Bee City Presentation

Lexington Bee Company
& LHS Bee Club

Who We Are:

Lexington Bee Company

The Lexington Bee Company

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If you are in or near Lexington Massachusetts, ask us about putting Honey

About Us

The Lexington Bee Company is owned and operated by the mother-daughter team of Alexandra and Anastasia Bartsch, with the assistance of a number of students in the Lexington (MA) High School Bee Club.
We operate about 30 colonies in Lexington Massachusetts, including colonies at two community gardens and next to the famous Lexington Battle Green. We harvest the honey in the fall, and make candles from the beeswax.

Where we sell

Our award-winning products are for sale at:

The Lexington Visitors Center on Meriam Street, downtown Lexington Massachusetts.

We also sell products through the Firefly Moon Boutique (fireflymoongift.com) on Massachusetts Avenue, downtown Lexington

Please contact us directly for inquiries through the form on the right.

Contact Us

Your Name

Name

Your Email

Email

Feedback

Please tell us your feedback.

LHS Bee Club:

-Fostering education and a common interest in bees and we also help out at Lexington Bee Company's apiaries-

- Honey harvesting
- Bulb planting
- Hive insulation
- Booths at Farmers' Market, Discovery Day, etc.

Xerces Society *for Invertebrate Conservation*

. . . is an international nonprofit organization that protects the natural world through the conservation of invertebrates and their habitats.

What is a
Bee
City?

Sign a Resolution

... to become a Bee City USA affiliate:

Bee City USA endorses a set of commitments, defined in a resolution, for creating sustainable habitats for pollinators

The Five Aspects of a Bee City:

1. Celebration
2. Publicity & Information
3. Habitat Conservation
4. Pollinator-Friendly Pest Management
5. Policy

Celebration:

Host at least one educational, pollinator habitat planting, or restoration event each year to showcase Lexington's commitment to raising awareness of pollinator conservation, expanding pollinator health, and habitat.

Cotton Farm Apple Picking Day:

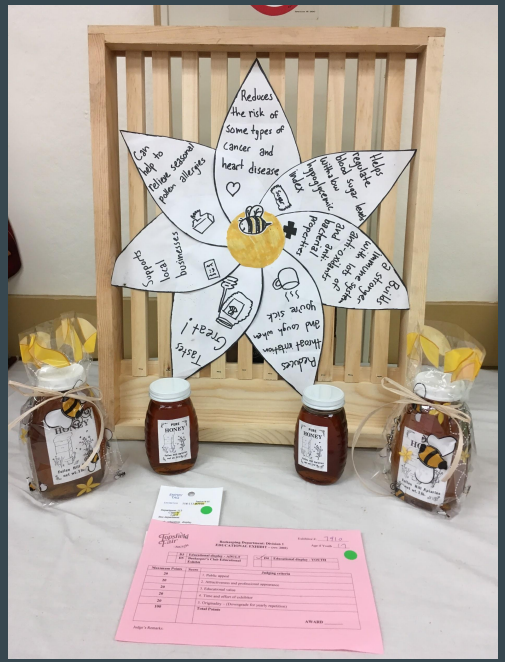
- Held at Cotton Farm apiary
- Annual Celebration
- Public participation in education and enjoyment of bees & apples
- Direct connection to pollinators

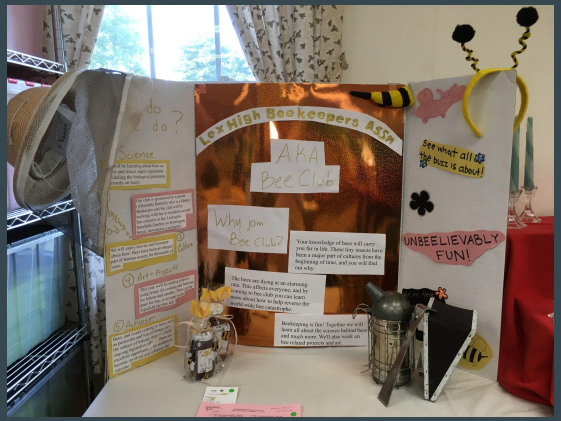
Other fairs include...

- LHS Sustainability Fair
- Chamber of Commerce Arts and Crafts Fair
- Farmers Market
- Garden Club Events

... Provide pollinator & honeybee information, fundraise, and promote **local honey**

BEE CLUB
Boston
RED SOX
LIP BALM
MADE WITH
BEESWAX
ND A TOUCH OF
WINTERGREEN


Reduces the risk of some types of cancer and heart disease
Helps regulate blood sugar levels with a low hypoglycemic index
Builds a stronger immune system with lots of anti-oxidants and anti-bacterial properties
Reduces throat irritation and cough when you're sick
Tastes Great!
Supports local businesses
Can help to relieve seasonal pollen allergies


Lex High Beekeepers Assn
AKA Bee Club
Why join Bee Club?
See what all the buzz is about!
UNBEELIEVABLY FUN!

Beeswax Food Wraps
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Two small wraps 5X5 inches
Handmade in Lexington, Massachusetts

Publicity and Information:

Install and maintain at least one authorized BEE CITY USA street sign in a prominent location

&

Maintain a webpage on the Lexington website

Maintain a sign:

Provided by Bee City USA, at a location designated by the town government

Making The World Safer For Pollinators

Bee City USA®

One City At A Time

Since 2019

Bee City USA is an initiative of the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation

Website includes...

- Bee City resolution & links to the website
- Contact info for Bee City Liaison and Committee
- Lexington's pollinator- friendly activities from the previous year(s)
- Recommended native plant species list and integrated pest management plan

Cotton Farm Revitalization Project

Habitat:

Develop and implement a program to create or expand pollinator-friendly habitat on public and private land

Work with...

Citizens for Lexington Conservation, the Lexington Field and Garden Club Tree Commission, and the Conservation Department

Promote pollinators by:

- Encouraging wildflower growth
- Limiting mowing on town lawns Pollinator friendly land management
- Promote pesticide-free lawns, pollinator-friendly lawns
- Garden Club median strips

Lexington Field

Pollinator-Friendly Environment:

- Recommended locally native plant list- wildflowers, grasses, vines, shrubs, and trees and a list of local suppliers
    - Promotion of “Bee Turf” lawns
- Track (by square footage and/or acreage) annual area of pollinator habitat created or enhanced

Pollinator-Friendly Pest Management:

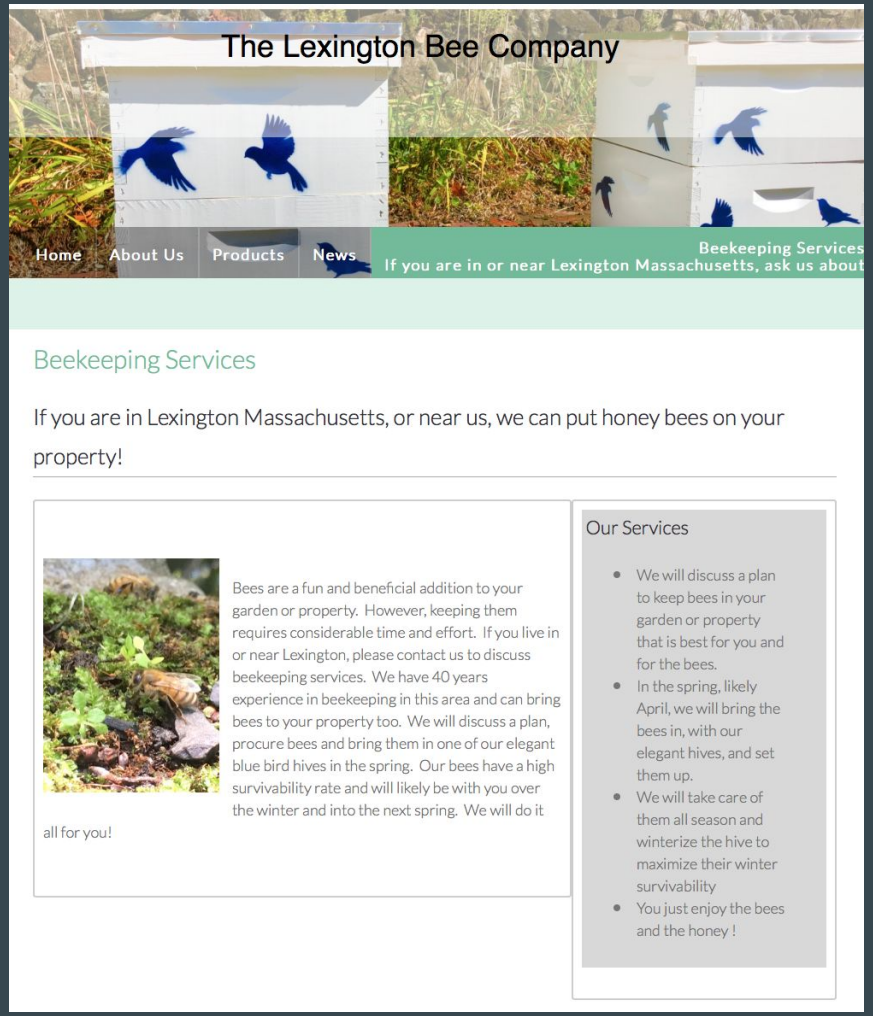
Create and adopt an integrated pest management (IPM) plan designed to prevent pest problems, reduce pesticide use, and expand the use of non-chemical pest management methods

Policy:

Establish, through the Lexington Open Space and Recreation Plan, a policy to acknowledge and commit to the Bee City USA designation

Beekeepers and mentoring of beekeeper youth:

Beekeeping services with LHS Bee Club:



Community tent at the Farmer's Market

Education through schools and community events