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Keeping Bees on Long Island Since 1949

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Guillermo Fernandez : **Collective Decision Making - Bee Dance Language**



Hospitality is back!

Please bring a treat.

1PM-3PM

**Sisters of St. Joseph Convent,
Brentwood**

Confirming I will be speaking about Mite treatments, the Hive Survey and Miticide orders at the April meeting. I will of course add in a little about what keepers should be doing in March/April. --Grace

Board Meeting: May 10, 2022, 7 PM at home of Moira Alexander, Dawn Drive, Smithtown 631-265-8249

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Next Meeting: April 24, 2022

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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

John Most, LIBC President

Hello All,

Welcome to beekeeping season 2022. Wishing everyone lots of luck maintaining healthy and thriving colonies this year.

Similar to many of you that come to the meetings, I'm anxious about keeping all of my colonies moving in the right direction.

My advice to everyone is to come to all the meetings and learn from our experts that have been successful for many years.

Of course, checking for mites, treating when necessary and with the appropriate medicine and making sure the bees have just enough room to grow and expand during this season is critical. It's also critical to work slowly and gently with the frames of bees.

Most newbies are afraid of stings, which is normal. Wear protective clothing but try to avoid wearing bulky gloves. Until you're on a successful routine check your bees often (every week or 10-14 days). Come to the sessions at the teaching apiary where you will learn and see at the same time.

Get a magazine subscription to Bee Culture and American Bee Journal to see what is going on in the industry and what the scientists are working on. (Membership in our club entitles you to some discounted subscriptions when you apply.) Most of all enjoy the hobby and learn how to keep your bees healthy and productive.

Beeline Editor:



Dear Beekeepers, I hope to see you all at the next meeting with my new hip and some new paper work to catch up on the membership info that I missed while I was out.! If you are a new member and joined at the last meeting please make sure you check with me at the next meeting. Or you can email me, connistill@aol.com with name, address, phone, email, paid via cash, check or paypal.

I hope your bees survived the winter and are taking advantage of the lovely spring flowers. I had some pollen covered ladies in my crocuses and snow drops. I have yet to catch any bees on my witch hazel, either there is snow so I can't get to it, or the temperature just doesn't match up for photo taking. My bee bee tree (Korean evodia daniellia) is growing nicely, I wish Frank Kiss was still here to know it finally bloomed. You new beekeepers, if you have an opportunity to get a sapling from a friend, do it now. I wish I

had planted mine when I first started beekeeping, it would be gorgeous now! It blooms late summer when there is a dearth of pollen so the bees really love it.

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. Go the website and pay using PAYPAL or your regular credit card or. PLEASE send a check payable to LIBC to Conni Still at 82 Stephen Road,

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

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LIBC Meeting Schedule for 2022

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

**APRIL 24th Guillermo Fernandez -
Collective Decision Making - Bee Dance
Language**

Location: Sister's of St Joseph, Brentwood NY

Please find the events on the website at the links below. If there is any more information to add from anyone or photos we can use instead of the default photo, please let me know. Also, if I can get one or two replies from anyone confirming the links are working. They are working on my end but I know there were issues with some events not showing for some people. April

- <https://longislandbeekeepers.org/events/monthly-meeting-april-2022/>

Thanks

Nick Hoefly

Webmaster

[Long Island Beekeepers Club](https://www.longislandbeekeepers.org/)

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Hey Beeks!

The New England and New York State Apiary Inspectors are holding a free webinar program about Honey Bee Health, Pest & Diseases, and Management. It is open to the public. The zoom link is below.

Lunch and Learn

- Friday – April 8, 2022
- Friday – June 3, 2022
- Friday – August 12, 2022
- Friday – October 7, 2022

Join Zoom

Webinar - <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84953761589?pwd=V0NEbld0NkdiOUdiOCs0UXdOY1hpQT09>

Meeting ID: 849 5376 1589 Passcode: 609112

- One tap mobile: Find your local

number: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84953761589?pwd=V0NEbld0NkdiOUdiOCs0UXdOY1hpQT09>

It's Officially Spring: Bees are Here!

We might still get frost some nights, but we're thinking spring here at Betterbee, where our first spring nucs arrived earlier this week! Our first major "bee day" takes place this weekend with the handing out of spring nucs and our first load of package bees.

Like in previous years, we want to see your creativity shine! Decorate your bee number to display to our greeters when you drive in to pick up your bees. We'll be giving out \$20 gift certificates to the most creative bee number signs seen on our "bee day" weekends.

Our friends and long-time suppliers of nucs, packages, and queens, [Kutik's](#) and [Wilbanks Apiaries](#), are committed to supplying the

highest quality bees possible, and we're proud to pass them along to you. We still have some [second load package bees](#) and [third load spring nucs](#) available for sale.

(Are you still waiting to hear about your bees? We will send you an email to schedule your pick-up, so if you haven't received that, then your bees are not ready yet!)

As we inch our way into warmer weather and the summer months, we are proud to announce that we will be holding our [18th Annual Field Day and Customer Appreciation event](#) on Saturday, June 25, 2022 at the Washington County Fairgrounds in Greenwich, NY! There will be morning speakers, a raffle that features our unique products like BetterComb and the Colorado Bee Vac, lunch served by our local Boy Scout troop, honey ice cream made by the locally famous Battenkill Valley Creamery, and afternoon open-hive demonstrations. You don't want to miss this free event! [Click here to register](#). We can't wait to see you there!

One of this month's articles talks about giving your bees the extra space they need to prevent them from becoming honey bound and gearing up to swarm. For [this month's special newsletter promo](#), we're offering 15% off sheets of BetterComb to give your bees the ready-to-use space needed to prevent swarming tendencies. This sale will also get you 15% off the DIY favorite book, *Build Your Own Beekeeping Equipment* by Tony Pisano. Use code [APRIL22](#) at checkout for savings!

Enjoy this month's content and, as always, feel free to [email us](#) with any ideas for future newsletter articles, or just to say hello!

BEE CZAR

Have any of you watched the new Discovery Channel show Bee Czar? Walter Shoemaker is the CEO of the American Honeybee Protection Agency who rescues wild hives from barns, homes, trees, wherever! He is non conventional, rarely wearing a bee suit, although his staff maintain more precautions. His unruly red dread locks make him look a little wild, but with the help of his three sons he runs his family honey farm and rescue business.

The photography crew is excellent, capturing the removal of huge sheets of comb honey into honey frames. His favorite saying "Save the bees, save the world" is his true motto as he climbs scaffolding to remove a hive from a vacant building right in the middle of a Renaissance Fair, expecting crowds of 40,000 the following day! Wednesday at 10PM on Discovery channel.



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It is with deepest sympathy to tell you of the death of Brigitte Jaenicke on February 20, 2022. Brigitte and her husband Juergen were long time members of the Long Island Bee Club, and she was well known for her wonderful German baking that treated the members at the hospitality table and her contagious laugh. Condolences may be sent to Juergen and family at 99 Deer Lake Drive, North Babylon, New York 11703-3400. May Brigitte Rest in Peace.

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