



We act as a catalyst, facilitator, and collaborator to support local and state beekeepers and others who work for environmental sustainability.

August 2020 E-Newsletter

Leadership

Online Virtual & On-Site Conference
Becoming 21st Century Leaders: Women in Beekeeping & Agriculture



Oct. 24-25, 2020

**BECOMING 21ST CENTURY LEADERS:
WOMEN IN BEEKEEPING & AGRICULTURE**

**On-site and Virtual Conference
Educational and Networking
Opportunities in
Leadership - Business - Safety**



*3 Education Tracts:
Leadership, Business, Safety*

32 different topics

Speakers are trained, experienced, licensed experts in law, accounting, biology, volunteer administration, education, leadership, and more.

Speakers will provide you with the "how to" you need to start your business, provide insightful "lessons learned" from real-world experience in management, and offer skills and strategies for personal safety in and around the bee yard and the board room.

A conference for our time: on-site and virtual online

Be A Sponsor - Celebrate An Inspirational Woman – Register to Attend

LEAD for Pollinators is excited to present this national conference at Walsh University, **October 24-25, 2020**. *Planning for all contingencies in an uncertain world, we have expanded the attendance option to*

include “virtual on-line attendance” for registered attendees. Our conference will be produced by professional conference videographers and IT specialists experienced in virtual events.

Like many activities, education for those involved in agriculture has felt the devastating impact from COVID-19 due to the cancellations of monthly member meetings, state/regional conferences, and even field days. Beekeepers and farmers still need and want education, interaction with others in their field, along with the need to expand their beekeeping and farm business and club opportunities. ***With the online virtual conference option we can offer continuing education that supports inspiring new ideas and new entrepreneurs.***

Our featured speaker at the opening day lunch will be Denise O’Brien, founding Director of the Women, Food and Agricultural Network. Denise has farmed in southwest Iowa for 37 years with her husband Larry Harris, and operated a CSA farm called Rolling Acres that includes three acres of fruits and vegetables and six acres of apples. She also raises organic chickens and turkeys. In addition to farming, she has been involved with community volunteering and policy work in the agricultural sector. Denise lobbied with the Iowa Farm Unity Coalition, directed the Rural Women’s Leadership Development Project of Prairie Fire Rural Action, Inc. and was president of the National Family Farm Coalition. Denise has served on numerous advisory boards with the Community Food Security Coalition, the Farm to School Council, and the Iowa Women’s Foundation to name a few. She was a W. F. Kellogg Food and Society Policy Fellow from 2001-2003. From 2011 to 2012, Denise was a USDA advisor in Jalalabad, Afghanistan.

For her depth of work and outreach, Denise has received the 2005 Practical Farmers of Iowa Sustainable Agriculture Award, the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Iowa Farmer’s Union and the Athena Award from the Atlantic, Iowa Chamber of Commerce. In 2000 Denise was inducted into Iowa’s Women’s Hall of Fame.

Becoming 21st Century Leaders: Women in Beekeeping & Agriculture, Oct. 24-25, 2020, will bring together (on-site and virtually online) a hive of experienced, diverse, purposeful individuals to expand the opportunities for women (and men) as keepers of the ecosystem to support the health and sustainability of honey bees, native pollinators, and beekeeping. Learn more about our scheduled speakers on our website under “[Becoming 21st Century Leaders.](#)” **REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!**

For more information and to be a sponsor or scholarship supporter visit our website at www.leadforpollinators.org, or email us at info@leadforpollinators.org .

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Your
 Inspirational
 Woman here

Celebrate an Inspirational Woman in Your life

At our Virtual On-Line & On-Site Event
 Becoming 21st Century Leaders:
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Your Inspirational Woman Sponsorship will support future
 leaders & entrepreneurs in beekeeping and agriculture

OCT. 24-25, 2020
 Barrette Business &
 Community Center,
 Walsh University,
 N. Canton, OH

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National Conference

On-Site and Virtual Online

Registration fee: \$100 per person

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 NOW
 OPEN

Pre-registration required;
 no walk-ins

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 receive a **one year digital subscription** to
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Education

We offer **24 education topics** in *Leadership, Education, Action, and Development* for beekeeping and agricultural member meetings, community groups, schools, workshops, and conferences: *online and on-site*.

We are planning our presentation schedule for 2021 now.

View our [presentation topics at our website](#). **Schedule us to speak to your group today!**

Action

Policy Actions Taken By LEAD for Pollinators during 2020:

LEAD for Pollinators Submitted Comment letters for policy & legislative actions:

1. Ohio HB 496 Ohio Apiary Owners Immunity Bill-May/June 2020
2. Proposed Decision on Some Neonics- April 2020
3. Support letter for Massachusetts Beekeepers Assn. Representative for the *Mosquito Control for the Twenty-First Century Task Force*.

We joined with fellow advocates in regulatory comment letters/petitions:

1. Beyond Pesticides-Clypyralid PID-July 2020
2. Massachusetts Neonic Scientific Literature Review June 2020
3. Beyond Pesticides- Proposed Revised Decision on Some Neonics- May 2020
4. Food & Water Watch and Friends of the Earth-Treasury Secretary Disaster Relief for Farmers- April 2020
5. Coming Clean- COVID-19 Implications for EPA's Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Program- April 2020
6. Natural Resources Defense Council –Seeking Environmental Protection Agency to rescind or replace its policy allowing companies to stop reporting how much they pollute under the guise of COVID-19.
7. LEAD for Pollinators is a Coalition member in response to Massachusetts H.4650 “An Act to Mitigate Arbovirus in the Commonwealth” with Beyond Pesticides, Clean Water Action, Conservation Law Foundation (CLF), EcoHealth Advocates, Jones River Watershed Association, Mass Audubon, Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions (MACC), Massachusetts Beekeepers Association, Massachusetts Rivers Alliance, Massachusetts Sierra Club, Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER), Northeast Organic Farming Association of Massachusetts (NOFA/Mass), Regeneration Massachusetts, and Toxics Action Center.
8. Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER) and EcoHealth Advocates to seek a Massachusetts Inspector General investigation of Massachusetts' mosquito control program.
9. Ohio HB 496: LEAD for Pollinators secured and submitted testimony in support of the Ohio Apiary Owners Immunity Bill. We worked with Beyond Pesticides to secure email support to legislators for the bill from Ohio beekeepers. The Bill passed the House. We continue to work with the Bill Sponsors to coordinate effort in the Senate to get the bill passed in the Ohio Senate.
10. Signed onto Conservation Law Foundation's amicus brief against the re-registration of Sulfoxaflor in the Ninth Circuit Court along with Center for Biological Diversity, Center for Food Safety, and Earthjustice.
11. Signed on to letter from Friends of the Earth asking Home Depot and Lowe's to remove glyphosate products from their shelves (both in store and virtual) and to increase offerings of safer alternatives.

Contact us to assist you with your local pollinator policy and advocacy concerns.
Email us at info@leadforpollinators.org

Development

Support our work through these donor affiliations.



We receive a donation from the sale of seed purchases through our website from OPN Seed. *Support our work for pollinators. Click on the OPN Seed logo to view their seed selections.*

[View a video about our work HERE](#)

Our mission is to provide leadership, education, action, and development to support the health and sustainability of honey bees, native pollinators, and the keepers of the ecosystem.

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