

## Lewis County Beekeepers' Association: *December 2009 Newsletter*

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- **Upcoming Events -- Mark Your Calendars!**
  - **Dec. 9 – Christmas Potluck & Meeting @ Newaukum Grange, 7 p.m. – directions below!**
- **Minutes from our November 11 Business Meeting**
- **Short Agenda for business meeting at our potluck ☺**

### **HOLIDAY POTLUCK INFORMATION:**

#### **First Annual Holiday Potluck Dinner!**

**When: Wednesday, December 9, 2009, 7 p.m.**

**Where: The Newaukum Grange, 104 Browns Road East, Chehalis, WA (directions are below)**

**Bring: a dish of food to share & a plate, cutlery, and cup to eat/drink from**

**The Grange has tables and chairs, 3 ranges, a refrigerator, and plug-ins for hot pots. LCBA will provide coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and napkins. We will have a short business meeting with updates on our ongoing projects and plans for 2010.**

**Directions from I-5, Exit 77:**

- **Left onto Hwy 6 West.**
- **Left onto Riverside Rd.**
- **Riverside Road turns into Shorey Rd.**
- **Continue on Shorey Road until stop sign at Hwy. 603: Grange is across the street.**

Questions? Contact Susanne Weil, LCBA Secretary, at [susanne.beekeeper@gmail.com](mailto:susanne.beekeeper@gmail.com) or by phone: 360 880 8130.

### **MINUTES OF 11-11-09 BUSINESS MEETING**

- **SPEAKER:** Harvard Robbins, longtime Tacoma beekeeper, spoke and gave a Q&A session. I apologize that I have not had time to write up notes from his talk yet—check for the next newsletter!
- **President Bob Harris** called the meeting to order and acknowledged the service of veterans among us.
- **New Faces!** Brett Barnts, Sandy Bradley, Gabe and Di Anzelini, Jamie Allwine, Todd and Katie Lamphere, and John and Marie Panesko introduced themselves.

Our Mason Bee speaker from last June, Jim (“Kimo”) Thielges, re-introduced himself as a new LCBA member.

- **HOLIDAY POTLUCK:**

- Susanne reported on planning for our first annual holiday potluck, Wednesday, 12/9/09, 7 p.m. at the Newaukum Grange. The Grange is charging us \$75 for rental of the hall, and Susanne and Sheila are arranging for a liability insurance coverage certificate.
- The Grange has tables and chairs for 150 people, industrial size coffee makers (one 40-50 cups and one larger; filters not needed), a hotpot, 3 ranges, plug-ins for crock-pots, and a refrigerator. They do not have a fireplace. The LCBA Board will provide coffee tea, hot chocolate, and napkins. To help with cleanup, members are asked each to bring a plate, cutlery, and a cup to drink from, plus a dish to share.
- If members want to bring bee-related products for folks to buy as holiday gifts, they are welcome.
- Brandy DeMelt, Bob Harris, Judy Nichols, and Susanne will be the planning committee. Bob is inviting students in the WSU Extension beekeeping class to come to the potluck.

- **UPDATES ON LCBA PROJECTS:**

- **Nonprofit Status:** Peter and Bob reported that we are now certified by the state of Washington. Peter is working on the next step: 501(c)3 paperwork.
- **WSU Extension Apprentice Beekeeping Course:** 24 are taking the class, which has been meeting on Wednesday evenings, taught by Bob and Norm Switzler, our LCBA Vice President.
- **WASBA Apprentice Beekeeping Course:** If you have completed test sheets, give them to Bob for scoring! Bob announced new graduates Judy Nichol, Bob Tuininga, and Dwayne Slump.
- **4-H Project:** Bob and Norm will run this program for youth interested in learning beekeeping, starting this January. Several local farmers are willing to let 4H kids put hives on their farms. The Farm Bureau will give some start up funds for kids who need help acquiring equipment. Bob will put out an “SOS for used equipment”; also, he will put out a call for volunteers to help mentor the kids. A number of them do not have a father in their household.

- **Update on LCBA T-shirts and caps:** Bob reported that Queensboro just lowered prices. Bob modeled a short-sleeved T-shirt with the LCBA logo on the left breast pocket which he bought for \$12. They have T-shirts, long-sleeved shirts, caps, etc. They offer an unconditional 10 year guarantee and will replace items if they get torn or broken. To order online, visit <http://www.queensboro.com> and use our LCBA logo number: **11342127**.
- **Name badges:** Bob is arranging with Alderson's to make name badges with the LCBA logo for Board members and any other members who'd like to have one.
- **LCBA mugs & tiles:** Susanne has mugs and tiles, made from Sharette's logo and Susanne's and Bob's photos by Copy Depot/Precision Printing, available for sale to benefit LCBA educational programs. Mugs are \$15 and tiles are \$5 (Susanne and Peter fronted the cost and profits go to LCBA, \$5 per mug and \$1 per tile): 4 different designs were available for sale at the meeting and will be available at the potluck in December.
- **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Sarah Roebas, LCBA Treasurer, reminded us that October was "membership month," when annual dues are due. It's \$2 per month for individuals/families to join LCBA, so \$24 per year, with a \$10 initial fee for newly joining members. New members may mail a check, payable to the Lewis County Beekeepers' Association, to Sarah at P.O. Box 771, Tenino WA 98589.
- **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**
  - **January: Date TBA: Hive-building workshop** at Bob's Rose of Sharon Farm. We will hold this on a weekend (we'll decide the date at our December potluck meeting), and it will be in lieu of our regular monthly meeting. This will be an opportunity to use Bob's equipment, see techniques demonstrated, and get ready to start beekeeping in spring (or expand the number of hives you already have!).
  - **February 10 Meeting: Topic TBA.** Suggestions included finding someone who could talk about bee-related crafts (candle-making, lotions, etc.). Sharette shared how she and Tim researched this online and made buckets of wax on their kitchen floor; they have solid blocks for use. Susanne will talk to Sharette more and check with Paul Lundy of WASBA, who might know the gentleman who owned a company that did candle-making and had a demonstration at the "WSU Bee Days" event. Also suggested were talks by Paul Lundy himself and/or Bob Smith, who is our Area 2 state representative to WASBA.

- **March 10: Dr. Dewey Caron** will meet with us. Dr. Caron retired after teaching bee science for 40 years at the University of Delaware and has settled in Portland. He is a fountain of bee lore and information!
- **SHORT AGENDA FOR 12-9-09 BUSINESS MEETING:**
  - Planning Ruhl Bees trip
  - Updates on LCBA projects
  - Planning January Hive Building Workshop
- **General information items:**
  - *Need Help with Your Bees? Call LCBA Secretary Susanne at 360 880 8130 or email [Susanne.beekeeper@gmail.com](mailto:Susanne.beekeeper@gmail.com), and she will put you in touch with a mentor in your area.*
  - *LCBA Swap Meet—real or virtual!* Got bee equipment to sell, swap, or give away? Email or call Susanne (see above). Have a “bee wish list”? Email that, too.
  - *Got a great honey-related recipe?* If you’d like to share it with Susanne, she’ll include it with an upcoming newsletter.

Respectfully submitted,  
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