



Louisiana Beekeepers Association 61st Annual Convention

Country Inn and Suites
2820 Monroe Hwy
Pineville, LA 71360

Black Jar Honey Contest

HONEY ENTRY FEE: \$5.00 per entry (Cash Only)

PRIZES: Cash prizes

LOCATION: 2023 Annual LBA Convention in Pineville, LA (Registration Form has full location details.)

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES: Drop off Friday, August 25 at the registration table. All entries must be received by 10:00 AM.

JUDGING: Friday, August 25 from 10:30 AM-6:00 PM to narrow down to top 5 jars; Top 5 judging on Saturday, August 26, from 8:00 AM to 12:30 PM.

JUDGES: This is an open judging event meaning LBA invites the guest speakers, all LBA participants, and hotel guests to participate and vote for their favorite flavor.

FRIENDLY REMINDER: This contest is for fun and is meant to be informal and super simple for all participants.

General Rules for Entry of the Black Jar Contest:

1. The honey show is open to current LBA members.
2. An entry consists of one unmarked and unidentifiable glass jar of *raw* Louisiana honey (*no infused or flavored honey*), of no more than one (1) pound.
 - a. ****The National Honey Board defines raw honey as “honey as it exists in the beehive or as obtained by extraction, settling or straining without adding heat.” Raw means not pasteurized.**
3. All honey must be produced, harvested, and bottled in Louisiana.
4. Contestants may submit up to three (3) separate entries.
5. Upon drop-off and entry registration, the entry will be recorded and receive a randomized number known only to the contest organizer.
6. Entries may be picked up Saturday, August 26, 2023, after winners will be announced at the conclusion of the Convention at 2:45 PM.

7. Contestants must be present to win.
8. Entries not picked up will be donated.

General Rules for Judging of the Black Jar Honey Contest:

1. The contest will be decided by blind judging.
2. Judges evaluate entries for taste & flavor only. Visible attributes such as color, clarity, partial crystallization, etc., will not be considered by the judges. Presentation and jar appearance will not be considered by the judges.
3. Exhibitors may purchase Judging Tokens and participate in judging. Convention participants and hotel guests may also judge by purchasing tokens.
4. Judging tokens cost \$5.00 for six (6) tickets. CASH ONLY.
5. Judging tokens may be purchased at the Registration table.
6. Exhibitors may also purchase Judging Tokens and participate in judging as all entries are unidentifiable and randomized.
7. The Contest Organizer will catalog all entries and assign a random number to each entry.
8. Judges will only enter the judging area after the Contest Organizer has cataloged & labeled all entries.

Prizes and Awards:

1. Winners must be present to receive cash prizes. The winners will be announced Saturday, August 26, 2023, at the conclusion of the Annual Convention.
2. The Black Jar Contest will have one first place winner and one second place winner. The first-place winning honey will be acknowledged as the “2023 LBA Tasters’ Choice Best Honey in Louisiana” and receive a cash prize equivalent to 50% of the amount collected from entry fees and judging tokens. The second-place winner will receive a cash prize equivalent to 25% of the amount collected from the contest.
3. Prize money values are paid out from the money collected from Entry Fees and Judging Tokens sales. A portion of the money collected (25%) goes back to the LBA to cover expenses for ribbons and miscellaneous supplies needed for the contest (bags, sampling sticks, cups, etc.) If you have any questions regarding the contest, please contact Stacy Blomquist at fsbuglady@gmail.com.