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Next Meeting:

Sunday, 23 February 2025

1PM-3PM

Sisters of St. Joseph, Brentwood

Please follow signs for correct building!

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Master Beekeepers are certified beekeepers who have a detailed knowledge of honeybee 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>

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From the Editor's Desk

Conni Still

Dear Beekeepers,

Dear Beekeepers,

Dues are due in January! To avoid long lines at the meeting, please use PAY PAL, bring \$40 cash, or have checks pre-written to LIBC for \$40. You can mail checks to me, Conni Still, 82 Stephen Road, Bayport, NY 11705.



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

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.

* Ads are complimentary for members of LIBC in good standing.

* Only members in good standing have the ability to update their classified posting.

* Send your information to Moira Alexander at ramoi@aol.com and put LIBC classified ads in the Subject Line for any changes!

* *Classified advertisements do not constitute endorsement/recommendation by LIBC*



Conni has found more cute bee quilting fabric! Click image above!

CLASSIFIED ADS

For current Classified Ads see the Club Website

If you've posted an ad in the past now's a good time to update any information! Go to the LIBC website, log in and go to My Account. You will see a Green Button on the right lower side saying "Submit Ad". Click on this and the form will come up for you to fill out. Nick, the Director, will review it and post or contact you for any problems.

LIBRARY UPDATES:

The library will be up and running in February.

Members may sign out two books for one month at a time.

Our collection continues to grow: *Beekeeping for Dummies 2nd edition* and *Hobby Farms Beekeeping Journal* were anonymously donated in January...thank you on behalf of the club.

Thanks also to Risa G and Rachel P for returning loaned books by mail:) Others needing to make returns will be reminded by email. So don't forget or your name gets listed! We know the holidays are busy, and things fall through the cracks!

These folks have overextended their loans and we have tried to reach them without success:

ANGELA ASSELTA - *Beekeeping for Dummies*

BOB LINEKIN - *The Backyard Beekeeper* and *The Beekeeper's Bible*

CIENNA RIZZA - *The Beekeeper's Handbook*

MARGIE RIZZA - *Homegrown Honey Bees*

MICHELLE SALZ - *Natural Beekeeping* and *Simple Smart Beekeeping*

If anyone is in contact with them, the returns would be very much appreciated. The librarian may be reached by email: librarian@longislandbeekeepers.org
To request a book in advance please email to librarian@longislandbeekeepers.org in advance of the meeting. Simply provide your name and the book title you would like to borrow and it will be there for you if we have it (one month loan).

Have you seen the book *Plan Bee*? It went missing after the March meeting. Let's track it down so everyone can enjoy it!



Figure 1 Leadership at January meeting!

Getting honey across the border

An interesting story find contributed by Peter Borst

An American who had been living in Mexico wanted to move his bees to Texas, because there had been a change of government (by the usual Mexican method) and the old administration had given place to one with which he was no longer on good terms. The authorities would not permit him even to move his honey crop, so he bought some starving bees in Texas, planted them close to the frontier, went over to his Mexican apiary and opened all the supers-and the Texan bees duly smuggled his honey into U.S. for him!

Bee World, December 1940



Winter Dysentery

"Dysentery can be caused by the build up of material in the bodies of bees. If they are unable to take cleansing flights, such as during the winter when they are confined, they defecate within the hive. This shows as a large number of spots on the frames and combs. In extreme cases there is spotting on the front of the hive. Food of a high water content will cause this, so will fermented stores.

Soiling is cleaned up by house bees and if the colony is suffering from [nosema](#) the infection is quickly spread.

It is often assumed that a colony that is suffering from dysentery has a bad case of nosema, but this may not be the case."

Roger Patterson. <http://www.dave-cushman.net/bee/dysentery.html>

A Short Story About A Wintering Colony With Dysentery- J. Tew
<https://www.beeeculture.com/a-short-story-about-a-wintering-colony-with-dysentery/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

This month's speaker is Frank Linton

The title of his presentation is "Colony Monitoring"

Frank Linton started keeping bees in 2005, and with help, currently has a few colonies

near Washington DC. He is an EAS-certified master beekeeper. He runs three honey bee-related websites (colonymonitoring.com, thebeekeeper.com, and beekeepingwithdisabilities.com) and has hosted the four International Colony Monitoring Technology conferences.

He has contributed over 20 articles to *Bee Culture* and the *American Bee Journal* (since 1963), and he speaks at local, regional, and international bee conferences. Frank is the author of *The Observation Hive Handbook: Studying Honey Bees at Home*, and co-author of *Hive Tour: The Insider's Guide to Honey Bees*.

Making available to club members ability to buy books from Frank Linton.

The Observation Hive Handbook: Studying Honey Bees at Home, and *Hive Tour: The Insider's Guide to Honey Bees*.

(See the books & reviews on Amazon.com, etc.)

If there are pre-orders, he can bring them. He will provide them for \$20 each, \$5 off the retail price.

He would like to travel very light, so he doesn't want to bring along any extra copies, I can make a list of people who want each book, and he can deliver them. He takes cash, check, or Paypal.



Glassware

We will be taking glassware orders for honey jars, for ½ lb and 1 lb glass jars starting with the January meeting. Final sign ups this meeting! More details at meeting

Teaching Apiary

The Teaching Apiary will begin in April—by March meeting there will be the schedule with instructors.

If you plan to attend a Teaching Apiary session, please contact the listed instructor!

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Check your account on the website every month



Have a great picture of your beekeeping you want to share? Let us include it in the newsletter (with attribution!) Email pics to Conni!