

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

Keeping Bees on Long Island Since 1949



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## Next Meeting:

Sunday, 27 April

1PM-3PM

Sisters of St. Joseph, Brentwood  
Building 4

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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.htm>



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

The bees are flying today, so happy with sun and warm weather. Hope you read Grace's email on checking for swarms!

Channel 12 featured Master Beekeepers Grace Mehl and Rich Blohm with the news regarding bees declining, partly by the use of pesticides. Please educate your neighbors to eliminate the use of widespread pesticides and plant more pollen source flowers. See you at the meeting. 🐝 🐝 🐝





Our upcoming meeting is April 27th, at building 4 of the Sisters of St. Joseph, 1725 Brentwood Rd, Brentwood NY. Follow the yellow bee meeting signs! The doors at will open at 12:30. The meeting will start at 1:00.

- Conni can take dues for anyone who still needs to pay, or you can pay on the website.
- Formic Pro will be available at this meeting.
- Club Honey will be available for sale at the meeting. This is one of the ways we are funding some of our "extras" the club offers. It is also an opportunity for newbees to get some real honey for a reasonable price. Text Grace at 631-766-5648 if you want more than a couple of jars!
- Our hospitality volunteers (Laurie and Janet) can always use help setting up the table and coffee, and of course, donations of cake, cookies and snacks are always welcome!
- The library books can be returned at the desk to Conni.
- We have some excellent door prizes for this meeting, so make sure to get your ticket for these at the meeting. We will have a drawing of tickets to distribute the prizes. We are always happy to get more door prize donations. If you have something in the bee shed or closet you don't use/want that might benefit someone else, please consider donating it.
- The Classified section on the the website can be updated by filling out the form after you *log in* to the website. This includes being placed on the SWARM LIST.
- The club is trying to arrange a bus for a one day trip to Eastern Apicultural Society



**CLICK IMAGE ABOVE to go to the website that sells this lovely piece as well as other bee-themed fabrics!**

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. You must sign up for the bus, and also register for the conference on the EAS website and pay for the day, which is \$120, and become an EAS member which is \$35. There are already 8 people signed up for the bus, which holds 20 people and is estimated to be \$100 per person for round trip. It is first come first serve. Since you aren't staying over, you can fill the luggage area of the bus with your goodies! Contact Moira at 631-664-6810 if you are interested.

- The teaching Apiary has started and the next session is Saturday, May 3rd with Dawn Marie Schmitz. You can email her at Hivedelmiele@gmail.com to sign up. Please include your cell number for notification of last minute changes due to weather.

- There will be a Plant Swap at the Sisters of St. Joseph Honey House on May 4th from 11:00 to 1:00. It is a good place to bring extra plants you started (tomatoes and peppers always a hit) as well as any perennials you are thinning out. There will be a "Skill Share" also, and Moira and Grace will be manning the honey bee table!

- ESHPA (Empire State Honey Producers

Association) has created a "buy local NY honey map" All ESHPA members have the opportunity to post their information and location by logging in and filling out the form on their website. Another advantage is that you can also search for other bee products in NYS.

**Speakers for April:**

**- Kevin Inglin will be speaking about Small Hive Beetles**

**- Grace will be speaking about "What's Happening in the Hive in May"**



Let's talk about Swarms!

**Hello LIBC Beekeepers,**

Do your bees swarm in spite of your best efforts at swarm prevention?

Mine do.

Escaped swarms cause problems:

1. Your expensive queen flies away
2. Your honey-making foragers fly away
3. You may injure yourself retrieving a swarm

4. Your escaped swarm may be a mite reservoir
5. Your neighbors may now have bees in their walls

I want to reduce escaped swarms.

Please help me by responding to this brief survey:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSePiR3emh6DjGeWhftD645zS-xw2E\\_QvQBYwZBX3vhU-HA6sQ/viewform?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSePiR3emh6DjGeWhftD645zS-xw2E_QvQBYwZBX3vhU-HA6sQ/viewform?usp=sharing)

Thank you.

Frank Linton

EAS-certified master beekeeper

Co-author *Hive Tour*

Author: *The Observation Hive Handbook*



#### LIBRARY REPORT:

The library will be available for April!  
Please remember to return checked out books and get new ones!

7 books and 1 DVD signed out by 7 members

2 book loans renewed by 2 members

3 books returned by 3 members

2 books donated:

*The Music of Bees*, a 2021 novel by Eileen Garvin

and

*Simple Smart Beekeeping*, written by Kirsten S. Traynor, PhD & Michael J. Traynor

These additions and the rest of the library will be available to members at the May 2025 meeting.

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](mailto:librarian@longislandbeekeepers.org)

## BEEING IN THE GARDEN STATE

### THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH THE GLASSWARE DISTRIBUTION:

As Nana Dorney said " Many Hands Make Light Work"

Just want to give a hearty shout out to the folks who made the glassware and tree event a success. Everything ran smoothly and the load was lightened because of their willingness to step up and lend a hand. Let's give them a round of applause for their efforts. Thanks again!

Moira Alexander  
Martin Haerter  
Sharon Hoey  
Oksana Ivashkevych  
Joanne Kalinowski  
Kathy Luberto  
Joan Mahoney  
Tim McQuade  
Joanie McQuade  
Grace Mehl  
Diane Miller  
Bill O'Hern  
John Ree ( "The Foreman")  
Walter Scott  
Patti Wiggin

### SAVE THE DATE



EASTERN APICULTURAL SOCIETY  
ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Eastern Apicultural Society conference (EAS) is happening at the Hilton Doubletree conference center in West Cherry Hill, New Jersey this Summer and it is really close and pretty darned convenient. We are trying to provide an opportunity for you to go for a day trip, without having to stay over, and also without having to drive! Moira has been taking names of those interested in participating at the last two meetings and is getting close to having enough people to book the bus. Just need a few more people to commit to make this happen!

The trip would be for Tuesday, July 29th. The bus would leave early in the morning, between about 5:30 and 6:00 AM and get you there around 8:30 AM. There are 3 sets of classes in the AM and 3 sets of classes in the afternoon. When we say "sets", we mean that you can choose between three different levels of talks at each time slot. This is an opportunity to experience the conference for one day and learn. You don't have to sign up for individual classes in advance, you just go where you want for that time slot. You do have to register for the conference on your own though and pay in advance. Lunch is part of the day's registration, which is \$120, and you must register yourself for the admission and the membership of \$35 for EAS at the [Easternapiculture.org](http://Easternapiculture.org) website.

The bus will be \$100 for each person if we have enough people to cover the cost of the bus. This will be collected up-front and will be a non-refundable payment for the bus trip.

Please contact Moira to sign up. If you are already on the list from the meetings, you do not need to sign up again. Moira's cell number is 631-664-6810 and you can text her.

The conference is a week long. There is more information on the website if you

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choose to go on your own for more than just  
the one day.

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[WWW.LONGISLANDBEEKEEPERS.ORG](http://WWW.LONGISLANDBEEKEEPERS.ORG)

*Check your account on the website every month*