



# Lorain County Beekeepers Association

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## *President's Message*

*Happy June Fellow Beekeepers,*

*All reports are that this has been a 'tough' Spring for the bees. As always, keep up with inspections, look for queen cups, get honey supers on before necessary and treat for mites on schedule. And don't hesitate to ask questions and seek help. That's what LCBA is all about!*

*Noelle Akin from Petitti's Garden Center is the speaker at LCBA's monthly meeting on June 12th, her talk "Bee Magnets", will be about pollination and give great ideas for plants to keep our bees happy and close to home. There will be a hive opening at 6:00PM. Formic Pro and Oxalic treatments will be discussed.*

*6:00 Hive opening - Memorial Garden*

*7:00 Noelle Akin - Church Hall*

*June 19th is the Bee City Festival on the Square in Wellington from 4-8 PM. There will be local vendors and educational opportunities, all to celebrate pollinators and pollination. Come join the fun.*

*I hope last month's presentation on beehive products to show at the Fair has inspired you. You will want to start prepping now for the competition. Ribbons and bragging rights may be coming your way!*

*It is also time to start thinking about selling honey at the Fair. Intent to sell forms will be available at the June meeting and must be turned in by the July monthly meeting. Anything you sell must also be entered in the Fair if there is a class available.*

*Your Humble President,  
Marilyn*

## Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

***Congratulations to our 50/50 Raffle Winner!!***

***May's Members Meeting Winner***

***Jamie Barbour !!***

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

***Thank you to the Gun Raffle Volunteers for parking cars at the Ross Center!***

***Randy Leiby, Dave Zemancik, Marilyn Teeple, Tim Beal, Kathy Beal, Nancy Koenig and Brian Twining.***

***Thank you to the World Bee Day Volunteers for helping promote beekeeping education with school children! Peggy Garnes, Nikki Sulandari, Denzil St. Clair, Sheila St. Clair, Dave Weber, Ron Webb, Kathy Borling, Ellie Boitel, Cathy Rhoades, Steve Moysan, and Audrey Gargas.***



***Thank you to all the Field Day volunteers: Tim & Kathy Beal, Dave Weber, Diann Ramirez, Kim Vanderlinde, Scott Berhent, Marilyn Teeple, Denzil & Shiela St. Clair, Meech, Randy & Bren Leiby, Lacey Postlethwait, Bill Vittori, Ella Boitel, Dave Zemancik, Traci Loehr, Sheila Mauer, Ellie Jisa, Kathy Borling, Kim Funai, Kristen Estep, Caroline Henderson and Gene Gargas.***

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### **ATTENTION FAIR HONEY SELLERS**

#### ***The 2026 Lorain County Fair***

***Fair Rules and Intent to sell form will be available at the May, June and July regular bee meetings.***

***The INTENT TO SELL FORM HAS TO BE TURNED IN BY THE END OF THE JULY 10TH REGULAR BEE MEETING TO ME***

***First year beekeepers are welcome to sell.***

***The rules and intent to sell form will be on the website also.***

**Questions ? [brenhono77@yahoo.com](mailto:brenhono77@yahoo.com) phone 440-381-1145**

***Thank You,***

***Fair Chair***

***Bren Leiby***

***2026 Mandatory Sellers Meeting for the Lorain County Fair is Thursday,  
July 16th***

***Lorain County Fairgrounds Bee Barn @6:30PM***



## Letter of intent to sell honey or other products at 2026 Lorain County Fair

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Apiary Name \_\_\_\_\_

City Honey is from \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt sizes needed for all sellers from your apiary: \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle the items you intend to sell:

Honey	Creamed Honey	Pollen	Cut Comb/Ross Rounds	Chunk Honey		
Hand Cream	Lip Balm	Candles	Beeswax	Soap	Jelly/Jam	Other

List other \_\_\_\_\_

My apiary is intending to sell honey and other bee related products at the LCBA fair honey booth. I understand I must register all products I intend to sell with an entry category with the LC Fair entries for judging, which is a separate entry form with the LC Fair and a deadline of August 5, 2026. I must be a current LCBA member with membership paid prior to March 1, 2026 and attended 4 full members meeting in the calendar year beginning in January through July. You must show honey to sell honey or bee related products. I understand 20% of my honey and other bee related products will go to the Lorain County Beekeepers Association as a tax-deductible donation.

I must notify Bren Leiby by the July 10, 2026 members meeting if I am going to sell honey so there will be enough time to prepare, **NO EXCEPTIONS**. Fair information and Intent to Sell forms are available at the meetings beginning May 8, 2026 on the website and in the newsletter. Once you have turned in an intent to sell form, you will be responsible for working in the honey vendor booth during fair week even if you do not have product to sell. All representatives of your apiary that will be working in the vendor booth during fair week **MUST ATTEND** the mandatory Honey Booth Vendor Rules meeting.

The mandatory sellers meeting will be the week following the July members meeting, at the Lorain County Fair Grounds Bee Barn. Date and time will be set at the members July 10 meeting.

**Fair Chairman, Bren Leiby, can be reached with any questions at 440-381-1145 or brenhono77@yahoo.com**

My signature verifies that I have read the LCBA Fair Rules 4/27/2026 and will abide by the rules.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Henry Klier getting his first swarm! Henry was LCBA's first participant in the YEP Program and he continues to exceed all expectations!!!**



**The Sunflower Field has been planted at the Lorain County Fairgrounds thanks to Randy Leiby. Thanks to Jake Tyree and Nutrena for the sunflower seeds.**



## Lorain County Beekeepers Association Youth Education Program (YEP)

*I like how active the beekeeping class is. I have learned about beekeeping because of all of the hands on materials available through out the class. I really like that bee hives are available for the class to open too. Bee keeping is really cool because you get to work towards having your own honey and get are good for our environment." -Brayden Love 1st year YEP student*

*From the day I installed my bees to now I knew it was going to be a great year. In these short five weeks my queen has had an excellent laying pattern which is shown every time I open my hive. I am greeted with new worker bees popping their heads out for the first time ready to explore the world. On top of all that I got to add my second deep on May 25th. I just can't wait to see what my bees will do this season*

*~ Caroline Hendrickson 2yr YEP student*



*"I really like the bee classes. My favorite part was one Saturday I came with my mom and I got really great hands on learning from Gene. I got to do a lot of things and he was an excellent teacher. He made it easy for me to understand." ~ Caleb Miranda*

For the first part of my second year in the YEP program, I focused on teaching other youth about beekeeping. In the middle of May, I went to the Morrow County Fairgrounds to teach area 5<sup>th</sup> graders about bees and bee safety with my mom and brother. During the presentation, we taught them how to stay safe around bees by not running, swatting at them, and what to do if they see a swarm of bees on their swing set or other areas where they play. We taught them what we do as a beekeeper to stay safe by wearing our bee suit. We took an empty hive and explained what each part is, the tools we use, how to install a new bee package, and what a Varroa Mite is and how we treat them. Overall, the kids really learned a lot, and we had fun sharing all that we have learned so far. They were all surprised to know that one in every three bites of food they eat was pollinated by a bee or another pollinator. It was a successful day!



*Ryleigh Richardson ~ 2nd yr YEP student*

*This installation was exciting and easy to do. I was very surprised to see the bees already building the comb in the bee bus. The bees were very energetic and are very active and quick builders. As soon as they were put into the hive they were already building. I really enjoyed installing the bees and can't wait to do it again. This was a very fun experience to do. Patrick Bibb 2nd yr YEP student*

## Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

**Can you believe it has been 20 years since Denzil St. Clair attempted to break the Guinness Book of World Records for a bee cloak?**

**1 hour 45 minutes, 74 pounds of bees,  
3 pounds shy of the record and no more bees.**

**What a great attempt, we are proud of you and all you do to represent and promote Lorain County Beekeepers Association!**



## ATTEMPTED GUINNESS WORLD RECORD *continued from page 2*

I know I would leave someone out and cause someone I care about harm!

Here is a brief description of the events as they happened. Morris Hinton supplied the majority of the bees, which were stationed at the exact location where the cloak was to take place a week or more in advance. Coupled with colonies of my own there was about 30 colonies and nucs on site. Two days before the event was to occur, all frames were removed from colonies so that bees would form a single cluster in the center of the colony. At this point queens were located, and caged, then rehung with a tack in the center of the cover. With just the cover and empty box remaining, this would make it very easy to remove/dump bees from the box, just by removing the top all bees would lift out instantly hanging from the telescoping cover. A large based 4' X 4' scale was already in place, I took my place on the scale, bees were generously smoked and bees dumped on my person. Prior to dumping bees each queen was removed and pinned to my clothing. Of course my nose and ears were stuffed with cotton and at some point a nose mask was applied additionally to insure enough room was allotted to breath properly, eventually there was about 3 inches of bees on my face and eyes. Time was allowed between colonies for each colony to calm down and settle before the next colony was applied. The end result was 74 pounds of bees, 3 pounds short of a Guinness World Record and about as many bees in the air as made up the cloak. The whole process took about one hour 45 minutes.

Journalists and photographers from all over Ohio were in attendance that most memorable date, the Space Shuttle in Florida was launching that day with live coverage, as the announcement of the Bee Cloak event was running across the bottom of the T.V. screens across the Nation and beyond... a day I will never forget, and all because of all the support from so many.

*Beekeepers are the best,  
Denzil*



**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



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all things good and natural.

Bring your friends, family, and curiosity—  
— we can't wait to see you there!



# EXHIBITOR INVITATION



QUEEN RIGHT COLONIES &  
LORAIN COUNTY BEEKEEPERS  
ASSOCIATION



Join Us at the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual  
**Beekeeping & Homesteading  
FIELD DAY!**



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warmly invite you to be part of this special day as an EXHIBITOR—  
— at **NO CHARGE!** —

📅 June 6th ⌚ 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. 📍 436555 State Route 162,  
Spencer, Ohio

## SHOWCASE WHAT YOU DO!

- 🌿 Natural & chemical-free living
- 🌿 Beekeeping & pollinators
- 🌿 Homesteading skills
- 🌿 Food production & preservation
- 🌿 Sustainable agriculture

## WHY EXHIBIT?

- 🌿 Connect with a like-minded community
- 🌿 Share your expertise and passion
- 🌿 Promote your products or services
- 🌿 Be part of a growing homesteading movement

## INTERESTED IN EXHIBITING?

We'd love to have you join us!

📞 Contact Lacey Postlethwait  
440-647-2602

✉️ [info@queenrightcolonies.com](mailto:info@queenrightcolonies.com)

*Come be a part of a day dedicated to getting back to  
the basics in all things good and natural.*



# WELLINGTON OHIO

## Bee City Festival

CELEBRATING  
POLLINATORS



**JUNE 19, 2026  
4:00 - 8:00 PM**

**Downtown Wellington  
On the Square**

**Join us for a buzzing good time at the Bee City Festival in the heart of Wellington! Celebrate the wonders of pollinators with an exciting day full of local vendors, educational opportunities, and fun for all ages. FREE EVENT!**

For over 100 years, the Lorain County Beekeepers Association has been dedicated to the preservation of beekeeping and promoting the importance of pollinators. We are proud to shine a spotlight on Wellington, celebrating our history, fostering community education, and ensuring a sustainable future for generations to come. Together, we Preserve the Past by Securing the Future of beekeeping and pollinators.

### **Vendor Applications Open Now!**

Reserve your spot early—this is a free event, and donations (raffle baskets, cash, etc.) welcome. Contact Marilyn at (440) 759-2826.

- Meet Local Beekeepers and sample delicious, all-natural honey and beekeeping products.
- Interested in beekeeping? This is the perfect opportunity to connect with experts and learn more about becoming a beekeeper!
- Discover local gardening tips and products from gardening experts and local farmers.
- Explore Wellington merchants who will be offering special food, drinks, giveaways, and much more!

Follow Us on Facebook for event updates, vendor news, and more exciting details!

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**BEES TO SEE IN JUNE**



8mm

**Green-eyed flower bee**



8mm

**Orange-vented mason bee**



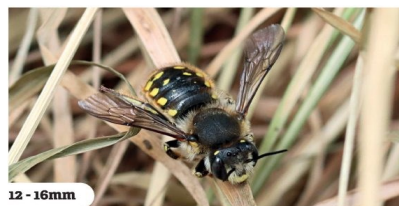
9 - 13mm

**Early bumblebee**



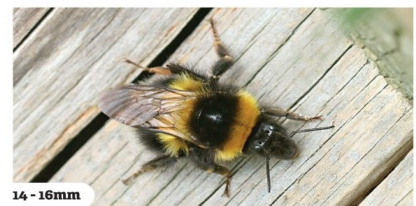
9 - 10mm

**Patchwork leafcutter bee**



12 - 16mm

**Wool carder bee**



14 - 16mm

**Garden bumblebee**



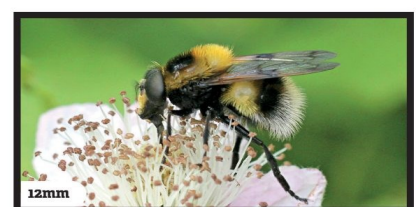
14 - 16mm

**Red-tailed bumblebee**



20 - 24mm

**Vestal cuckoo bee**



12mm

**Bumblebee hoverfly**