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Woman Charged with Unleashing Swarms of Bees on Sheriff's Deputies



Rorie Susan Woods (center), 55, of Hadley, was arrested Oct. 12 after she allegedly released a swarm of bees upon sheriff's deputies who were trying to enforce an eviction in Longmeadow.

A woman is facing criminal charges for allegedly unleashing a swarm of bees on sheriff's deputies who were trying to enforce an eviction in Longmeadow last week, officials said.

Rorie Susan Woods, 55, who lives in Hadley, allegedly pulled up to the home in an SUV that was towing manufactured bee hives. She got out of the car and "began trying to open the lids to unleash" the bees, according to the Hampden County Sheriff's Department.

Visit the club web site at
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Check your account on the website every month to access this newsletter!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

the next meeting

Sunday, November 20
1 - 3pm

Sisters of St. Joseph, Brentwood
Follow bee meeting signs.

LIBC Honey Judging Contest

Details on Pages 4, 8 & 9

Presentations by
Grace Mehl & Moira Alexander

upcoming events

Holiday Party Dec 4
1:00 - 5:00 PM
@ The Elks Lodge/
Blueblinds Mansion,
Cost: \$25/person,
Grab bag gifts \$20-\$25 limit,
See Page 5

Club Beekeeping Class (Beginner) Jan 7
Sign up at the monthly meeting or online

Club Beekeeping Class (Intermediate) Feb 4
Sign up at the monthly meeting or online

“A Sheriff’s deputy tried to stop her, but as the agitated bees started getting out and circling the area, he pulled back,” officials said in a statement. “She then smashed the lid, and flipped a hive off of the flatbed, making the bees extremely aggressive. They swarmed the area and stung several officers and other innocent bystanders who were nearby.”

department, said the deputies were “executing a removal, which is the last step of the eviction process in Massachusetts.”

The incident was first reported by [MassLive](#).

Hampden County Sheriff Nick Cocchi said Woods put his staff in danger because some of them are allergic to bee stings.



“We are always prepared for protests when it comes to evictions, but a majority of the groups who protest understand that we are just doing our statutory duty,” Cocchi said. “But this woman, who traveled here, put lives in danger, as several of the staff on scene are allergic to bees. We had one staff member go the hospital and luckily, he was alright or she would be facing manslaughter charges.”

Putting on a professional beekeeper suit to protect herself, Woods then allegedly carried a “tower of bees” to the front door of the home in an effort to stop the eviction, officials said.

The spacious home where the bizarre scene unfolded, located at 49 Memery Lane, was built in 2002 and has 15 rooms. The property was most recently assessed at \$1.25 million, and the Bank Of New York Mellon is listed as the current owner, according to town records.

Robert Rizzuto, a spokesman for the sheriff’s

After carrying a bee hive close to the front door, Woods “tried to agitate the bees further,” and was placed under arrest.

When Woods was told that that several officers were allergic to bees, she replied, “Oh, you’re allergic? Good,” MassLive reported.

She is charged with four counts of assault and battery by means of a dangerous weapon, three counts of assault by means of a dangerous weapon, and a charge of disorderly conduct. She was arraigned in Springfield District Court on Oct. 12, the day of the inci-



dent, and pleaded not guilty.

She was released on personal recognizance and a pretrial hearing is scheduled for Dec. 9, court records show. Her lawyer, Stephen H. Newman, did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Robert Hoffman, chief deputy of the Civil Process Office of the sheriff's department, said he'd never seen something like this before.

"I'm just thankful no one died because bee allergies are serious," he said. "I hope that these out-of-county protesters will reconsider using such extreme measures in the future because they will be charged and prosecuted."

Source: By Emily Sweeney Globe Staff, Updated October 19, 2022, 11:52 a.m.



• **the next meeting** •

Sunday, November 20, 2022

Location: Sisters of St Joseph,
1725 Brentwood Road, Brentwood, NY 11717

*The meeting will take place in Building #2,
which is the building with the green dome.*

Time: 1 - 3pm (Doors open at 12:30pm)

LONG ISLAND BEEKEEPERS CLUB
**honey judging
contest**

will happen at this meeting.

Please see pages 8 & 9 for categories,
details and requirements.

Doors open at 12:30 for those bringing en-
tries. **Check your entries in by 1:15.**

Once something is checked in, please do
not touch it at all. They are judged on many
aspects, including cleanliness of the jar and
inside of the cap.

Make sure to check the website for specif-
ics on entry requirements so you are not
eliminated because you failed to meet the
requirements.

Presentations: ‘Wax & Making Candles and
other Products’ presented by Moira Alex-
ander, ‘Winterizing & Winter Management’
presented by Grace Mehl.

PLEASE NOTE:

- **This is the the LAST sign up and pay-
ment day for the LIBC Holiday Party.**
Payment will be accepted by Suzanne.
See party details on Page 4.
- **All donations for door prizes** for Holiday
Party can be brought to meeting.



**NY Bee Wellness
FALL SURVEY
2022**

We would like to assess how 2022 was for
NON-migratory New York State bee-
keepers 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 ques-
tions are required.

The survey usually takes about 10 minutes.

Please click on this button below:

All info is confidential, and general results
of the survey will be shared and posted on
[NYBeeWellness.org](https://nybeewellness.org) in January 2023.

For the results of previous surveys, please
see [the website](#). Remember, results are bro-
ken down by regions within New York State.

Fall 2021 Survey results:

<https://tinyurl.com/24qqf34o>

Here is the Survey Link:

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JD-
8KG7B](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JD-8KG7B)

Thank you for your participation!

Questions? Contact:

survey@nybeewellness.org



LONG ISLAND BEEKEEPERS CLUB

Holiday Party!

**Please join us this year
in celebrating!**

**Sunday, December 4th
1:00 – 5:00 PM**

**at the Elks Lodge/Blueblinds Mansion
120 Edgewood Ave., Smithtown, NY 11787
Doors open at 12:45pm**

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),
NO HONEY please, and hold onto it for the
“bee swap game to exchange gifts.

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

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

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

- Chicken Francais
- Sliced Flank Steak
- Pasta w/Broccoli, oil and garlic
- Shrimp Oreganata
- Eggplant Rollatini
- Roasted Potatoes/String Beans
- Cesar Salad
- Rolls and Butter
- Coffee and Cake for dessert

**You can make your
reservation & pay by:**

Paying at the November 20th club meet-
ing at Sisters of St. Joseph’s, Bldg 2

—— OR ——

Mail a check, made out to the LIBC, to
Suzanne Cahill, 30 Meadow Glenn Rd,
Northport, NY 11768

—— OR ——

Online with the PayPal Button at
[https://longislandbeekeepers.org/
events/2022-holiday-party/](https://longislandbeekeepers.org/events/2022-holiday-party/)

DEADLINE: Money must be received by the
November Meeting which will be November
20th. Tickets will be limited, so please make
your reservations early and understand that
late reservations may not be available.



Dear Beekeepers

We want to make you aware of the passing of one of our members, **Joan M. Pedigo**, on October 29th, 2022. Joan was a long-time beekeeper of Upper Brookville, NY.

“Joan was a great lady and beekeeper, I wouldn’t have become or stayed a beekeeper without her help and encouragement.

– TIM EDWINS

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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 and 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:

<https://easternapiculture.org/programs/master-beekeepers/master-beekeepers-certification-program/>

LIBC Educational Opportunities

There are 5 Master Beekeepers in our club who are offering classes throughout the year to enhance your beekeeping skills on the beginner and intermediate levels.

Moira Alexander EAS Master Beekeeper

Beekeeping 101 Class

There will be 11 sessions that will include lectures, demonstrations, and open hive education. The class will meet the first Wednesday of the month in Smithtown. Classes begin at 7 PM and door opens at 6:30 PM. First class is September 7th.

- Must be a member of LIBC.
- Purchase Beekeepers Handbook, 5th edition.
- Read Chapters 1 & 2 for the first class.
- Notebook and folder suggested.
- Purchase a subscription to Bee Culture Magazine.
- Class fee is \$150.

Email: Ramoi@aol.com
Cell: 631-664-6810

Nick Hoefly Cornell Master Beekeeper

Offerings of a **variety of different classes and mentoring** in Astoria Queens. Log on to his website to view the offerings and sign up.

Website is astorapiaries.com.

Deborah Klughers EAS Master Beekeeper

Beginner and Intermediate Beekeeping classes

Classes are offered during the winter months in East Hampton. The level of interest and beekeeping experience will determine what will be offered.

Please email Debbie@bonacbees.com for details or Call 631-377-1943.

Wayne Vitale Cornell Master Beekeeper

Beekeeping 101 with Wayne Vitale

Course fee: \$75. This course covers 8 classes. This will be virtual instruction via ZOOM starting Sept. 22, 7:30 PM for new beekeepers who are considering beginning their beekeeping adventure in the coming Spring.

Requirements:

- You must be a member of LIBC (\$35)
- Please buy a yearly subscription to Bee Culture Magazine (<https://www.beeeculture.com>) \$25
- Purchase instruction book "Beekeeping Basics" from Penn State Extension. (<https://extension.psu.edu>) \$29 plus tax.
- Read Chapters 1&2 of above prior to the first class.
- Class fee is \$75 for the 8 sessions. Payment can be made by credit card.

Rich Blohm EAS Master Beekeeper

Intermediate Beekeeping

Held on the first Wednesday of each month in Huntington. There is limited seating available, so sign up early.

For more information, send an Email to beebiz44@gmail.com

LONG ISLAND BEEKEEPERS CLUB

honey, wax & mead

JUDGING ENTRY RULES

1. All entrants must be paid-up members in good standing as of September of the current calendar year. Section 6 of the Bylaws states that “only members in good standing and members of their immediate families who are present can enter contests if a member is absent, a member of his family may represent him in case of extenuating circumstances can enter items for him.”
2. Only one entry in each class may be made by an individual or family. Duplications will be disqualified.
3. Identifying labels on entries are forbidden.
4. All entries must have been a product of the entrant’s apiary and have been produced during the current calendar year.
5. The decision of the judges in all cases will be final.
6. Entries in classes **ONE through FIVE** (see below) must be in one pound queenline jars.
7. Colors in honey in classes **ONE through FIVE** will be determined by the official grading committee.
8. Entries in classes **SIX, SEVEN, and EIGHT** must be in bee-proof cases having both sides made of transparent glass or plastic.
9. Entries in classes **TEN, ELEVEN, and TWELVE** must not be in a container.
10. Entries in class **THIRTEEN** shall have been made by the exhibitor by the process of fermentation and shall not have any identifying labels.

HONEY, WAX AND MEAD CLASSES

Extracted Honey

Class ONE	One jar of water white honey
Class TWO	One jar of light honey
Class THREE	One jar of light amber honey
Class FOUR	One jar of amber honey
Class FIVE	One jar of dark honey

Comb Honey

Class SIX	One section box of comb honey
Class SEVEN	One package of cut comb 4” square or one circular section of comb honey
Class EIGHT	One shallow, medium, or deep frame of comb honey

Creamed Honey

Class NINE	16 oz. clear container of creamed honey
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Beeswax

Class TEN	Single piece, pure beeswax, weight 1 lb.
Class ELEVEN	Candles, dipped, one pair, pure beeswax
Class TWELVE	Candles, molded, one pair, pure beeswax

Mead

Class THIRTEEN	16 oz. clear container of mead, made without fruit juice
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LONG ISLAND BEEKEEPERS CLUB
**honey cookery
 & gadget**

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2. Only one entry in each class may be made by an individual or family.
3. Identifying labels on entries are forbidden.
4. The decision of the judges in all cases will be final.
5. Entries must be accompanied by the recipe as used, written on a 3”x5” card.
6. The Long Island Beekeepers Club reserves the right to publish the recipes.
7. Entries will be exhibited as received. Plates will not be furnished by the contest committee.
8. Class **FOUR** items are handcrafted items related to beekeeping that could not be included in any other class. Honey labels and artwork, other than photography, are included in this class.
9. Class **FIVE** photographs must be related to beekeeping and can be taken with a digital or film camera, but cannot be altered by hand or with image-editing software.
10. Class **SIX** items must be related to beekeeping and accompanied by a typed or written explanation detailing practicality and ease of reproduction..

**HONEY COOKERY, ARTS,
 CRAFTS AND GADGETS
 CLASSES**

Class ONE	Baked goods made with at least 50% honey as sweetener, including, but not limited to cookies, brownies, cakes, bread, rolls, muffins, and pies.
Class TWO	Baked goods made with 100% honey as sweetener, including, but not limited to cookies, brownies, cakes, bread, rolls, muffins, and pies.
Class THREE	Honey spreads, including jams, jellies, conserves and honey butters, 1 jar
Class FOUR	Arts and Crafts
Class FIVE	Photography
Class SIX	Gadgets

If there is only one item per class only an Honorable Mention Award will be given. First, second and third prize awards will be reserved for multiple entries in the same class. Judges decision will be final.



**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.

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.

CLAS **SI** **F** **I** **D** **S**

Ads are complimentary for members of LIBC in good standing. For current Classified Ads see the Club Website.

To add or update classified ads contact Moira Alexander by email, ramoi@aol.com and place LIBC Classified Ads in the subject line!

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