

Dear Beekeepers,

Your April LCBA Newsletter unfortunately is delayed, but this email is to update everyone on our upcoming events.

April 11 Monthly Meeting: First and foremost, this Thursday, our April speaker will be Megan Asche, Ph.D. student, WSU Entomology. Megan will share insights from her Masters' research at WSU's Honey Bee Lab, focused on how foraging and hygienic behavior compares between different honey bee strains. She'll also share her current research into the predator/prey relationship between yellow jackets and honey bees – hopefully we may learn some tips to help us protect the bees when the yellowjackets become problematic this summer. (If you can't make Megan's talk this Thursday, you have another chance – she'll be giving the college's STEM Science "Rising Tide" lecture on Friday the 12th at noon in WSC 121, our meeting room – free and open to the public.) After Megan's talk, we'll have beekeeping Q&A and a short business meeting, including a sign-up for volunteers for the Spring Youth Fair. Speaking of which....

Spring Youth Fair, May 4-5: LCBA will again have a booth at the Youth Fair with our Observation Hive, Honey Tasting Challenge, "bee the bee face" photo board, and other fun features for the kids. We'll be in the Exposition Building, and we still need volunteers – Pamela will be happy to sign you up this Thursday! Our volunteers receive free tickets and parking passes to the Fair.

Honey Bee Survival Surveys Are Live till April 30! Both the PNW and the BeeInformed Partnership surveys are open this month – please consider participating to help bee scientists help us beekeepers and our colonies! Dr. Dewey Caron will be our August speaker, and he will share how our Lewis County results compare with those across the state and region. LCBA was the #1 responder to the PNW survey in 2017 – let's keep it going!

BeeInformed Partnership National Colony Loss and Management Survey (2018-2019) URL:
<https://26.selectsurvey.net/beeinformed/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=LMS2019#>

PNW Honey Bee Survey: <http://pnwhoneybeesurvey.com/survey/>

Bee Sales – and Delivery Dates: We have been sending update emails to those who ordered bees through the club this year. If you ordered bees, but have not received these emails, please, email me asap so that I can update you! We and our vendors appreciate everyone's patience as the weather and other factors have caused some dates to change. Ah, well: the sight of our new girls will be even sweeter when they arrive.

More Events: Just FYI, our May 9 monthly meeting falls in the middle of everyone's favorite season – Swarm Season! Kevin, Cody, and others will share their tips and tricks for bamboozling those swarming bees into your apiary. Have a great swarm capture tale? Please, come share it! On May 11, Megan Asche will be back to give a "bee photography workshop" at our club apiary – more details soon. Our June 13 meeting will feature Peter, Rick, and others sharing their strategies for planting late season forage to support bees during the dearth to help them build up on natural forage, not just syrup, for the winter to

come. Finally, please mark your calendar for LCBA's 11th annual Summer Potluck at Lintott Park, 3 to 7 pm on Saturday, July 13.

I hope to get the April Newsletter out this coming weekend and apologize for the delay. Meanwhile, I hope to see you at this Thursday's meeting!

Take care, and bee happy,

Susanne

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