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*Next Meeting: NOVEMBER*

*28, 2021*

*1PM-3PM*

Sam Comfort - The Good the Bad and the Buggly ...Recent Efforts to Simplify a Complex Bee World

John Most - Update on the Cornell Class for Beekeepers

Grace & Moira - End of the year report to members on the Club Apiary

Grace Mehl - To Wrap or Not to Wrap  
*SMITHTOWN BRUSH BARN*

Grace Mehl, Smithtown.....631-724-5053

# The “BEELINE” LONG ISLAND BEEKEEPERS CLUB, INC.

Keeping Bees on Long Island Since 1949



# NOVEMBER 2021

Fred Munzer, Dix Hills ..631-243-3512

*Board Meeting: TBA*

## MASTER BEEKEEPERS LIST

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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>



LIBC Board

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## From the Editor's Desk

Conni Still



**We have had some tricky weather lately. Up and down, bees forming cluster and then beautiful faux spring weather at noon has the bees flying all over searching for some stray herb gardens, weeds, asters and neglected humming bird feeders. Then hopefully getting back to the hive before the temperature drops again.**

**Feed, Feed, Feed.**

**Meeting at the Brush Barn, don't forget to socially distance and still wear your masks. If you haven't paid your dues yet, I will be there to happily take them, please bring exact change of \$35 dollars or a check and again do not stand close together.**

*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.*



# **Newsletter Fall 2021 NY Bee Wellness**

[NY Bee Wellness](#) - an independent  
grassroots educational 501c3

## **Contents:**

- Fall 2021 Survey OPEN!
- Warmer winter, Fight the Mite
- Events, webinars
- Discussions on Bee-L
- Thank you!
- NY Honey HATS!
- Bee Theme Face Masks
- Wild bees, "screaming" bees
- MI Beekeepers Conference Videos
- Mask up!
- Remove nuisance animals
- Links
- Donate
- Quiz Yourself!
- Weird brood?

**NY Bee Wellness Inc**



**NYBeeWellness.org**



**Thanksgiving Greetings!**

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**Now open!  
Fall Survey 2021 NY  
Bee Wellness**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HFP6YMW>

We would like to assess how 2021 was for NON-migratory New York State beekeepers and their beehives. Information may help to determine

trends in honeybee health and enable  
beekeepers to see these trends.

**Please complete the survey as  
best as you can** and write any  
comments you feel that can add to  
future surveys and improve the NY Bee  
Wellness program. Only some  
questions are required.

The survey usually takes about 10  
minutes.

All info is confidential, and general  
results of the survey will be shared and  
posted on [NYBeeWellness.org](https://www.nybee.org) in  
January 2022.

For the results of previous surveys,  
please see the website  
([NYBeeWellness.org](https://www.nybee.org)). Remember,  
results are broken down by regions  
within New York State.

Fall 2020 Survey  
results: <https://tinyurl.com/y3oqca9g>

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/H  
FP6YMW](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HFP6YMW)

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**Above average  
Temperatures &  
Precipitation  
trend continues for New York**  
Check your bees stores, feed

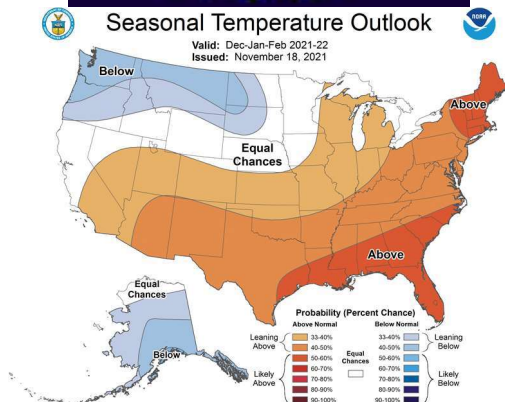
<https://tinyurl.com/y8s8og57>

[https://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/predictions/long\\_range/seasonal.php?lead=1](https://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/predictions/long_range/seasonal.php?lead=1)

Coming off a dismal Fall flow for many areas, increased winter temperatures may mean increased bee activity and even prolonged brood rearing, causing increased consumption of stores.

On warmer windless days, check and/or add feed--- also do any winter varroa mite treatments, before the late winter brood increase commences.

<https://honeybeehealthcoalition.org/varroa/>





*Hope you will join us so we can stay connected as club members and beekeepers here on Long Island ....*

□ *Three club... 2 frame extractors are available for \$10 rental for honey extraction.- call Moira or Rick-*



**Dear Constance Still,**

**We have a number of exciting announcements for the EAS community!**

1. **New Website!** Our site has been updated to a more modern style. Visit us at <https://www.easternapiculture.org>.

2. **EAS Journal!** Digital copies of the EAS Journal are now online, all the way back to the 1970s. Copies before 2020 are [available on the new web site](#); starting in 2020 the journal is [on our journal page](#) and available to members only.
3. **Conference Videos!** Videos from 2021 Conference are now available. Members can view these [on our video page](#).
4. **Donate!** If you haven't seen it, we have a [donation page](#) on our site. We appreciate you thinking of EAS for your end of year giving.

**Please note that EAS membership prices increase in January 2022. If you renew now you will avoid the increase until your following renewal date.**

**Your membership level is: Life Member Family  
Your member renewal date is: Never**

**Sincerely,**

**Eloise (Lou) Naylor  
EAS Chairman**





**Buzz Buzz Buzz,**

**almost Happy Thanksgiving to the**

**LIBC members!**

Here is the scoop on our upcoming  
November Club Meeting

Date - Sunday November 28th

Time - 1-3 pm

Location - Smithtown Historical Society  
Frank Brush Barn at 239 East Main Street  
Smithtown NY 11787.

Speakers:

Sam Comfort - The Good the Bad and the  
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Complex Bee World

John Most - Update on the Cornell Class  
for Beekeepers

Grace & Moira - End of the year report to  
members on the Club Apiary

Grace Mehl - To Wrap or Not to Wrap

Updates:

Setup crew needed for meeting at 12:30

Raffle items always appreciated

Please return club library books

Signup for the 101 and 102 beekeeping classes being held in January and February 2022

LAST CALL for LIBC Holiday Party December 5th.... It is going to BEEEE a great party!

*If you are vaccinated, a mask is optional, but not required. If not vaccinated, masks are required inside. Thanks!*

Hey Beeks,

Just wanted to tell you that I took the eCornell Beekeeping Essentials self-paced course. The Author of the course is Emma Walters and she is quite knowledgeable about beekeeping. This self-paced course contains over a dozen modules on all aspects of beekeeping beginning with how to keep the smoker lit, inspecting colonies both general and for diseases and touches upon most things beekeepers will be faced with during the entire annual cycle. The modules contained videos and quizzes to assess one progress. The course cost \$299 less a 10% discount if you belong to a beekeeping club like LIBC. This course is recommended for folks with 1-3 years of beekeeping experience. Give

it a try if you have the inclination. Best regards and happy beekeeping.

John Most

<https://ecornell.cornell.edu/courses/beekeeping>

# Hey Beeks!

This morning I was out in the apiary taking off robbing screens and replacing them with mouse guards and reducers. It as in the low 40s, and no bees were flying. But, several of the hives reacted to my scraping and rattling with the girls pouring out of the entrance to see what was going on. Warmed my heart that they were strong enough to break cluster and mount a defense at 42 degrees!

Once that task was done, I went back into the warm house and spent the rest of Sunday morning on the couch with the "two dog foot-warmer" reading stuff about bees. Found this great article on the timing of varroa mite treatment. It really puts a lot together in place. Here it is:

[Contact killer - The Apiarist](#)

Hope you all have a great Thanksgiving and treat those bees for mites after that! --  
Grace

# Hey Beeks!

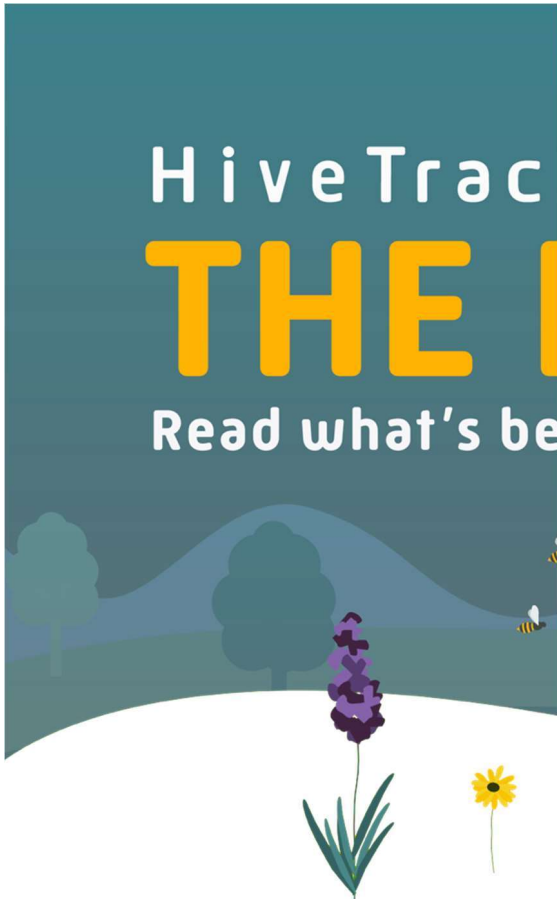
We have heard some comments from our members about Masks, Vaccination and COVID testing concerning our meetings and the upcoming Holiday Party. With the

colder weather, we will be having our events inside. So, moving forward we are thinking about the safety and wellbeing of all our members in this era of COVID. We discussed options at our November board meeting that allow us to safely meet inside, which are being vaccinated, wearing a mask, and/or being tested prior to events. *We don't want to be the police!* It is not the board's desire to check vaccination cards, or see a negative test within 72 hours of the event like they do in NYC at all restaurants and Broadway shows. We are however relying on the integrity of our members who attend events to respect the safety and rights of all other members in attendance by either being vaccinated, or wearing a mask during events.

The Holiday party is a unique event. People will be eating and drinking inside. You can't eat and drink with a mask on. So, we are asking for an increased level of awareness and understanding of the risk to our members, but especially older members and those who have underlying conditions putting them at a higher risk if they contract COVID. With this in mind, if you are attending the Holiday party and are not vaccinated, please contact Moira about the policies.

We need our members to understand that the board is walking a fine line between caution and the individual rights of our members. We don't want to offend or alienate anyone over this issue. But it would be irresponsible for the board to not to address the situation of life during COVID. We sincerely thank you for understanding about this extremely sensitive situation.

We look forward to a great year in 2022 and we are hoping to continue to serve all our members. --The LIBC Board



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*The Buzz* for Nov. 8th 2021

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**Hello there, and what's  
*Buzzing?***

Bees have been around for quite some time and consequently have been featured in culture, myth, and folklore worldwide for thousands of years. Honey and beeswax have been essential resources for humans since the



**Mesolithic period** (s. 7–10th century BC).

As a result, humans' relationship with bees – particularly honey bees – has ranged from encounters with wild bees (both prehistorically and in the present) to keeping them agriculturally. Bees themselves were often characterized as magically-imbued creatures and their honey as a divine gift. The third edition of *The Buzz*, therefore, is dedicated to bees in pop culture.

The metaphor of bee communities as a model of human society occurs early on in the works of **Aristotle**, **Plato**, and **Seneca**. This metaphor continued through the ages in the works of **Shakespeare** and Bernard Mandeville's "**Fable of the Bees**". Tolstoy similarly compares human society to a community of bees in *War and Peace*. Jean-Baptiste Simon titled his work of apiculture *Le gouvernement admirable, ou, la république des abeilles* (Paris, 1740) which translates to "The Admirable Government: Or, The Republic Of Bees And The Means Of Deriving Great Benefit From It."

Bees have entered our daily lives even more than one would

think not only in **modern art** but also with names like Austėja (Lithuanian name derived from an ancient bee goddess.), Erlea (Basque), and Melissa (Greek, derived from meli meaning honey) – which all mean bee in one way or another. 🐝

This week's media is chosen by our UX/UI Designer Sarah, our former Comms specialist, Livia, and myself! 💖

Buzz you next time!  
**Emma**

# Ho Ho Ho! Twelve Days to Go!

Please join us this year in  
celebrating!

***Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>***

***1:00 – 5:00 PM***

***At the Elks***

***Lodge/Blueblinds Mansion***  
*120 Edgewood Ave., Smithtown,*  
*NY 11787*

Reserve on our website using  
the

Link: <https://longislandbeekeeper>

[s.org/events/2021-holiday-party/](https://www.s.org/events/2021-holiday-party/)

or

Mail a check to the Treasurer  
(see below)

Member cost is \$25 per person  
(Club is picking up the additional  
cost)

Catered by Husk and Vine of St.  
James

**There will be a BEE GRAB  
BAG!**

Bring a bee related item (valued  
at \$20-25) to put in, and get a  
ticket to pick one item out of the  
Grab Bag table.

The "Welcome" will start at 1pm  
to 1:45 in the lounge area where  
there will be a cash bar with  
appetizers provided.

Dinner, served in the Ball Room,  
and will be buffet style with  
servers with the following  
choices:

Chicken Marsala

Sliced Sirloin

Penne ala Vodka

Shrimp Scampi

Eggplant Rollatini

Tortellini Carbonara

Rice Pilaf/String Beans/Tossed  
Salad

Rolls and Butter

Coffee and Cake for dessert

There will be Awards, Door  
Prizes, and Raffles  
Honey Bee Carols will of course  
be sung with gusto!

***You can make a reservation  
and pay by:***

Mail a check, made out to the  
LIBC, to Joan Mahoney at 24  
Ventura Dr, N. Babylon, NY  
11703

Or

.The Holiday Party event listing is  
now live on the website with  
a PayPal Button  
at [https://longislandbeekeepers.o  
rg/events/2021-holiday-party/](https://longislandbeekeepers.org/events/2021-holiday-party/)

**DEADLINE: Money must be  
received by Wednesday  
11/24/2021**

*Tickets will be limited, so please  
make your reservations early and  
understand that late reservations  
may not be available.*

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