

## Lewis County Beekeepers' Association: *January 2010 Newsletter*

### **OUR JANUARY MEETING—PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE & LOCATION!**

**Saturday, January 16, noon: Hive-building workshop** at Bob Harris' Rose of Sharon Farm [contact information removed from online edition]. We will hold this workshop *instead of* our regular monthly meeting. Come on out and take advantage of this opportunity to use Bob's equipment, share techniques, and get ready to start beekeeping in spring—or to expand the number of hives you already have! Bob's barn is now fully insulated, and there will be coffee and tea on hand.

#### **Do you need hive building materials for the workshop? If yes:**

*\* Bob is going to Ruhl Bees in Portland on Tuesday, January 12. Email [Robert@RoseofSharonfarm.com](mailto:Robert@RoseofSharonfarm.com) if you'd like to place an order and/or ride along.*

*\* Jason Sherwood has both hive building materials and pre-assembled hives, as well as smokers, wax and plastic foundation boards, and, of course, bees! To place an order, call [contact information removed from online edition] or email him.*

**December Potluck:** We had a great turnout at the Newaukum Grange for our first annual LCBA Holiday Potluck. Thanks to all the cooks, and especially to Judy Nichols for baking a holiday turkey, trimmings, and centerpieces, as well as to Brandy DeMelt for the festive pine bough décor, and Bob for bringing the libations. . . .

#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

- **February 10, 7 p.m., back at the Extension classroom, Old Chehalis Courthouse building. Speaker: Robert Smith, our Area 2 WASBA representative. Robert has been a beekeeper since 1977 and teaches beginning beekeeping. He will talk with us about his concerns that medicating bees is not helpful; about transitioning hives from winter to spring; and about how conservative harvesting of honey in fall can help bees over-winter. At our business meeting: updates on LCBA projects (Apprentice course, 4H, nonprofit status, bees for “newbies,” etc.).**
- **March 10 Meeting: Speaker TBA.**
- **April 14: 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 font of bee lore and information!
- **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.
- ***LCBA T-shirts and caps:*** Queensboro has lowered their prices on LCBA 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.**

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