

The “BEE LINE” LONG ISLAND BEEKEEPERS CLUB, INC.

Keeping Bees on Long Island Since 19



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Next Meeting:

Sunday, 22 February,
2026 Sisters of St Joseph
Building 4
1-3 pm!

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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



Dear Beekeepers,

Please put your email on your check. Bring your exact cash of \$40. Hope we will keep the line moving quickly to pay your dues. See you Sunday!.

You have several ways to take care of this: Go onto our website, and click onto the membership link and pay via PAYPAL, Mail a check to LIBC for \$40 to me, Conni Still, 82 Stephen Road, Bayport NY 11705, or bringing \$40 LIBC check or \$40 exact cash to the next meeting. Paying in advance makes our meeting much easier and less waiting lines. Look forward to seeing you all.



Speaker of the Month:

Paula Wolf, “Invasive Pests of Honeybees”

Paula Wolf is Connecticut’s State Apiarist and a leading expert on honey bee health and management. With a keen eye for hive wellness and a deep commitment to pollinator preservation, Paula works closely with beekeepers to safeguard honey bee colonies from pests, diseases, and other environmental threats.

Her dedication to ensuring the vitality of Connecticut's bee population is reflected in her hands-on approach and extensive knowledge of beekeeping practices. Paula brings both expertise and enthusiasm to every aspect of her work, helping to promote the health and sustainability of the state's vital pollinator community.



TEACHING APIARY NEWS
Dates for Spring to be posted soon!

LIBRARY REPORT:

NOVEMBER ACTIVITY

7 books signed out by 5 members

3 books renewed by 3 members

3 books returned by 2 members

Hoping everyone has time to finish reading by the January 2026 meeting. The library will only be accepting returns this month. Annie McClintock graciously volunteered to collect books so please be sure to give them to her.

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)

Upcoming events:

Hey Beeks and Wannabees!

Intermediate Beekeeping (Saturday, March 14th, 2026)

A class designed for beekeepers with at least 1 or 2 years of experience but, who want to further their education.

Topics include:

- Spring Management/Readiness
- Varroa Monitoring and treatment
- Swarm prevention and bait boxes
- Queen evaluation and replacement
- Making splits and nucs
- Supering for nectar flow and honey harvesting
- Why did I lose my hive?

The recommended book for this class is *Honey Bee Biology and Beekeeping* by Dewey Caron. This book is not provided and not mandatory, but recommended to further your beekeeping knowledge. Instructors are Long Island Beekeepers Club members. There will be time allotted to ask questions in the “break out” sessions.

The class will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Huntington, 109 Browns Rd, Huntington, NY 11743. Doors open at 8:15 AM and instruction will start at 8:30 AM, with the day ending at approximately 2:00 PM. Coffee, water, and Bagels will be available. You can bring your own food and beverage if desired as well.

Attendees must be members of the Long Island Beekeepers Club. Club dues are \$40 per year. Class price is \$45. Sign up on the website and pay by PayPal, or contact Grace by texting her at 631-766-5648 to sign up and then send a check made out to **Long Island Beekeepers Club** to our treasurer: Suzanne Cahill, 30 Meadow Glen Rd, Northport, NY 11768.

Hey Beeks!

Our upcoming meeting is **Sunday, February 22nd** 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. Come early if you intend to pay your dues at the door, please!

- Our **JUNE meeting has been rescheduled for June 14th** due to a conflict at our venue. Please put this date on your calendar!

- Our **Intermediate Beekeeper Class** for 2nd and 3rd year and beyond beekeepers is March 14th. There is more information on the website. Sign up on the website or by texting Grace at 631-766-5648. You must be a member to attend this class.

- See info on the website for the **Queen Rearing Class**. Scroll down past the LIBC classes and links and see the classes taught by others.

- Thank you to all those who promptly paid your dues on the website. When you pay by check or cash, your info must be manually updated on the website and this takes time. We are trying to expedite this with new help! **If you are paying your dues at the meeting, please come early!** Checks are great and should be made out to **Long Island Beekeepers Club for \$40** and have your **EMAIL written clearly** on them so the website and email list can be updated, but cash will work also.

- There will be Small Hive Beetle traps available at the meeting for a nominal fee. Getting these in early in the season is a good plan for keeping the SHBs under control with our heavier pressure this past season.

- **Bee Tree payment** will be collected in February and March. Please see Moira to pay for your bee trees at the meeting by check or cash. The original 50 tree bundles and the additional 25 bundles are **all sold out!** Moira is expecting the trees by the third week of April. She was notified that the Little Leaf Linden tree in the last 25 bundles will be replaced with **Service Berry** due to a shortage. The original 50 bundles will still have the originally agreed trees. There is a waiting list of people who want trees and didn't get on the list early enough, so if you are unable to pay for your trees, they may be re-allocated to someone who wants them. Please let Moira know if you no longer want your trees.

- There is **no extra Hive Alive Fondant**. It is all sold. If you need winter food for your bees, you must order from a distributor. Ordering from Amazon is not advised as they are the most expensive.

- Joan will be discussing our **glassware** bulk order at this meeting. The manufacturer, Gamber, has new requirements of a minimum of 6 full pallets and each pallet must be of one type of container (i.e., all 1 lb jars on a pallet). Joan is working hard to figure out the best way to make our order possible. More information at the meeting. Once again, all of the glassware must be pre-ordered and pre-paid and we cannot store your glassware. You must be available to pick up or have someone else pick up on the day of distribution.

- We have a **6 Frame Maxant Extractor** as a **Raffle prize** and will have it at the meeting so you can see it. We will be selling tickets for \$10 each at this meeting and the March meeting. Drawing at the March meeting. You do not have to be present to win.

- We also have **door prizes** for this meeting. Donations are gladly accepted as door prizes too!

- Kevin and Patty Raffloer are hosting the club's manual extractors for rental. Please contact them at 631-495-9209 to set up to borrow one if you have honey to extract.

- 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!

- Dolores Oesterle is administering the

club **facebook** page and doing a great job. If you have pictures that you would like to send her, please send them to her dolores_oesterle@yahoo.com.

- Items for the **Sisters of St. Joseph food pantry** (non-perishable items) will be collected. This includes paper goods, baby food, pet food, and personal hygiene products. Thank you for support shown in the past and we appreciate all support as there is still a desperate need.

- **There is also a need for winter coats, hats, scarves, gloves** and other items of outer clothing to keep warm. The need is of all sizes for Men, Women and Children. Bring them to the meeting!

- People have asked about Beekeeping insurance. The Point of Contact is Melissa.daley@american-national.com. Her office number is 631-542-0101.

- The club LIBRARY will be available for check out and return of books. You had an extra month to finish reading them, so please return your **Library books** at the meeting. We also have a few new books, so see Lorraine and ask about them.

- **Tee Shirts and Sweatshirts** will be available at this meeting

- **Club Elections:** You can still **nominate someone for the following positions:** Please contact John Most if you want to nominate someone. **We are still working on a nomination for the position of Outreach Director** as Rick has chosen to step down. Please consider joining the board. Moira will talk about what that entails at the meeting.

- **President**
- **Web Master**
- **Education**
- **Outreach**

If you have any questions, you can contact Grace on her cell at 631-766-5648 or at Education@longislandbeekeepers.org.

LINKS

[UBC Research Reveals Why Honey Bees Overthrow Their Queen – Bee Culture Magazine](#)

[The Honey Bee Secret to Staying Clean and Healthy – Bee Culture Magazine](#)

[Beekeeping News: Trends, Updates, and Insights on Colony Health - Beekeeper Corner](#)

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WWW.LONGISLANDBEEKEEPERS.ORG

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month