



Lorain County *Beekeepers* Association



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President's Message

Greetings Fellow Beekeepers,

Mark this on your calendar: Friday March 20, 2026 at 10:46AM. It is the first day of Spring! That's only 7 weeks away. I hope last month's meeting on cleaning and repairing equipment has motivated you to make use of this time. It should also give plenty of time to read about bees and peruse catalogues for the next best beekeeping 'thing'.

The next monthly meeting will be on February 13th. At 6PM Sheila St Clair will give an update on the Building Fund and answer questions about the who, what, where, when and anything New Building. At 7:00 PM our speaker will be Brad Deering from the Ohio Department of Agriculture. He will talk about the "State of Beekeeping in Ohio and ODA changes in Beekeeping Policy".

This month we are also having our Soup Cook-Off. So get out your best soup recipes. 1st Place Prize -\$40; 2nd Place Prize -\$30; 3rd Place Prize - \$20

The Beginner Beekeeping Classes start Friday March 6th, 7 PM, in the Church. Any member who is current with their 2026 dues is welcome to sit in on the classes at no charge.

The Ms. Honey Bee's High Tea is March 8th. Please sign up if you can help set-up, serve and clean up. Raffle baskets are also needed. Please consider donating something - created or purchased. Also please return honey bears for the tables at the Tea at this month's meeting.

Stay warm everyone and see you February 13th,

Marilyn

Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

Congratulations to our 50/50 Raffle Winner!!

January's Members Meeting Winner

Kathy Beal !!

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

REMINDER!!!

February Members Meeting

LCBA SOUP OFF



***Bring a crock pot of your favorite soup to be judged by your fellow beekeepers
at the February meeting and see if your soup recipe is a winner!***

***Please call or text Nancy Koenig at 440-829-1745 if you plan on participating to help us
prepare for the number of entries. Please bring a copy of your recipe, ladle and be here
by 6:45 to participate!***

Good Luck!

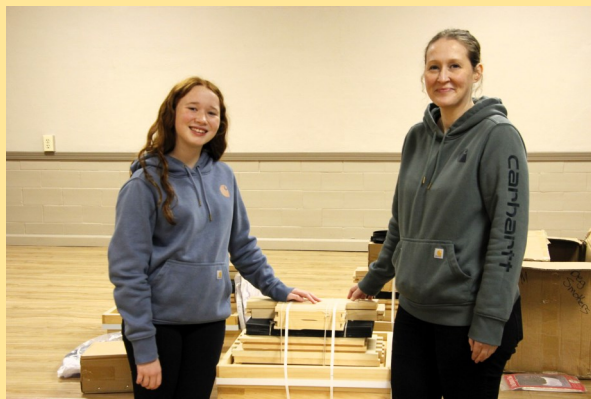
Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

If you are interested in being a mentor for our 2026 Beginners Beekeeping Class, please contact Marilyn Teeple at m.teep70@gmail.com. Mentors help answer questions from new beekeepers about their hives. It can involve chatting on the phone, sending pictures to help determine if the hive is on track or having problems and possibly visiting the hive, it is your call. If you are interested, please let Marilyn know your name, best phone number or email address to reach you and your home city location. Students will look for mentors that are close to their home.

If you are a member with your 2026 dues paid by March 1, you are welcome to sit in on our Beginner Beekeeping classes for a review. We only ask that you let us know in advance you will be attending so we can make sure we have space for everyone. Please let Marilyn Teeple know at m.teep70@gmail.com or you can sign up at the February Members Meeting.

Sheila St. Clair will be presenting a Building Fund Talk for all members interested in attending on February 13, 6 pm, prior to our members meeting at 7 pm. Please bring any questions you may have.

YEP PROGRAM UPDATES



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MORE YEP PROGRAM UPDATES



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January's Meeting —

Cleaning, Repairing and Spring Prep on Your Hives



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



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, Hinckley, 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: _____

www.loraincountybeekeepers.org



2026 31st Annual Beginner Beekeeping Class

Lorain County Beekeepers Association

FRIDAYS: March 6, 13, 20, & 27

*Join us for our Annual Beginner Beekeeping Class
and discover the fascinating world of honey bees!*



This class covers everything from essential beekeeping equipment and the honey bee life cycle to managing your hive through the first months, as well as summer and fall care. Hands-on hive openings will be offered on Saturdays in April and May, and the book *Beekeeping for Dummies* will be available for purchase to guide you throughout your beekeeping journey.

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 PM **Location:** Life Church, 1033 Elm Street, Grafton, OH 44044

Cost: \$50 – includes the class, a one year LCBA Membership and a monthly email newsletter for you and other family members living at the same address.

Memorial Garden Hands-On

Date: April 18, 25 and May 2, 9
Time: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Classes Descriptions:

- March 6: Beekeeping Equipment
- March 13: Managing Your Beehive
- March 20: First 2 Months as a Beekeeper
- March 27: Summer & Fall Management
- April 10: Members Meeting

Hands-On Field Day

June 6 - Rain or Shine

Time: 10:00 AM

Where: Queen Right Colonies
43655 State Route 162
Spencer, Ohio 44275



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www.loraincountybeekeepers.org



Ms. Honey Bee's High Tea



Lorain County Beekeepers Association

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to Benefit
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**Sunday
March 8, 2026**

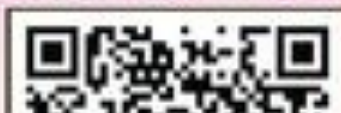
Luncheon at 1:00 PM *(Doors open at 12:15 PM)*

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