

Knox - Lincoln County Beekeepers Community Outreach Events

The mission of KLCB is to promote education in matters related to bees and backyard beekeeping and to promote successful beekeeping in the Maine counties of Knox and Lincoln. Throughout the year, KLCB is involved in community events promoting beekeeping.

Informational and educational tables are set up and manned by experienced and new beekeepers alike. Weather permitting there is an observation hive featuring live honey bees. Most people find the tables by following the smoke coming from the bee smoker. The hive acts like a magnet drawing both children and adults leading to many questions about the bees. This is a great way to fulfill the KLCB mission.

If you are a new beekeeper, don't feel that you can't help. You will have an experienced person at the table, the presentation or in the classroom with you. And there are always opportunities to help set up and break down. It's a great way to reach out to the community and to get to know club members.

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January 2020

Monday, January 20

6 to 9 pm

Medomak Valley High School
RSU 40 Adult Education



Is Beekeeping Right for You?

This program "Introduction to Learning Beekeeping" and is not a complete "how to keep bees" course but an introduction to help one decide if beekeeping is for them.

There is information about honey bees, challenges and successes, where to get them, what you need, how much time and investment is involved. There will be a PowerPoint presentation and demonstrations with opportunities to have a hands-on experience with personal equipment.

The instructor is Jean Vose, a beekeeper from Knox-Lincoln County Beekeepers, who has been keeping bees in her backyard for more than 30 years.

February 2020

<p>Thursday, February 20 6:30 to 7:45 pm Boy Scout Troop #1750 The Old Brick Schoolhouse Community Center 44 School St., Warren FMI contact Troop Leader, Troy Nelson at 542-0499 or tl.me1750@aol.com</p>  <p>BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">The Honey Bee</p> <p>This program is an introduction for the scouts to the honey bee found in their back yards. They will learn about the kinds of bees in the hives, the queen, and how they work and live. There will be a short PowerPoint presentation and demonstrations with opportunities to have a hands-on experience with personal equipment.</p> <p>The instructor is Jean Vose, a beekeeper from Nobleboro and Knox-Lincoln County Beekeepers, who has been keeping bees in her backyard for more than 30 years. Beekeeper Maisie Sturtevant also from Nobleboro will assist with demonstrations.</p>
March 2020	
<p>Saturday, March 14 (Snow day following day) 9 am to 2pm Spicer Bees 373 Hunts Meadow Road, Whitefield</p>  <p>www.spicerbees.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Spicer Bees Spring Open House</p> <p>Hosted by Dave Spicer, past President KLCB and current President of MSBA and his wife Susan.</p> <p>Get your apiary ready for spring!</p> <p>Raffles for a 3 lb. package of bees, honey supers and more, giveaways to the first 50 visitors, local club information and refreshments will be provided. Maine's first Master Beekeeper, Rick Cooper, will be the special guest to answer questions and discuss how to best prep your hives for spring after a brutal winter season.</p> <p>This event is a great opportunity not only for established beekeepers, but also for newcomers still wondering whether or not beekeeping is for them. Visit the Facebook page for current information.</p>
May 2020	
<p>Saturday, May 2 9 am to 2 pm Union Fairgrounds 175 Fairgrounds Rd, Union</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Knox-Lincoln Soil & Water Conservation District Spring Plant Sale</p> <p>The goal of this sale is to provide the community with high quality, bareroot plants at a reasonable price - from fruit trees and berries, to mostly native and always non-invasive trees, shrubs, and organic, field-grown perennials and herbs. The selections are excellent for conservation and ornamental plantings, AND great choices for pollinators, beneficial insects, and wildlife.</p> <p>The plants offered come from a variety of nurseries and growers, some local and some far</p>

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away. FMI about this sale, visit the KLSWD website at <http://www.knox-lincoln.org/online-plant-catalog/>

KLCB members man a Beekeeping Educational Booth with an observation hive and lots of info on bees, beekeeping, and how to become a beekeeper.

June 2020

Tuesday, June 30

11:15 am to 1:00 pm

Thomaston Public Library
60 Main St, Thomaston



FMI -
<http://www.thomaston.lib.me.us/children-s-programming.html>

40 Days of Summer – 7th Year

40 Days of Summer is an activities-and-lunch program for school-aged children from Thomaston and surrounding communities. Conceived by a group of volunteers in 2014, the program was begun to address the lack of a summer food program for the school children of Thomaston and surrounding communities. Because of the percentage of children receiving free or reduced lunches we are able to take advantage of the Federal Summer Lunch program. In an effort to make this more than a "bag lunch" pick-up, an activities program was added, and the program is open to all children in the community regardless of household income level.

KLCB has been a participant in this program for many years. There is a beekeeping table with an observation hive, equipment and the smoker going.

This year we are staying for the Read Aloud program following lunch.

July 2020

Monday, July 20

6 pm to 8 pm

Thomaston Public Library
60 Main St, Thomaston

Beekeeping in the Maine Backyard

KLCB members will present the program that provides information about honey bees including a history of honey bees in North America. It includes basic information on bee biology, kinds of bees in the hive and their role, a look inside the hive and how to get started. After the slide show presentation and questions, there follows a hands-on demonstration with the group. In addition, there are handouts and an observation hive of live bees for viewing.

Sunday, July 26

10 am to 3 pm

Brae Maple Farm
233 North Union Rd, Union

Open Farm Day

Open Farm Day is an annual family adventure in which farms throughout all 16 counties open



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their gates to offer the public an opportunity to learn about the business of agriculture. Open Farm Day gives families the chance to visit local farms throughout the state.

Tour these MOFGA certified market gardens. Master Gardener Volunteers celebrate more than 20 years of growing vegetables for 'plant-a-row for the hungry'. Learn more about their unique garden types. Demonstrations of woodturning, spinning, and building twig fences. The Knox-Lincoln County Beekeepers provide information on honey bees and pollinators. Music by Playin' Possum. Sample herbal refreshments. Kids activities throughout the day.

KLCB has been at this event since 2001 and this is one of the largest outreaches to talk about beekeeping and how to get started in beekeeping.

August 2020

**Saturday, August 22nd through
Saturday, August 29th**

10 am to 5 pm

Union Fairgrounds,
Fairgrounds Lane, Union



Union Fair

The Union Fair bills itself as "A Real Maine Agricultural Fair." The fair, which takes place for one week every year in August, offers educational and fun activities and entertainment for all age groups. Admire the animals, feast on wild blueberries, explore the midway, and enjoy the live entertainment.

The Union Fair is also home to the State of Maine Wild Blueberry Festival. At the Wild Blueberry Building Kitchen, you can treat yourself to a variety of blueberry treats: muffins, pasties, and of course, the Maine staple: Wild Blueberry Pie.

Join KLCB at the booth featuring bee equipment, a live observation hive, information on honey bees, live bee video, and beekeepers to answer questions. As a volunteer, you receive a free pass to the fair. After or before you work your shift, you can tour the fair and be sure to sample the "fair food".

September 2020

Saturday, September 19

10 am to 4 pm

Damariscotta Hardware
423 Main St

Annual Ladies Day

Damariscotta



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KLCB members host a Honey Tasting Table with honeys from here in our community and from away – like tupelo and orange blossom.

This year an adjacent table will feature an observation hive with live honey bees [depending on weather], beekeeping equipment, and lots of info on bees, beekeeping, and how to become a beekeeper.

Fun-Tivities & Tasty Treats

Presentations by Local Hardware Experts

15% to 50% Discounts

Giveaways All Day

Hourly Door Prizes

Thursday, September 24

9:30 am to 2 pm

Union Fairgrounds, Union



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Knox-Lincoln Soil & Water Conservation District Conservation Fair

Every fall the District brings together exhibitors and presenters with students from Knox and Lincoln county schools for a day of exploring conservation topics, environmental issues, live animals and farming, music, and fun. The Conservation Fair, now in its 18th year, is held annually in September. This year grades 5-8 will be in attendance.

The fair is offered free to public, private, and home school students and is a perfect way to further the KLCB mission.

KLCB has been a participant at this fair since its beginning. KLCB members man a Beekeeping Educational Table with an observation hive and lots of info on bees, and beekeeping.