. I have a metal Dragon , About 3 foot tall reading the Book "Harry Potter and the Sorcerers Stone" , we can check that off!:)



We Encourage All Members to Become Part of the Lorain County Fair

We would like all members to become part of the Lorain County Fair and enter their honey and beeswax products! All you need is 3 – 1 lb glass bottles of honey from your apiary to have it judged and see how your bees are doing! Our judging section keeps growing and growing!

This year, Queen Right Colonies has increased the honey premium challenge by adding additional premiums to the top 3 honey winners in Class 2 – 8. First place wins are now worth \$25 and a trophy, 2nd place \$18 and 3rd place \$12. You will receive the traditional payout from the fair on your check and Queen Right Colonies will hand you an additional check when you pick up your honey at the end of fair week.

To view the many different entries, please visit the Lorain County Fair website at loraincountyfair.com Select the category Entries, then click on entry information. At the top left side of the page is the picture of this years' fair book. Click on Premium Book – click this link" and it will bring up all 173 pages of the fair book.

The Bees section starts on page 93. These are all the generalized entry rules for the bee barn, including the size glass bottles and jars required to show your honey and times you need to drop off and pick up your honey. There is also a copy of the pages in our newsletter.

Please remember when you enter, you need to have 3 jars or bottles of your honey to enter. We recommend you bring 4 bottles when you come to enter, just in case something happens on the way in, and it has!

We also recommend when you enter your honey, please enter all color classes 2 – 8. You have no idea what nectar and pollen sources your bees are collecting their honey from and you will grade your honey color when you get to the entry table. Plus - there is only one entry fee, whether you are entering 1 item or 400 items.

Open class entry categories are found on pages 94 – 96 and we encourage you to enter as many classes as you feel comfortable entering. Photography photos, honey product baskets, candles, beeswax bars, soap, hand cream, baking products, creamed honey, bee frames, honey canning products, honey BBQ sauces and honey mustard entries are encouraged also.

To print your entry form, go back to the entry information page, mid-section under the "Traditional Entries," go to Step 1 and click on print the entry form.

When completing the form, Bee Class is Department 8, Book entry number is 40 and then you complete the class numbers by the product you are entering!

Please feel free to browse the whole book and enter any other classes you would like to – canning, antiques, flowers, photography, etc...

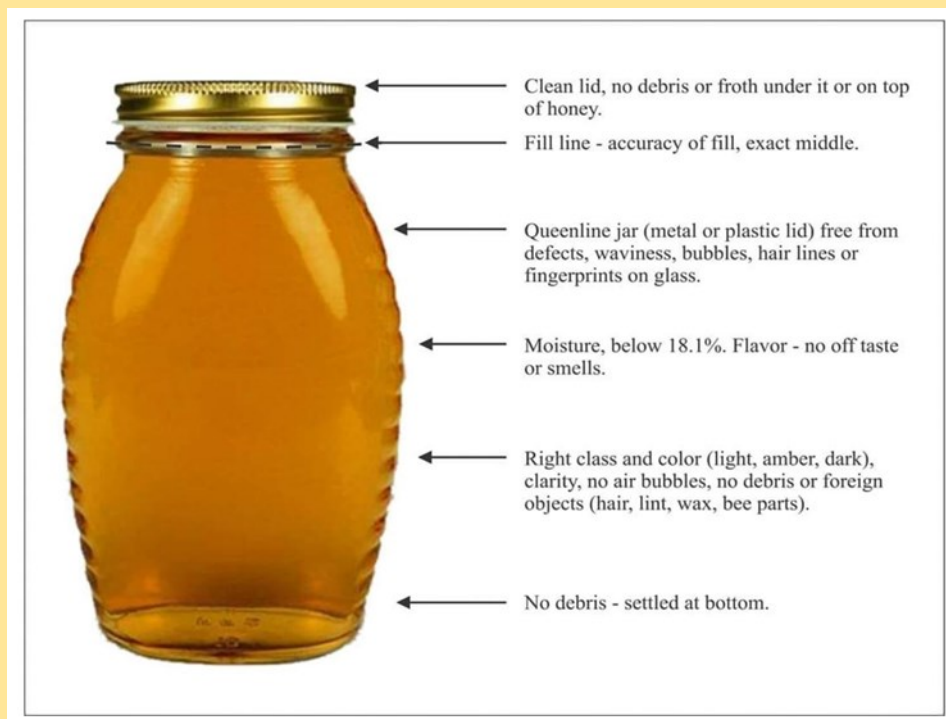
When completed with your entry form you can take it to the Lorain County Fair Office and turn it in and receive your entry tickets at that time. Or you can mail in your form and they will mail your tickets to you. IF YOU HAVE MORE THAN 40 ENTRIES, YOU WILL NEED TO PICK UP YOUR ENTRY TICKETS AT THE FAIRGROUND OFFICE. PLEASE CALL IN ADVANCE TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE READY FOR PICK UP!

As always, please review all of the fair entry rules.

We look forward to seeing a record number of honey entries this year!

Lorain County Fair Beekeeping Guidelines

Here is what the judges will be looking at when judging your honey entries:



Please read through the additional attachment to the Newsletter in your email....

It is pages 93 through 96 in the Fair Book and should answer any and all questions you may have regarding Beekeeping and Honey entries. If you have any questions, please see our Fair Chair, Bren Leiby.

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

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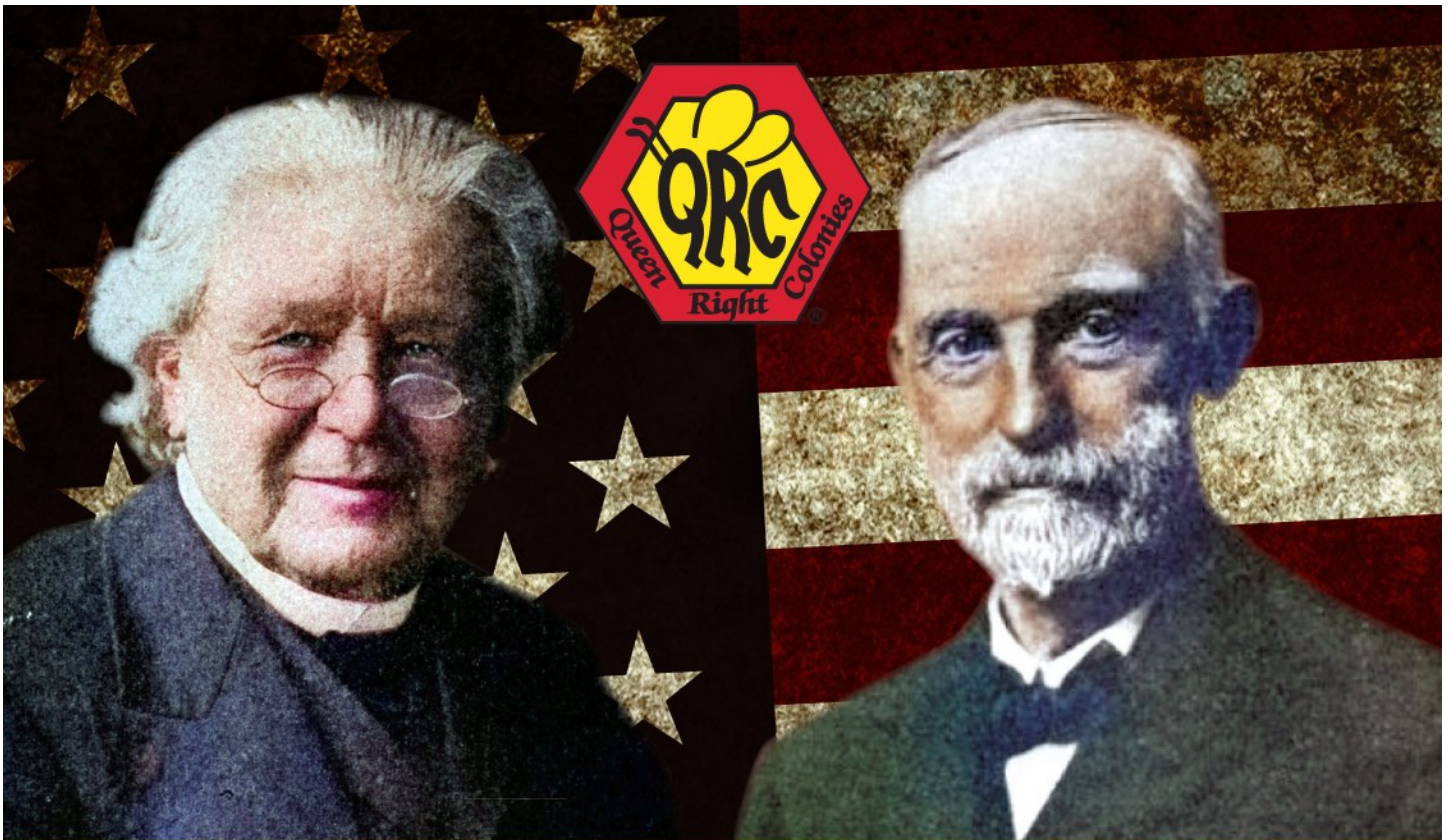
1/4 page ad - \$12.00 per month/issue

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