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LEAD for Pollinators, Inc. provides leadership, education, action and development to support the sustainability of honey bees, native pollinators, and the keepers of the ecosystem.

LEAD for Pollinators is a 501c3 non-profit organization.

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LEADERSHIP

We are featuring guest writers for our **Blog** across the next few months. Our writers are beekeepers, community activists, scientists, and agricultural and beekeeping business owners from across the US. They will share their work at the local, state, national, or even a global level on beekeeping husbandry, ecosystem health and sustainability, and community change. We announce new blogs via our social media, so connect with us on [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), or [Facebook](#) and read our guest bloggers.

Check out our [Blog](#)

Tropilaelaps; Preparedness & the Future of Beekeeping

By guest blog writer, Wendy Mather, Program Manager, California Master Beekeeper Program

<https://leadforpollinators.org/tropilaelaps-preparedness-the-future-of-beekeeping/>

Beekeeping and the Organizations that Support Us

By guest blog writer, Debbie Seib, Beekeeper; The Beekeepers of Indiana, Treasurer; Heartland Apicultural Society, Treasurer; American Beekeeping Federation, Board of Director

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New blogs are posted twice a month. Bookmark our [blog page](#) for insights from across the US.

EDUCATION

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Planning Your Member Education

From our survey in May of this year, 77% of association leaders will still offer virtual attendance to their members for their continuing education. When providing speakers *for local meetings, and state and national education* 66% of leaders said they would offer virtual speakers to save travel costs for speakers, 55% to reduce the climate impact caused by speaker travel, 88% to expand the educational opportunities to our members and group, and 77% of leaders will welcome virtual speaker participation to meet the safety and health concerns of speakers. The survey response most telling concerned feeling safe to return to large event activities:

What size event will you feel comfortable attending in person?

76% 10-25 people

23% 26-60 people

1% 61-100 people

0% 101-250 people

0% 251-500 people

0% 500+ people

Successful leaders need to adopt a “new normal.” That new normal includes the opportunities many groups discovered in being able to provide national and international speakers to their members. Many groups welcomed members from outside their county and state due to the caliber of speakers the group sponsored. Educators are not limited to just our county, state, region, or country. With virtual options local, state, and national events can provide high caliber speakers from across the country, and the globe, and reduce our carbon footprint at the same time. The speaker, as well as the conference attendees, health, travel risks and constraints must be recognized. At the time of this writing

[Canada still has restrictions](#) on US travelers to Canada. Not until August 9th does the 3 night hotel “quarantine” cease.

[READ THE FULL BLOG HERE](#)

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Groups are welcome at our scheduled webinars

Your group can join a scheduled webinar, [email us](#) for the group rate and provide education to your members.

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Outreach and Education on Social Media

Follow our Intern, Ayla Sumer through her outreach and education for LEAD for Pollinators' on our [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) pages.

View a [slide show](#) of her posts on You Tube.

<https://youtu.be/2bNIQyrfKnA>



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ACTION

LEAD for Pollinators joined with Friends of the Earth and fellow advocates seeking co-sponsors for the **Saving America's Pollinators Act (SAPA)** bill in the House of Representatives. Executive Director, Michele Colopy, and advocates met virtually with the offices of:

- Tim Ryan (D-OH-13)
- Dutch Ruppersberger (D-MD-02)

- Richard Neal (D-MA-01)
- Nikema Williams (D-GA-05)
- Katherine Clark (D-MA-05)
- Pete Aguilar (D-CA-31)

Thanks to Beyond Pesticides, NOFA-Mass, American Bird Conservancy, Central Maryland Beekeepers, Toxic Free North Carolina, and Budda Bee Apiary as we worked together to educate and inspire legislators to support SAPA.

You can encourage your Congressional Representative to support SAPA [HERE](#)

Learn about the bill [HERE](#)

[Get this poster](#)

LEAD for Pollinators hosted an exhibit table at Franklin Park Conservatory's [Pollinator Palooza](#) in June where we held a drawing for the book, [Groundbreaking Food Gardens](#), by Niki Jabbour. Jarod Arnold was the surprised, very pleased winner. He and his family were going to begin gardening, and this book provides wonderful ideas and inspiration.

Photo: L-R: Jared's daughter, "Rev. Lorenzo Langstroth," Jared Arnold.



DEVELOPMENT

Birthday Fundraiser

Thanks to Diane W. for hosting a Facebook birthday fundraiser for LEAD for Pollinators in June. *Happy birthday to Diane, and thank you to all those who supported her fundraiser.* Your contributions help us improve local and state laws and regulations for pollinators, urban farming, and pollinator habitat.


Scholarship Provided

LEAD for Pollinators provided a scholarship to new beekeeper, Micaleh Crane-Worley, to the California Master Beekeeper Program (CAMBP). Micaleh's interest in, and passing the practical exam for the Apprentice level, has inspired her to

“change [her] major from Environmental Science to Plant and Environmental Protection Sciences w/ Pest Pathogen and Invasive Species concentration.” CAMBP stated Micalah showed a “commitment to learning the material, investing the time in studying and practicing the science of beekeeping, and [her] excellence with which [she] performed on the practical examination at the South Coast Research and Extension Center in Irvine, CA” led to a glowing report from the CAMBP practical test proctor, Karine.

Congratulations to Micalah! This is just the beginning of a very interesting and awe inspiring enterprise in beekeeping for you.

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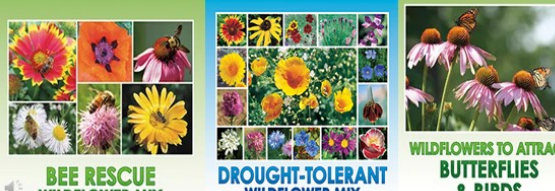
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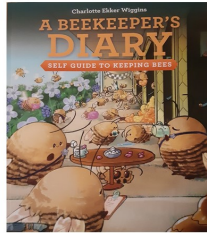
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- ❖ The Future of On-Site, In-Person Events, Conferences & Meetings: A Hybrid of On-Site & Online
- ❖ Changes to Keep As On-Site Educational and Member Meetings Return



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