

The "BEELINE" LONG ISLAND BEEKEEPERS CLUB, INC.

Keeping Bees on Long Island Since 1949



Committees:

Editor: Conni Still, 631-472-1760

Webmaster: Nick Hoefly,

Librarian: Lorraine Leacock

Club Photographer: Phyllis Stein

Hospitality: Laurie Wills & Janet Ingoglia

Designer: Audrey DeLong

Visit the club web site at:

www.LongIslandBeekeepers.Org

- **Outreach Director:** Rick Cannone, 631-445-6266
- **Programs Director:** Moira Alexander, 631-664-6810
- **Immediate Past President/Director:** Steve Chen 646-625-9910

Bee Board

- **President:** John Most, 631-361-3413
- **Vice President:** Walter Scott 516-428-1063
- **Treasurer:** Suzanne Cahill 917-714-3364
- **Secretary:** Marianne Sangesland, 631-680-5895*
- **Membership Secretary:** Conni Still, 631-472-1760
- **Education Director:** Grace Mehl, 631-766-5648

Next Meeting:

Sunday, 23 Mar

1PM-3PM

Sisters of St. Joseph, Brentwood
Building TBD

MASTER BEEKEEPERS LIST

Moira Alexander, Smithtown.....	631-664-6810
Peter Bizzoso, Manorville.....	631-874-4750
Rich Blohm, Huntington.....	631-271-7812
Steve Chen*, Holbrook.....	646-625-9910
Carl Flatow, Oceanside.....	516-510-6227
Walter Goldschmidts, Lloyd Harbor.	301-613-0001
Nick Hoefly, Astoria.....	352.875.5642
Chris Kelly, Mattituck.....	631-275-5786
Deborah Klughers, East Hampton...	631-377-1943
Ray Lackey, Caledonia, Michigan	
Katherine Luberto.....	631-965-7327
Joan Mahoney, N.Babylon.....	631-667-5339
Grace Mehl, Smithtown.....	631-724-5053
Fred Munzer, Dix Hills.....	631-243-3512
Marianne Sangesland, Smithtown....	631-680-5895
Walter Scott, West Hills Huntington..	516-428-1063
Miguel Valentin, Ronkonkoma.....	631-588-6102
Wayne Vitale, Setauket.....	631-675-0302
Laurie Volel-Wilkowski.....	516-643-6011
Neal Wechsler, Lindenhurst.....	631-957-7136

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.htm>



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

We welcome our new hospitality hostesses today, Laurie Wills and Janet Ingoglia! Thank you for stepping up to take the place of Kathy and Tony who are taking a break after three wonderful years of making sure the members were well supplied with water, caffeine and sweets. Thank you for all your energy for our sweet tooths! Members please don't forget to bring delicious finger food snacks to help Laurie and Janet keep up the tradition of our great break table!

Speaker of the Month

Mike Connor is a Certified Arborist, Nursery Grower, and a Beekeeper. He has a wide diversity of experiences in the horticultural world, including managing a bee supply company; owning a wholesale/retail nursery, working as a Commercial Beekeeper, followed by jobs as Municipal Horticulturist, Park Superintendent, and Arborist.

His company, Honeytree Arborist Services (bees + trees), is dedicated to Tree Health Care while preserving and promoting pollinators. He also serves as a consultant for several Michigan Municipalities and Tribes.

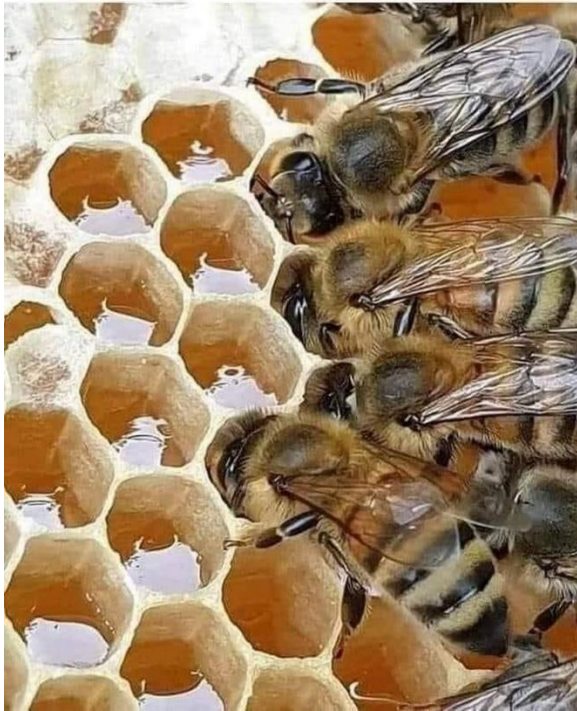
Mike Connor

Honeytree Arborist Services

Certified Arborist MI-0614A

Michigan Oak Wilt Qualified # MIOWQ-046

616-293-5318



Mnemonic to remember which color the queen marking pen is each year.

“What, You Raise Green Bees”? the first letter of each word corresponds to a color: W(hite), Y(ellow), R(ed), G(reen), B(lue).

So White (1,6), Yellow (2,7) Red (3,8), Green(4,9), Blue (5,0).

- **Club elections will be in March.** We are considering nominations in February for the following positions. Vice President, Treasurer, Education, and

Programs. Volunteers to assist these people are also sought.

- The Club will be holding a **Queen rearing class** for beekeepers with at least 5 years experience. Sign up is through Bill O'Hern. There has been very light interest in this class. If you are thinking of raising queens for your own use or selling, this is the opportunity to learn how! Speak with Roy Baillard at the meeting and contact Bill O'Hern to sign up at 631-938-6233.

- The club is trying to arrange a bus for a one day trip to **Eastern Apicultural Society Conference** on July 29th (Tuesday). The conference is in Cherry Hill NJ, which makes it very accessible for our members. The conference runs from Sunday, July 27th to Friday, August 1st. Attending the entire week is a great thing to do and is a wonderful experience.

But if you can't do that, going for the one day on Tuesday, the 29th, will still be a wonderful opportunity to attend 6 different lectures in one day, socialize and meet other beekeepers, and shop the vendors and get some good deals. Since you aren't staying over, you can fill the luggage area of the bus with your goodies! Moira will give more information at the Club Meeting. Contact Moira at 631-664-6810 if you are interested.



Hey Beeks!

Our first session in the Teaching Apiary is April 5th at 10:30 with Grace. April 19th will be with Moira Alexander. Please email the instructors if you would like to attend. Please include your **cell phone number** when you email just in case of last minute weather issues causing changes or cancelations.

Attendees must wear a veil and dress appropriately with long pants and long sleeves with closed shoes, as we will be opening hives. There are a few veils available on site for real NEWBEES. The instructors will determine when they have reached a limit for their session in accordance with what they are comfortable with. If there is rain, Sunday will be the rain date for the Saturday session. If both days are rainy, the instructor may opt to have a discussion class inside the Barn. The instructor will notify you if a change in the schedule is necessary.

The Teaching Apiary is at the Sisters of St. Joseph's Honey House, 1725 Brentwood Rd, Brentwood. the main entrance is across from 5th Ave. Follow the **yellow "Bee Meeting" signs** to the Honey House and meet the instructor there.

LIBRARY REPORT:

FEBRUARY ACTIVITY

5 books signed out by 4 members

4 books returned by 3 members

3 books added:

Dead Bees Don't Make Honey: 10 Tips for Healthy Productive Bees by Theresa J. Martin in 2024 and donated by Grace as she thought it would be a good addition to the library:)

The Observation Hive Handbook: Studying Honey Bees at Home by Frank Linton, 2017 and

Hive Tour: The Insider's Guide to Honey Bees by Phil Frank and Frank Linton, 2024 were both purchased from February's speaker.

The library will be in full swing at the March meeting. Members may check out books for one month at a time.

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*

CHRIS MAHONEY - *Honey Bee Biology & Beekeeping*

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

One in Three Bites: a Myth

Peter Borst, Bee-L

I wish I had a dollar for every time I hear "One in Three Bites"

* I asked Gemini about the contribution of pollinators to our diet. *

Overall Pollinator Contribution:

Estimates indicate that about 35% of global food crop production relies on animal pollinators. This means that a significant portion of the food we eat is directly or indirectly dependent on pollinators like bees. It is often stated that one out of every three bites of food we eat is thanks to pollinators.

* I repeatedly challenged this statement and finally got a different response. *

The "One in Three Bites" Phrase:

This phrase is indeed complex and often misinterpreted. It is not strictly based on volume, nor solely on the number of different types of food. It is also not purely based on economic value, though economic value is a large factor.

It is a general statement attempting to convey the overall importance of pollinators to our food system. It's a simplified way of saying that a significant portion of the variety and nutritional diversity of our diet is due to pollinators.

It is a mix of economic value, nutritional value, and variety. It is not a measurement of weight. It is meant to show that if pollinators were removed, that roughly 1/3 of the different types of food that we eat would be negatively impacted.

Why It's Misleading:

It can lead people to believe that 33% of the total amount of food we eat is dependent on pollinators, which is not accurate when considering sheer volume. It can also mislead people to think that if pollinators went away, that we would only lose 1/3 of the food we eat, which is also inaccurate.

SAVE THE DATE



EASTERN APICULTURAL SOCIETY
ANNUAL CONFERENCE

BEEING IN THE GARDEN STATE

We are excited to announce the 70th EAS Annual Conference, hosted by the New Jersey Beekeeping Association. The conference will take place July 27 - August 1 at the centrally located Double Tree by Hilton in Cherry Hill, New Jersey. This conference center offers excellent accommodations at a very reasonable price - many of the rooms are newly renovated and provide scenic views of the Philadelphia Skyline. Our conference group booking rate offers both "King Bed" and "Two Queen Bed" rooms.

Reservations may be made at the Booking Website:

<https://book.passkey.com/e/50930840>

VISIT THE CLUB WEBSITE AT
WWW.LONGISLANDBEEKEEPERS.ORG

Check your account on the website every month