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Next Meeting:

Sunday, 25 May

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!

**Hello Beekeepers
Hope to see you at the next meeting,
Sunday, May 25, 2025**

**Our speaker will be Dr. David Peck,
specialist from Better Bee.**

**In June we welcome Theresa Martin,
author of the book Dead Bees Don't Make
Honey.**

**July is our Annual Club Picnic at the
Smithtown Brush Barn. We anticipate
over 100 members and are hoping for a
\$3.00 donation per person plus a family
desert to keep our finances in order.**

Speaker of the Month

**Honey Bee Nutrition: Understanding
Nutrition by Studying Digestion by Dr
David Peck**



Dr. Peck is the Director of Research and Education at Betterbee in Greenwich, NY, where he assists in product development and research, and also teaches classes and develops scientifically-sound educational materials. His ongoing research includes testing new miticides and miticide formulations, as well as testing new prototypes of beekeeping products.

His doctoral work in Cornell University's Department of Neurobiology and Behavior was supervised by Professor Tom Seeley. His dissertation research focused on the transmission of mites between bee colonies, as well as the mite-resistance traits of the untreated honey bees living in Cornell's Arnot Forest. After earning his degree, he conducted additional fieldwork in Newfoundland, Canada (where varroa still have not arrived) and Madagascar (where varroa arrived only in 2010 or 2011). He served as a Teaching postdoctoral fellow in Cornell's Department of Entomology, and maintains an affiliation with Cornell through the Honey Bee Health program of the College of Veterinary Medicine.

Dr. Peck has kept bees for more than a decade, though his home apiary is often full of mite-riddled research colonies so he doesn't usually produce much honey.

Since 2024, he has served as the Academic Advisor for the Eastern Apicultural Society's Certified Master Beekeeper program, the oldest such program in the country.



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

TEACHING APIARY NEWS

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 cancellations.

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.

Directions: The LIBC Teaching Apiary is located on the grounds of the Sisters of St. Joseph's Campus at 1725 Brentwood Rd, Brentwood, NY. Enter the Sisters of St Joseph's complex at the 1725 Brentwood Rd, Brentwood, NY entrance (across from 5th Ave. on Brentwood Rd.) and pass the guard shack going straight, then turn right at Maria Regina Rehab Center and then go right again at the traffic circle and take the first right out of the traffic circle toward the parking area and go to the end of the parking lot, then right at the rain garden toward the Honey House and park on the left side of the road where you will see other cars parked. Walk to the Honey House where the group will gather to meet your instructor. The

Teaching Apiary hives are to the left of the Honey House.

May Schedule:

May 18th - Moira Alexander - email

at: Ramoi@aol.com to sign up

May 31st - John Most - email

at: President@longislandbeekeepers.org to sign up



LIBRARY REPORT:

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

NECTAR FLOW WATCH!

The Black Locust bloom has started (yes Tim, this is your warning)!

Black Locust is our first really big nectar flow as many of you already know. But, for the uninitiated, Black Locust makes a beautiful light honey and if you have a good amount of these very tall trees near you, the bees will be working hard to bring in as much of it as possible. You will see them working hard flying in and out to gather it all. A bee coming back loaded with nectar will have an extended abdomen which can look like it is glowing if the sun hits it right. They are so heavy, they sometimes struggle to fly up to the landing board. Watch the entrance.

A big, strong colony can draw out and fill a super with nectar in a week or so if the Black Locust flow is strong. So, don't miss out! You should have already placed honey supers on overwintered hives. Check your hives for room to store nectar and add another super now if there is any doubt they have enough room to store the nectar. Watch that they don't fill the brood nest with nectar and make the hive honey bound. This can happen on a strong flow.

Usually, as long as they have enough room, I find

the bees settle down to work and have a less tendency to swarm once the flow really starts. But, this is only true if the queen has enough room to lay. You have to keep ahead of them! Checking supers every 7 days during the flow for space is a good policy. You don't have to go down into the brood nest every time you check. But, checking during your regular inspections and moving any frames of all nectar up into supers can help.

Of course, be aware of stored sugar syrup on hives where you fed. This must not be moved into supers. If you are feeding new hives, you stop feeding when they stop taking it, or when you place honey supers. Honey is made from nectar and you must take care to make sure it is not contaminated with sugar syrup.

Here is hoping the nectar flow is good by you!

Our upcoming meeting is May 25th, at building 4 of the Sisters of St. Joseph, 1725 Brentwood Rd, Brentwood NY. Follow the yellow bee meeting signs! The doors will open at 12:30. The meeting will start at 1:00.

- There are people who still haven't paid dues for 2025. Please pay your dues, as we count on that money for our budget obligations. 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! We are having a honey sale to move out the honey from 2024 before the new harvest. The price will be lowered to \$12 a pound for club members. We have about 4 cases of 11lb and 10 jars of 2 lb. 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!

- Tee Shirts and Sweatshirt will be available for purchase. There are new colors available and also we are looking into getting a baseball cap for the club. Our new volunteer is Patty Raffloer!

- There will be a sign up sheet going around for the Club Picnic, which is on July 27th at the Brush Barn in Smithtown, from 1 to 4 pm. We need to get an accurate number for the food truck order. If you will not be at the meeting you can text Joan to sign up at 631-316-6284.

- The library will be available for people return

and borrow books.

- 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 classified was refreshed at the beginning of the year. If you didn't fill out the form in 2025, you are not on it.*

- The teaching Apiary next session is Saturday, May 31st with John Most. You can email him at President@longislandbeekeepers.org to sign up. Please include your cell number for notification of last minute changes due to weather.

- The bus trip to EAS is not happening. There were not enough people who signed up. If you want to go on your own, you can register at Easternapiculture.org. You can also see the program on this website once it is posted. The dates are from 27 July to 1 August, 2025.

- 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.

SAVE THE DATE



EASTERN APICULTURAL SOCIETY ANNUAL CONFERENCE

BEEING IN THE GARDEN STATE

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 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

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

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WWW.LONGISLANDBEEKEEPERS.ORG

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