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Outdoors, Bring Chairs, Masks Required

Donal Peterson-upcoming elections, update our by-laws. New Suffolk County laws and legislation pertaining to swarms and registrations. Joan Mahoney- will inform the membership about the NYS law that will require beekeepers to register with the state.

Grace Mehl- The Importance of Early Winter Preps

Moira Alexander- Twenty Rookie Mistakes Not to make this Fall and Winter

Board Meeting:

August 10, 2021 via zoom

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Next Meeting: August, 22, 2021

1PM-3PM

Sisters of St. Joseph Honey House

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***EAS and Cornell Master Beekeepers Program**

Master Beekeepers are certified beekeepers who have a detailed knowledge of honey bee biology, expertise in the proper practices of beekeeping, and can present this information to the beekeeping and non-beekeeping public in a detailed, accurate, clear and authoritative manner.

Master Beekeepers provide education and assistance to beginning beekeepers and serve in other capacities in the community as experts in beekeeping. The Master Beekeeper program was developed by Dr. Roger A. Morse at Cornell University. The program has been expanded by the Eastern Apicultural Society of North America to other areas.

You can learn more about the Master Beekeeper Program by visiting the Eastern Apicultural Society

website: <http://www.easternapiculture.org/master-beekeepers/certification.html>

challenge. So again I apologize for your missing important info about the club, but I hope things will be smooth sailing until my right knee has to be replaced in a few months!

Thank you all so much for the lovely flowers, cards and emails wishing me a speedy recovery. Those notes work better than opioids!

Check your account on the website every month to access the newsletter!

STAY SAFE and WASH YOUR HANDS and WEAR YOUR MASKS!

Annual dues are \$35.. PLEASE send a check payable to LIBC to Conni Still at 82 Stephen Road,

Bayport, NY 11705, go to the club website Longislandbeekeepers.org.

Any member who does not pay their dues will not receive future newsletters nor have free advertising in future newsletters, Also please update your copy for your ads. Send your information to Moira Alexander at ramoi@aol.com and put LIBC classified ads in the subject line.

LIBC Meeting Schedule for 2021

NOTE: The meetings are the fourth Sunday of the month at announced location.

August 22, 2021



LIBC Board

From the Editor's Desk

Conni Still



Dear members, I'm sorry I missed getting the July newsletter out to you, but I was busy having my left knee replaced and then working hard with physical therapy. I am doing very well, back to driving and my volunteer work at the church thrift shop. I also purchased a new computer and learning how to use this updated machine instead of the antique one I've been using has been a

Please put the date of August 22nd on your calendar and plan to attend our monthly club meeting. It will be held on the Sister's of St. Joseph property. The address that you can enter for your GPS is 1725 Brentwood Road Brentwood, N.Y. 11717. Once you enter the property you will be able to follow the 4 YELLOW BEE CLUB MEETING signs that will get you to the part of the property called THE GARDEN. We will setup the meeting next to the barn called the HONEY HOUSE. Park along side of the road that approaches the barn.

- The meeting will be held from 1pm - 3pm.
- Please bring your own chair for the outside meeting.
- If you haven't paid your dues, please bring a \$35 check or cash and see Conni for the year of 2021.

- Write down your colony questions and seek out a Meeting Mentor for answers to your hive management problems.
- Our club librarian will be setup to collect overdue books and to loan books to club members in good standing.
- Always looking for donations for club door prizes that are given away at the end of the meeting.
- This is an outside meeting, so if it rains our meeting will then happen using a zoom format. Should it rain, our Vice President, John Most will send out the Zoom meeting information.
- The club will open with a short business session to keep the membership aware of upcoming events.

We will have 4 presentations for our club meeting:

- Donal Peterson will be discussing upcoming elections and the need to update our bylaws. He will also address the new Suffolk County law and legislation pertaining to swarms and Suffolk County registration.
- Joan Mahoney will inform the membership about the NYS law that will require beekeepers to register with state. She will discuss how this contact information will help beekeepers throughout the state with colony health issues and needs.
- Grace Mehl will help you to understand The Importance of Early Winter Preps.

- Moira Alexander will close the meeting with 20 Rookie Mistakes Not to Make This Fall and Winter.....

Hope to see you at the meeting!

We are updating the classified for 2021-22. Only current dues paying members will be included. Make sure your dues are up to date.

- Please check your ad(s) if you are satisfied with the information, there is no need to contact us.
- Those that need minor changes or wish to be removed, please contact Moira Alexander at programs@longislandbeekeepers.org
- Those that are interested in being listed, please check the categories on our website and review the information that each category requires. Send your ad information to Moira Alexander at programs@longislandbeekeepers.org
- Cut off date is July 16th. If changes or new ads are not submitted by July 16th, the ad will not run until the following month.
- Questions??? contact Moira Alexander- programs@longislandbeekeepers.org
- Dues can be paid on line or a check (made out to LIBC) can be sent to LIBC Treasurer- 24 Ventura Drive, North Babylon 11703
- Bee Well

- The LIBC Board

Hey Beeks,

We are all constantly learning in this beekeeping journey, sometimes the hard way. If we learn from each other, it is often a bit easier. We offer education every month at our meetings that cover what is happening this month and what to expect next month. But, if you are looking for something more, or have family or friends interested in learning, here are some classes starting in the fall. These classes are offered by individual members of the club for a fee. Any member in good standing may advertise their class or goods in the classified on our website. Once a year or so we highlight education offered by members by sending out a "bee blast". As with all classified, this is not an endorsement, simply a service to let you know what is out there.

We are also planning on having a one day beginner class given by the club in January as in the past. Watch for this announcement in the fall if that is what you are looking for.

Maira Alexander, EAS Master Beekeeper (Brentwood) 101 Beginner Bee Class, 11 two hour sessions. Classes begin September 1st. Contact ramoi@aol or call 631 664-6810.

Rich Blohm, EAS Master Beekeeper (Virtual) Intermediate Classes held via Zoom presentation. Contact Beebiz44@gmail.com or call 516-658-5333.

Wally Blohm, (Queens) Beginner Beekeeper Class, Contact BeeVenom@verizon.net or call. 718-380-0829.

Steve Chen, EAS/Cornell Master Beekeeper, (Suffolk Cnty) Queen Rearing Class/Spring start. Limited availability. Contact Stevechenbees@gmail.com or call 646-625-9910.

Carl Flatow, Cornell Master Beekeeper, (Nassau/East Meadow Farm) Beginner Beekeeper Class and Native bees. Contact Carlthebeekeeper@icloud.com or call 516-510-6227.

Nick Hoefly, Cornell Master Beekeeper, (Astoria) Beekeeping Classes and Hive tours. Check website

at astoriaapiaries.com and contact Nick@astorapiaries.com.

Chris Kelly, Cornell Master Beekeeper, (East End, North Fork), Beginner Beekeepers. Contact at <https://www.promiselandapiaries.com/contact> and fill out form.

Deb Klughers, EAS Master Beekeeper, (East End, Hamptons) Classes are topic related, schedule TBD. Classes held in the East End of Long Island. Contact Deb to discuss topics at Bonacbees.com or call 631-377-1943.

Also, Cornell University Dyce Lab for Honey Bee Research has a Master Beekeeper program which consists of 5 online courses and in person tests for the final. You can find out more about this at this link: [Master Beekeeper Program | Pollinator Network @ Cornell](#)

Good Morning Joan,

Thanks so much for your group's 750\$ donation to the Ramsey Research Foundation's Fight the Mite Initiative on June 26, 2021!

I'm not able to write a personalized thank you to every person or group who donates but there's really something special about LIBC that makes it hard not to. You all have been a key source of support from day 1 and I'm so looking forward to coming back from Southeast Asia with updated data, discoveries, and stories about the ever-changing world of honey bees. I couldn't do this kind of work without your support!

Thanks again,

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Drsammy.online

Hey Beeks!

Calling all Long Island Beekeepers! This is a great opportunity to use your mite checks and contribute to important scientific data on mites. For further information and to submit your mite count info go to: <https://www.pollinator.org/mitathon>

North American Mite-A-Thon: August 14th-29th
Mite-A-Thon is a tri-national effort to collect mite infestation data and to visualize Varroa infestations in honey bee colonies across North America within a two week window. All beekeepers can participate, creating a rich distribution of sampling sites in Canada, the United States, and Mexico. Their Varroa monitoring data will be uploaded to www.mitecheck.com. The parasitic mite, Varroa destructor (Varroa), and the viruses it vectors is a significant driver of this honey bee colony mortality. Yet, indicators suggest that many beekeepers are not monitoring honey bee colony Varroa infestations and therefore not able to connect infestation to colony loss. OBJECTIVE: 1) To raise awareness about honey bee colony Varroa infestations in North America through effective monitoring methods. 2) Management strategies will be made available for discussion within bee organizations utilizing Mite-A-Thon partner developed information and outreach materials. DATA COLLECTION: Participants will monitor the level of mites (number of mites per 100 bees) using a standardized protocol utilizing two common methods of assessment (alcohol wash or powdered sugar roll) and then enter data, including location, total number of hives, number of hives tested, local habitat, and the number of Varroa mites counted from each hive. The published information will not identify individual participants. <https://www.pollinator.org/miteathon>

Hey Beeks!

Hope you are having a great summer so far. I talked about honey at the last meeting, and that is always fun. As usual, I talked too long and got the hook! And that was OK as Joan followed me and talked about mite treatments, which are critical at this time of year.

Varroa mites are the biggest threat I see to Honey bees over-wintering successfully. Many beekeepers, new and experienced alike, wait too long to do

something about mite loads in their colonies. The bees look so strong and have tons of honey and they just figure they are fine...But, as we used to say in the Navy, *"you get what you inspect, not what you expect"*.

Taking mite counts during April, May, and June are important, as you can see what the progression of the mite load on your colonies is and treat as necessary. If you haven't done that, you really don't know which of your colonies will become really stressed in July and August. Those are the critical months when the mite counts soar, as the queen cuts back on laying and the bee population starts to moderate and then slowly decrease as the nectar dearth sets in. The mites don't cut back on their population growth when the bees do. They just keep increasing. The rising mite population and the declining bee population causes the percentage of mites to increase exponentially. Just when the bees need young healthy bees to feed the winter bees being reared in September,!

The link below, from Bee Source, is a very interesting article that lays out the math of this whole process. I hope you will read it and then make decisions to act and test and treat your bees for mites during this critical time for bees. Your winter preps start now!

<https://www.Beesource.com/threads/anatomy-of-a-mite-crash.347723/?fbclid=IwAR2jMtdUMEFVK>

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The Cornell Dyce Lab for Honey Bees has great resources on their site. You can visit this site at: <https://pollinator.cals.cornell.edu/resources/managing-pests-disease/>

--Grace

(Education@Longislandbeekeepers.org)



Annual Picnic and Bee Jeopardy Game



The Ice Cream Truck Was a Huge Success!



Special Cake for Grace!

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BEEKEEPING EDUCATION

Nucleus Hives for Sale

(Maybe in deep or medium frames)

Updated 02/10/20

Rich Blohm - 631-271-7812 beebiz44@gmail.com

Joe Magnoli- 516-724-4468 earliestspringnucs@gmail.com

Brendan O'Regan 917-689-9854

authentichoneyofnewyork@gmail.com

Donal Peterson - 631-827-1810 3BeesApiary@gmail.com

Tom Tyrell - info@TomsHoneyAndBees.com

Wayne Vitale-516-680-3020 wayne@spycoastbeefarm.com

Dale Williams - 631-475-8315 <https://southbayapiaries.com>

Queens for Sale

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Plants for Sale

Updated 02/10/20

Sayville-Liz Marcellus 631-439-1487 ECMflowers@yahoo.com

Organic bee-loved trees, shrubs, & perennials
Patchogue – David Tifford 631-475-7118
jdttifford@optonline.net Organic bee friendly annuals and perennials.

Insurance/Beekeeping Liability

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Farm Family – Vincent C Daley 631-277-7770

State Farm – Jim VonEiff 718-899-8985

Local Honey for Sale

Updated 02/10/20

Bronx

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Queens

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bee venom@verizon.net

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Nick Hoefly- 352-875-5642 nick@astorapiaries.com

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Amityville - Rich Meyer - 917-681-1706

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earliestspringnucs@gmail.com

Huntington - Rich Blohm - 631-271-7812

beebiz44@gmail.com [Maxant manual extractor and an assorted amount of new and used equipment](#)

Laurel- Tom Tyrell - info@TomsHoneyAndBees.com

Nassau - Carl Flatlow - 516-510-6227

carlthebeekeeper@icloud.com

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www.BonacBees.com

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Setauket - Wayne Vitale 516-680-

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Wedding Favors

Updated 2/10/20

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Hive and Wax Products

Updated 02/10/20

Bee themed gifts/jewelry - Lorraine Leacock at the Beetique

516-459-0140 Lorraine@bluepointbee.com

Bee themed gifts/jewelry/wax- Nick Hoefly- 352-875-5642

nick@astorapiaries.com

Wax- Fred Munzer – 631-243-3512 – munzer39@verizon.net

Candles-Bill O'Hern 631-938-6233

OHoneyBeeFarm@gmail.com

Wax- Donal Peterson 631-827-1810 – 3beesapiary@gmail.com

Wax/Pollen/Propolis – Tom Tyrell –

info@tomshoneyandbees.com

Various Hive Products-Deb Klughers-631-377-1943

www.BonacBees.com

Wax/Pollen - Dale Williams 631-475-8315

<https://southbayapiaries.com>

Lip Balm, Creams Skin Care

Updated 02/10/20

Lip balms, cream skin care-Nick Hoefly- 352-875-5642

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Lip balm-Bill O'Hern 631-938-6233

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Lip balm/body care products-Wayne Vitale- 516-680-3020

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Equipment

Updated 03/16/2019

Ernest Herrington – dmherri@gmail.com Custom Beekeeping wooden ware

Joe Magnoli- 516-724-4468 earliestspringnucs@gmail.com

Wax dipped boxes

Fred Munzer – 631-243-3512 – munzer39@verizon.net

Glassware, frame spacers

Donal Peterson 631-827-1810 – 3beesapiary@gmail.com

glass, woodenware, frames, smokers

Cliff Struhl <http://info@beesmartdesigns.com> Hive stands,

covers, robbing screens, Bottom Boards, Frame grippers,

feeders

Deb Klughers Bee Smart Design products and other items

631-377-1943 www.BonacBees.com

Dale Williams – 631-475-8315- <https://southbayapiaries.com>

Wooden ware and foundation

Patrick Gannon-718-757-1699 beekanzi@gmail.com

"BeeSmart plastic hive stand for 8 frame hive

Used in very good condition

\$50.00 I will deliver

Wally Blohm-718-380-0829

Beevenom1@gmail.com

Maxant 16 Gallon Bottling Tank \$800. Pick up in Queens

Honey Tank 660 lb, Honey Tank 300 lb, Observation Hive

Miguel Valentin 516-313-6967

Swarms/Bee Removals

NYC

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