

Re: Honey Judging 2018: Lewis County Beekeepers

Dear Beekeepers,

This year, LCBA will not be at the Southwest Washington Fair. However, we **are** holding a 2018 Honey Judging contest, as well as our People's Choice Tasting contest, and you are warmly invited to submit your honey to either or both. Details follow:

### **2018 Honey Judging**

- **When & where judging will take place: evening of Wednesday, September 12; winners will be announced at LCBA's September 13 monthly meeting**, 6:30 pm at Centralia College, Washington Hall 103, 701 W. Walnut, Centralia WA 98531. Judging will be done by Education Coordinator Peter Glover and Community Outreach Coordinator Dan Maughan.
- **When & where to submit your honey: please bring your honey between Monday, September 10 and Wednesday, September 13 (deadline 4pm on the 13<sup>th</sup>) to LCBA Secretary Susanne Weil's office at Centralia College, Trans-Alta Commons 316.** The TAC building is next door to Washington Hall, where LCBA meets (see address above). Take the elevator to the third floor and follow signs for faculty offices; there will be a box outside Susanne's door for you to leave your honey. (If you run into problems finding it, please call Susanne, 360 880 8130).
- **What to submit:**
  - So that the shape/size of the jars is uniform (& thus not a factor in judging), please submit your honey in a one pint Queenline Jar – if you are an LCBA member and need one of these jars, please contact Susanne at [secretary@lcba.community](mailto:secretary@lcba.community) to pick one up.
  - Please put your jar in a bag with your name on it – please, no identifying markings on the jar itself.
  - If submitting the honey at the college is a problem, please contact Susanne to see if we can work out an alternative.
- **Tips on Honey Presentation:** For judging criteria and tips on making your honey look its best, please see our website for a slideshow of tips and our honey judging score card: [http://lewiscountybeekeepers.org/education/preparing\\_your\\_honey\\_for\\_fair\\_judging](http://lewiscountybeekeepers.org/education/preparing_your_honey_for_fair_judging)
- **Still need to spin your honey?** LCBA has a loaner extractor & extracting kit for members. For details, please see our August Newsletter: [http://lewiscountybeekeepers.org/yahoo\\_site\\_admin/assets/docs/LCBA\\_August\\_2018\\_Newsletter.213131905.pdf](http://lewiscountybeekeepers.org/yahoo_site_admin/assets/docs/LCBA_August_2018_Newsletter.213131905.pdf) If you have never extracted honey and would like some guidance, please contact Susanne and we'll arrange to spin your honey with the help of a mentor using a club extractor at our apiary.
- We hope you will submit your honey!

**People's Choice Honey Tasting Contest – where the public votes for their favorite**

**Where:** This year's People's Choice contest will take place at Seedpod Farm's Fall Harvest Festival & Crafts Fair on Saturday, September 22. Seedpod Farm is at 2330 Howard Ave, Centralia WA 98531 – off old 99.

**When:** To submit your honey, bring a half pint jar (type does not matter) to the venue between 9:30 and 10 a.m. on Sept 22. Attendees at the festival will vote for the winner. This is a great opportunity for Lewis County residents to experience the widely varying tastes of raw local honey. **Also, LCBA members are welcome to sell their honey at the club table.** We'll have the Observation Hive, displays & giveaways, & many local farmers and crafts vendors will have their wares available. There will also be plenty of events for kids. It should be a fun day for all!

**Questions? Contact Susanne at the email or phone below.**

Take care, and bee happy,

Susanne

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