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January 2019 NEWSLETTER



President's Message

Mike France, LCBA President

With the beekeeping season soon approaching for beekeepers we hope to be a great resource during your adventure. Our Lane County club continues to meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM for the main program. Over the past few years we have added an additional meeting at 6:15PM on subjects that may be more in depth or specific than our general meeting. If you are ready to soak up some great beekeeping information please plan on attending as many meetings as you can make it to.

In January we are excited to kick off the New Year with Dr Ramesh Sagili as our featured speaker. We always look forward to his presentation. Introducing Dr Sagili to new club members allows them to understand that there is more to beekeeping than just setting up a hive in their backyard. The research on bee health that Dr Sagili's OSU team conducts is often eye-opening to new beekeepers.

The Lane County Beekeepers Association had our elections in November bringing some great members to our club positions.

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The Honey Bee Health Coalition has produced two new tools for beekeepers, "Best Management Practices for Hive Health" and "Varroa Guide". Be sure to check our Dewey Caron's article on page 7.

In January we have one of the clubs main yearly events in Eugene the Good Earth Home, Garden & Living Show. The club answers many questions and interacts with community members. We also educate the public on beekeeping. Often we will hear stories of community members and their favorite bee sting story. We have great community exposure by hosting our yearly booth.

We look forward to seeing all of our current and new club members at our meeting in January.

GENERAL MEETING:

January 15, 2019

Be sure to attend the first meeting of 2019. The club is providing delicious sandwiches and snacks. Members are encouraged to bring their favorite honey dessert or dishes to share!

**Come early 7:00 pm
for yummy food and to
socialize.**

**Speaker: Dr. Ramesh Sagili,
OSU Honey Bee Lab**

**Topic: Research Updates
from the Honey Bee Lab at OSU"**

Trinity United
Methodist Church
440 Maxwell Road
Turn West off River Road
in Eugene (South of Beltline)

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Upcoming Events & Announcements

Jan 16th - Linn Benton Beekeeping Assoc. Meeting

Speaker: Amber Reese, Oregon Master Beekeeper program working towards her Master Level certification.

Location: Corvallis Waldorf School, 3855 NE Hwy 20

<http://www.lbba.us>

Jan 19th-21st - Good Earth Home, Garden & Living Show

Location: Lane County Fairground

LCBA will have a booth.

Jan 23rd - Central Coast Beekeepers Assoc.

Speaker: Dr. Eric Brown, Getting Antibiotics for Bees

Location: Newport Library, 35 NW Nye St. Newport

<http://www.ccbaoor.org/>

Feb 9th - "Oregon Coast Honey Lovers Festival"

Location: Yachats Commons, 441 Hwy 101 & around town, Yachats, 10:00 am to 9:00 pm

Sponsored by: Yachats Chamber of Commerce

Feb 14th-15th - PNW Pollinator Summit & Conference

Location: CH2M Hil Alumni Center, OSU, Corvallis

Feb 9th - Washington State Beekeepers Conference

Location: Eastern Washington University, Cheney, WA

Two speaker tracks include a science track and a hobby track. \$10 for WASBA members, \$35 for non-WASBA members.

Registration and info: <https://mailchi.mp/14660ed1b91f/speaker-lineup-for-wasba-conference-2926713?e=aeceb0e5f9>

March 2nd - BEEvent Pollinator Conference

Location: Linn County Fair & Expo Center, Albany

Sponsored by: Linn County Master Gardeners

March 9th—LCBA Bee School

Location: Trinity Untied Methodist Church, Eugene

Kelly's Beekeeping Website: "Lane County Hiveways"

Follow Kelly as she does her inspections, observations, and other beekeeping activities.

<http://lanecountyhiveways.com/>

Florence Garden Club—visit their Face Book page at

www.facebook.com/FGCOR.



Fifth Annual

BEEvent Pollinator Conference

Saturday, March 2, 2019

Linn County Fair & Expo Center, Albany

Cost: \$30

Leaf cutter bees and bumble bees are expected to be the focus for the 5th conference.

A full day of wonderful speakers, vendors, and citizens who are concerned about the plight of our pollinators!

For more information and registration:

<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/linn/beeevent>



PNW Pollinator Summit & Conference

Feb 14-15, 2019

Workshops - FEB 16

Location: Oregon State University, Corvallis

Keynote Speakers:

Sam Droege - Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, US Geological Survey

Elina Niño - Apiculture Extension and Research, UC Davis

Rebecca Tonietto - The Porch Project, University of Michigan-Flint

A two-day conference and an additional day of workshops designed to "connect-the-dots" between research, extension and application. This meeting is for extension agents, natural resource professionals, land managers, educators, as well as pollinator enthusiasts who want to develop or enhance the pollinator programming in their area. Conference talks will be mixed with discussion sessions, allowing participants to network and identify local knowledge and education gaps. In short, this will NOT be a conference to learn about the state of pollinator health, best practices, or new research. This will be a conference to highlight and connect agencies that have successful programs working in pollinator health. We want to understand what has been working across the state, and connect local organizations together in order to strengthen and understand the efforts in our own regions.

Together we can make the PNW region the most pollinator-friendly place in the world!

To learn more about the program:

<https://www.oregonbeeproject.org/pnwpollinators2019>

2019 LCBA Bee School & Scholarships

Bee School

Date: March 9, 2019

Time: 8:45 am - 5:00 pm

Location: Trinity United Methodist Church, Eugene, OR

Cost: Individual \$40 (includes class book)

Couple (2) \$60 (includes 1 class book)

If you or someone you know would like to attend Bee School please let us know. We are taking registrations now for bee school. Space is limited and we always fill up quickly so get your registrations in. Pre-registration is required.

Bee School is a full day of learning. Classes & workshops will cover the first year of keeping honey bees using Langstroth equipment. This is a great class for beginning beekeepers and those wanting to learn what is involved before becoming a beekeeper.

Note: Warre & Top Bar Hives and Treatment Free Beekeeping are not covered.

Contact Pam Leavitt for registration form at pamseaver2000@yahoo.com or by phone 541-344-4228

Scholarships

As part of our association's ongoing effort to encourage and support the continuing education of its members, the Lane County Beekeepers Association is once again offering scholarships for the LCBA 2019 Bee School.

It is not necessary to own a colony of bees or to have the necessary equipment to apply for this scholarship. Bee School is as an opportunity to learn what is involved prior to investing in beekeeping.

Application forms will be available at our January meeting and can also be requested by email or US mail. If you have any questions or would like to request a form contact please contact:

Katharine Hunt 541-607-0106 keehhunt@gmail.com

Bee School Snacks

If you can help with snacks for bee school please contact Anita Jones. There will be a sign up sheet at the January meeting or if you are unable to attend just let her know. Our members always come through with yummy goodies. We are needing finger foods - deserts, muffins, veggies, cheese and crackers, etc.

Anita Jones: anita_ninaretired@gmail.com 541-937-2244

Honey Donations

Thanks to everyone who donated honey for the Good Earth Home, Garden & Living Show. Honey sales at the LCBA booth will help pay for the booth. We are still accepting donations of a quart or larger container. Please contact Katharine Hunt if you would like to arrange to donate some honey or you can bring it to the January meeting. We will have a drawing after the home show for a gift certificate for those that donated.

Katharine Hunt: keehhunt@gmail.com
541-607-0106

Inside the Mind of a Bee

Click on the link below to learn about bee brains and how they work. Be sure to check out the video too, a bumble bees pulling strings and rolling balls to get sugar water rewards. Amazing.!

<https://aeon.co/essays/inside-the-mind-of-a-bee-is-a-hive-of-sensory-activity>

Welcome New Members

Denise Cater	Oakridge
Kevin Murphy	Springfield
Harry Steinmetz	Eugene
Nancy Honer	Creswell

2019 Membership Dues

It's time to renew your 2019 membership dues. If you are not sure if you owe or not contact Nancy Ograin at 541-935-7065 or nancy.ograin@gmail.com.

Be sure to let her know also if your contact information has changed.



**November Meeting Highlights
by Jodi Wiktorowski, Secretary**

Announcements:

- Elections were held for the 2019 LCBA Officers and Board of Directors.

- Pam reminded members to see the article in the LCBA November newsletter on the small hive beetle.
- Pam thanked Jim Rundall, Max Kuhn, Rebecca Fain, Rick Olson and our members who come early each month for setting up our meeting chairs.



2019 Officers & Board of Directors

Jim Rundall - Vice President, Polly Habliston - Treasurer, Jodi Wiktorowski - Secretary, Paula Mance - Board Member, Brian McKinley - new Board Member, Rebecca Fain - Board member, Fonta Molyneaux - Board Member, Kelly Goodwin - Board Member, Mike France - President

How do you view your honey?

In Europe, honey is a health food. It is respected, has value, is a staple in Europeans diets and is held in esteem as a food and a life enhancer. In America, we don't culturally embrace honey in the same way. We don't have history with honey, and generational memories. We need to teach our consumers about its value in their lives. If you sell your honey, we hope you will recognize the value and promote it as a healthy local product.

Pam Leavitt

Honey Tasting: November meeting was our annual honey tasting event. Members brought honey to share and taste. There were many different varieties to taste and compare. It's so amazing how different honey can taste! Thanks to all our members who donated the honey they brought to LCBA. We bottle it up and sell it at the January home show to help pay for our informational booth. Thank You!





Food Stores November - Early Spring by Judy Scher, LCBA Webmaster

One of the most important winter chores is to lift the hive body from the bottom to check if it's light in weight. If so, it is low in honey stores. In the winter and early spring your bees will starve if they consume all of their honey reserves or they move to the edge of the hive where they no longer contact honey frames. If you have a light hive when the bees are too cold to fly, feed a solid source of pure carbohydrate in the form of cane or beet sugar. It is very easy to apply on one of those 50 degree days where you can quickly lift the hive cover and place the candy directly on the frames or inner cover.

NOTE: We are no longer recommending fondant candy. Fondant contains a chemical, HMF (hydroxymethylfurfural), which harms bees. You can read all about it on Rusty Burlew's Honeybee Suite site <https://honeybeesuite.com/hydroxymethylfurfural-in-sugar-syrup/>

There are many ways to apply the sugar to the hive. I take the shortest route and make sugar cakes:

I prepare sugar cakes by pouring out cane sugar in a bowl and adding warm water. Stir until the sugar feels like beach sand. Make these into patties (4 - 6 inches in diameter) and press over waxed paper. Before applying to the hive, trim the paper so bees can easily access the patties. Remember the bee space; you will need to use a spacer between the patties and the cover, if not using a moisture box or inner cover above the patties. Store unused patties in the freezer.



January Winter Bees

By Ken Ograin, LCBA Member

Three things you need to do?

Don't wait for a warm day to do these three things, heft your hive, clear entrance of dead bees and use your sample board. These tasks need to be done on a regular basis throughout the winter. Hefting will let you know if they need food and everyone should have some type of entrance reducer in use to keep mice out. Sample boards have a bigger use than just checking mite loads.

If you find your hive is low on food you need to apply some form of dry sugar. This can be as simple as candy canes or you can use a candy board. See Judy's article on this page or go to our club website under recipes for information on making candy boards.

It will several weeks before you will be able to use liquid sugar. You need to wait until temperatures are consistently about 50 degrees daytime temperatures and bees are flying regularly. The same holds true for entrance reducers. Keep them in and clear of dead bees until the bees keep up with household duties.

While sample boards tell you about mites, they can also tell you about the health of your hive. Learn what mouse droppings look like and the different colors of wax debris. Brood capping are dark in color while honey store cappings are light in color.

When temperatures are above 50 degrees and the sun is shining this will allow you to evaluate another indicator of your hives health. Here in the Willamette Valley pollen can be found everyday bees can fly. Right now dandelions are blooming in my pasture and heath/heather has been in bloom for some time now. All we need is a couple of days of warm weather and the filberts will be producing pollen. Filberts have no nectar, but lots of pollen. If you see bees returning with pollen this will indicate brood rearing.

Keep doing these big three until you can do an internal hive inspection. If you find a dead hive in your apiary close it up or get it out of the bee yard.

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Honey Bee Health Coalition releases new guide, tool to help beekeepers make informed hive management decisions

by Dr. Dewey M. Caron

Myrtle Beach, South Carolina & Tempe, Arizona, Jan. 9, 2019 — The Honey Bee Health Coalition unveiled two new resources for beekeepers today — a best practices guide for hive health and a decision support tool for taking on the honey bee's most dangerous parasite.

An expert team of beekeepers, entomologists, extension and regulatory agents, bee suppliers and apiary inspectors produced and reviewed **Best Management Practices for Hive Health: A Guide for Beekeepers**.

The Coalition contracted Dewey Caron, emeritus professor of entomology and wildlife ecology at the University of Delaware and affiliate professor at Oregon State University's horticulture department, to draft the 80-page guide, available for free download at <https://honeybeehealthcoalition.org/hivehealthbmps>.

"The guide includes information about safety considerations, apiary setup and maintenance, pesticide exposure, pests and diseases, queens and nutrition," Caron said. "These best management practices will be updated periodically to ensure beekeepers have access to the best possible resources and strategies."

American Honey Producers Association Vice President Chris Hiatt praised the guide saying: "Learning and understanding these techniques is vital for beekeepers, and there is a lot of questionable information out there that's not based on the latest best practices," Hiatt said. "The guide both promotes in-hive practices that strengthen bee populations and encourages beekeepers to communicate and work with farmers and landowners to improve bee health."

Kentucky state apiarist Tammy Horn Potter said, "These best practices will help beekeepers — from hobbyists to commercial — establish and maintain the conditions necessary for healthy colonies. The guide is full of helpful photos and graphics, and the Key Points to Remember summary following each chapter will especially benefit new and small-scale beekeepers."

The Coalition also launched a new free, mobile-friendly tool to accompany its [Varroa Guide](#). The **Varroa Guide**, also drafted by Dewey was first released in 2015 but Dewey has revised it and is now in its seventh edition. The Guide helps beekeepers implement practical, effective techniques to control the varroa mite, one of the honey bee's most destructive pests.

"The Varroa Guide is downloaded thousands of times every month, but in talking to beekeepers, we find many are still confused about navigating which treatments are right for their situation and conditions," said Mary Reed, Texas Apiary Inspection Service chief apiary inspector. "With this new tool, they can input their hive conditions and management preferences and receive a list of management techniques and treatment options that fit. They can then study their options using the provided information and videos before making a decision." The tool, can be found at <https://honeybeehealthcoalition.org/varrootool>.

"The tool asks beekeepers five basic questions and has links to background information if individuals are unsure of their answers," Caron said. "The tool and the full download recommends beekeepers regularly monitor and manage Varroa mites

The Coalition, a diverse group of nearly 50 organizations working to improve the health of honey bees and other pollinators in the context of production agriculture, announced both new resources at annual meetings of the American Beekeeping Federation and American Honey Producers Association. Dewey represents Western Apicultural Society (WAS) as a coalition member and represented Oregon State Beekeepers Association when they were initially a member.

Classified Ads

Bee-related classified ads cost \$5.00/month for non-members and are free to members. Classified ads run for three issues and may be renewed by contacting the editor. Bee-related business ads start at \$35 a year. To place an ad, contact Nancy Ograin by the 1st of the month. 541-935-7065 or via e-mail nancy.ograin@gmail.com.

"Free Assistance for New Beekeepers"

If you need help or advice in the construction of your wooden ware, LCBA member Lee Yamada is offering his woodworking knowledge free of charge.

Contact Info: **LEE YAMADA**
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 541-844-1206

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