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Next Meeting:

Sunday, 22 June

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

Dear Beekeepers, I hope you have all found days to check your bees besides these rainy weekends! It is so frustrating, I remember working a regular five day work week 9-5 and trying to check bees between the showers on the weekends. Then I had split shifts with days and hours off during the week, it made all the difference. Of course Retirement was a whole new life, but now I'm too old to do the lifting and I had to give up my best pastime. Enjoy this time while you can!

Don't forget to sign up for the July Picnic.



Speaker of the Month



BIOGRAPHY

Theresa Martin is the author of *Dead Bees Don't Make Honey: 10 Tips for Healthy Productive Bees*, which includes a Foreword by Dr. Thomas Seeley. Theresa has achieved 99% colony survival and honey production that is twice the local average in her seven years as a beekeeper, with 20–25 colonies in Kentucky. She practices a beekeeping methodology that places bee health as the highest priority and optimal pathway to productivity. Following the model of how bees survive in the wild, employing integrated pest management, and providing high support yet low intervention, she demonstrates that healthy, alive bees are more productive than sick or dead bees. Theresa is a Cornell Master Beekeeper, 2024 Kentucky State Beekeeper of the Year, and Vice-President of the Kentucky State Beekeepers Association. She worked at Fidelity Investments and

Procter & Gamble in information technology and operations management. Theresa can be reached at theresa@littewolf.farm



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.

June Schedule:

28 June: **Maryellen Cuiffo**



1 spot the queen!

LIBRARY REPORT:

The library will be open for members in June. Up to two books at a time to be returned at the next meeting.

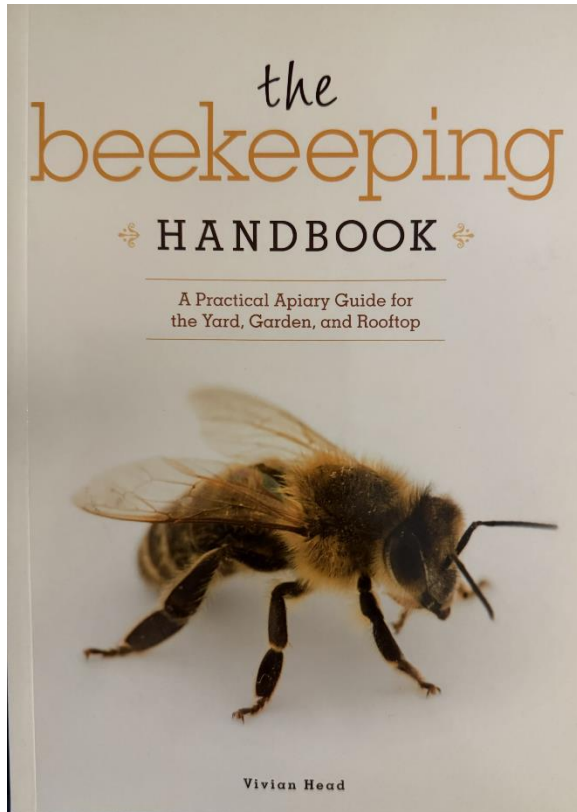
MAY ACTIVITY

3 books and 1 DVD signed out by 3 members

2 book loans renewed by 2 members

4 books and 1 DVD returned by 5 members

1 book donated thanks to Dan for *The Beekeeping Handbook*:



Sadly, I report that our member, Wally Blohm, lost his wife, Linda, on Friday without warning to a sudden heart attack. The Funeral will be Friday, June 13, 2025 at 10 AM. At their local church. Our deepest sympathy is with Wally and his family, especially his brother Rih Blohm and his wife Lucie. Condolences can be sent to Wally at 80-32 165 Street, Jamaica, New York 11432.



LINKS

[How Capital Region beekeepers are rescuing bees and pushing research forward](#)

[About 250 million honeybees loose near U.S.-Canada border after truck overturns](#)

[A Virgin Queen Piping—on Camera!](#)

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



Club News:

Betterbee Podcast



Beekeeping Today Podcast's 334th Episode!

What do honey bee genetics mean for the everyday beekeeper—and how do researchers untangle traits like foraging behavior, hygienic tendencies, and even pollen hoarding? In this episode, Jeff and Becky sit down with Dr. Rob Page, one of the world's leading experts in honey bee genetics and author of the newly updated *Honey Bee Genetics* and *The Art of the Bee*. Rob shares stories from his early influences, including his time with Harry Laidlaw and the legacy of Walter Rothenbuhler, and how his fascination with bee behavior grew into a groundbreaking career in genetic research.

They also discuss Rob's engaging new textbook, why he pivoted away from queen rearing content, and the importance of mentorship and collaboration in science. For beekeepers interested in breeding better bees, Rob emphasizes the power of careful observation, good recordkeeping, and realistic expectations.

Listeners will also hear about Rob's video lecture series based on his book *The Art of the Bee*, created to make bee biology and genetics accessible to students and enthusiasts alike.

Whether you're raising local queens or just curious about what makes a colony tick, this conversation is a rare chance to learn from a pioneer whose research continues to shape modern beekeeping.

Websites from the episode and others we recommend:

- Becky's Episode on Honey Bee Obscura Regarding Dr. Rothenbuhler: <https://honeybeeobscura.com/152>
- Honey Bee Genetics & Breeding: <https://wicwas.com/project/honey-bee-genetics-and-breeding/>
- Rob's Books on Amazon: <https://www.amazon.com/stores/Robert-E.-Page/>
- Heart of the Andes Painting: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Heart_of_the_Andes
- Rob's YouTube Channel, "Art of the Bee": <https://www.youtube.com/@artofthebee>
- Honey Bee Health Coalition: <https://honeybeehealthcoalition.org>
- The National Honey Board: <https://honey.com>

Honey Bee Obscura

Podcast: <https://honeybeeobscura.com>

A Note on Spotted Lanternfly Honey (food for thought?):

“We love our spotted lanternfly honeydew here in Philadelphia. We got it for a season when they first invaded but you don't see many in town anymore. I think the local fauna figured out that they are tasty. In the

late summer you'll find piles of lanternfly wings at the entrances of bald faced hornet nests.

As to the flavor it's pretty variable. We did a honey tasting event with Marina Marchese recently and she really liked it. She said it tastes like bacon which I think is pretty accurate. Maybe roast pork. Porky anyway. It's often mixed with knotweed for a fruity, porky, smoky bonanza.

I will argue with the term "defecate" which implies feces and is based on a total misunderstanding of the biology of sap sucking insects. They need a balanced diet with protein and carbs just like everything else. Sap has very little protein so they must process a lot of it to get enough. While feces or urine are concentrated waste products produced by the gut and kidneys, honeydew is essentially slightly filtered sap. It's only disgusting if you don't understand it. Do you think chickens defecate eggs? Of course not.

As to its value we let people taste our honey before they buy it and lanternfly honeydew honey is always a best seller if we have it.

So, at least in Philadelphia lanternfly honey is popular and we produce as much of it as we can, which isn't much. Some of us have apiaries out in the country, north of here towards Lancaster or Reading and they generally get a crop. A lot of people buy it from our friends to the north and sell it here. One beekeeper sells it as Doom Bloom Honey with a halloween theme and again, it's a best seller.

I don't get it usually but I've heard that many beeks where they do get it have found that it's eliminated the need for fall feeding and that in spite of its dark color the bees overwinter well on it.

Finally, testing by Ferat Ozturk has shown that it rivals or exceeds Manuka in antibacterial activity. This makes sense since lanternfly prefer trees that are high in compounds that help them fight insects and other trees. They prefer Alanthus but also black walnut and grapes which both have similar compounds.

If you get any lanternfly honey I would suggest embracing it. It's amazing stuff."—
David Harrod

NOTES!

- 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 Smittstown, 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.*



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