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Next Meeting: September 27, 2020

***Peconic River Herb Farm
Chairs and Masks required!***

1:00 PM Short Business Meeting

**Grace Mehl ...Bees in Fall
John Most...Jacob Javits Center
Bees**

**Rich Blohm...Vaporization with
Oxalic Acid**

Nick Hoefly..., Wax Rendering

Board Meeting: September 15, 2020 6:00 PM

St. Joseph's Convent Honey House

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***EAS and Cornell Master Beekeepers Program**

Master Beekeepers are certified beekeepers who have a detailed knowledge of honey bee 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.html>

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President's Message:

Good evening all

Just wanted to thank you all for a wonderful meeting today. The mead presentation was, I believe an inspiration to many. Perhaps we can look forward to seeing (and drinking) some at our honey judging. I would like to get a list of some of the websites he mentioned for our members. Moira and Grace nice job. Steve I thought your presentation was a good overview of queen rearing. And so quick!

I will be reaching out to George about the website with an introduction to Nick in the coming days. Hope to see you all soon

Congratulations to Laurie Volel-Wilkowski and Nick

Hoefly, our newest Master Beekeepers. They completed the requirements from the Cornell Master Beekeepers Program

. Don

Vice President's Message

Dear Beeks,

2020 was a wonderful year for many of our bee keepers. As many of us know every season brings it's challenges to our hobby and passion.

My challenges this season included my bees swarming a few times I didn't know if my colonies were queen right, and a general concern of the bees well-being and have to admit times wondering if I was going to get any honey to enjoy with my friends and neighbors. Well all seemed to work out fine, for now. I even sent a pound of

honey to an old college room mate from Boston, shipping was \$28 to Peterborough Ontario (I hope he isn't expecting a bottle next year!).

At this time all New York bee keepers should be assessing honey stores, checking and treating for mites, and feeding our colonies if necessary. No one is certain how our Winter will be but best to have our colonies in the best of shape.

I couldn't have been as successful with this hobby without the guidance from many of our knowledgeable masters. Please come to our next meeting and continue your journey with the LIBC club. It's important to be trained and guided by our knowledgeable masters and members.

Sincerely,

John Most

From the Editor's Desk

Conni Still



Another good meeting at the Peconic Herb Farm with great speakers and delicious samples of mead. Every month we have had new members join. Please see me for your membership cards, keeping socially distant please.

I received a copy of a clipping from the Suffolk County News from our former president and friend Ray Lackey. It was from the column 55 years ago, and since it was hard to reproduce I just copied the text here.

“Despite the rain, a meeting was held of the Suffolk County “Bee Club in the beeyard of R.Vernon Laiko of

Sycamore, Oakdale with about 60 members and their guests in attendance. The hives were opened for inspection and an indoor observation hive was on display.”

This article shows a bit of our history when our name was changed several times to where we are today, and when our membership fluctuated up and down over the years. So glad we are on the upswing!

**STAY SAFE and WASH YOUR HANDS
and WEAR YOUR MASKS!**

DUES FOR 2020 ARE PAST DUE!

Annual dues are \$35.. PLEASE send a check payable to LIBC to Conni Still at 82 Stephen Road, Bayport, NY 11705, go to the club website Longislandbeekeepers.org and use PAYPAL,

Any member who does not pay their dues will not receive future newsletters nor have free advertising in future newsletters, Also please **update** your copy for your ads. Send your information to Moira Alexander at ramoi@aol.com and put LIBC classified ads in the subject line.

**PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN
CHAIRS AND WEAR A FACE
MASK WHILE ON THE PROPERTY**

LIBC Meeting Schedule for 2020

NOTE: The meetings are the fourth Sunday of the month at Sisters of St. Joseph Convent in Brentwood

September 27th Grace Mehl-Bees in Fall

John Most- Bees at JJC

Rich Blohm- Vaorization with Oxalic Acid

Nick Hoefly-Wax Rendering

October 25th Peconic River Herb Farm 1-3PM

Grace Mehl-TBD

Chris Kelly- TBD

Walter Goldschidt-Races of Bees & Breeding

November 22nd – Smithtown Bee Barn
Jamie Ellis The Incredible NUC

NO HONEY JUDGING

**December NO MEETING-
NO HOLIDAY PARTY DUE TO COVID**

- Three club... 2 frame extractors are available for \$10 rental for honey extraction.- call Moira or Rick-

Directions to :

Peconic River Herb Farm, 2749 River Road, Calverton, N.Y. 11933. There will be Bee Club signs posted once you enter the property. The herb farm is located about 1/2 mile west of Edwards Ave, after you get off the LI Expressway at Exit 71, just before the LIRR crossing. This is a location on the Peconic River with all types of plants, vegetables, and herbs for sale. See their website at: <http://prherbfarm.com/>. If you want, you can bring a picnic lunch for before or

after our meeting. We will not have a hospitality table or beverages. Please bring your own water, etc.



It is sad to tell you our member Charlie DiStefano passed away this month. He was at home with his wife Charlotte, in hospice care, after a long illness.

Charlie enjoyed beekeeping in his later years, and always lamented that he waited too long to take it up, as he enjoyed it so much. He was not able to do all he would have liked. I met Charlie through Rich Blohm's Beekeeping classes and discussion groups. Charlie liked to tell stories and sometimes would embellish his tales with his unique sense of humor. If you didn't know him, you might get taken for a bit of a ride with his tales. But, he had a heart of gold.

Charlie kept his bees behind his house in Middle Island. At his peak, he probably had 20 or more hives there. He rarely put on even a veil, and one time, we brought him a "hot" hive that someone wanted moved asap, and we warned him to be careful. The next time we saw him, he told us those bees had some extra special venom as the 20 or so stings he got while trying to work the hive the first time, REALLY HURT! That was Charlie.

Hard headed. Which was good as some of those stings were on his hard head!

Charlie always volunteered to teach when we did our club beekeeping classes. His favorite topic was beekeeping lingo. He gave it his own special twist and it made me smile listening to him.

Because of the current Covid situation, the family has decided to have a private ceremony at their church in Middle Island. The club will be donating a couple of colonies of bees to the charity "Heifer International" in Charlie's name. Condolences can be offered to the family by mail at 333 Middle Country Road, Middle Island, NY 11953

Rest In Peace Charlie. Love, Moira



Librarian Needed:

Need a new librarian. If you would like to volunteer as librarian, please contact either Grace or Moira to volunteer. Thanks!

Do you have any club library books or videos to return? Please bring them back in a timely fashion so someone else can borrow them. Donations to our library gratefully accepted.



Do you have any bee related items to raffle at a meeting, All proceeds benefit the club and are greatly appreciated.



Hospitality Hosts needed on a rotating basis. See Nancy Hall for the Sign Up Sheet



Another meeting at the Peconic River Herb Farm. Excellent presentations by Moira Alexander, Grace Mehl, Steve Chen and Andrew Luberto

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Ads are complimentary for members of LIBC in good standing

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BEEKEEPING EDUCATION

EAS Master Beekeeper Rich Blohm 102 class, Monthly Zoom Format, Huntington, September Start, 631 271 7812 or Beebiz44@gmail.com

EAS Master Beekeeper Moira Alexander 101 Class, 11 - 2hr sessions, Brentwood, September 2nd Start, 631 664 6810 or Ramoi@aol.com

EAS Master Beekeeper Debbie Klughers 101 Class, Zoom Format, East Hampton, November Start, 631 377 1943 or debklughers@optonline.net

Cornell Master Beekeeper Chris Kelly 101 Class, Live classes, Mattituck /Cutchogue/Riverhead, Fall Start, 631 275 5786 or chriskelly@mail.com

Package Bees for Sale

Updated 02/10/20

Rich Blohm - 631-271-7812 beebiz44@gmail.com

Wally Blohm-(Queens County) 718- 380-0829

bee venom@verizon.net

Steve Chen - 646-625-9910

stevechenbees@gmail.com

Deb Klughers- 631-377-1943

debbie@bonacbees.com

Wayne Vitale- 516-680-3020

wayne@spycoastbeefarm.com

Nucleus Hives for Sale

(Maybe in deep or medium frames)

Updated 02/10/20

Rich Blohm - 631-271-7812 beebiz44@gmail.com

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earliestspringnucs@gmail.com

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Wayne Vitale-516-680-3020

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Dale Williams - 631-475-8315

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Queens for Sale

Updated 02/10/20

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Plants for Sale

Updated 02/10/20

Sayville-Liz Marcellus 631-439-

1487 ECMflowers@yahoo.com

Organic bee-loved trees, shrubs, & perennials

Patchogue – David Tifford 631-475-7118

jdiftifford@optonline.net Organic bee friendly annuals and perennials.

Insurance/Beekeeping Liability

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Farm Family – Vincent C Daley 631-277-7770

State Farm – Jim VonEiff 718-899-8985

Local Honey for Sale

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Bronx

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Wedding Favors

Updated 2/10/20

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Hive and Wax Products

Updated 02/10/20

Bee themed gifts/jewelry - Lorraine Leacock at

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Lorraine@bluepointbee.com

Bee themed gifts/jewelry/wax- Nick Hoefly- 352-875-5642
nick@astorapiaries.com

Wax- Fred Munzer – 631-243-3512 –
munzer39@verizon.net

Candles-Bill O'Hern 631-938-6233
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Wax- Donal Peterson 631-827-1810 –
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Wax/Pollen/Propolis – Tom Tyrell –
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Lip Balm, Creams Skin Care

Updated 02/10/20

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Lip balm/body care products-Wayne Vitale- 516-680-3020
wayne@spycoastbeefarm.com

Equipment

Updated 03/16/2019

Ernest Herrington – dmherri@gmail.com Custom
Beekeeping wooden ware

Joe Magnoli- 516-724-4468

earliestspringnucs@gmail.com Wax dipped boxes

Fred Munzer – 631-243-3512 –

munzer39@verizon.net Glassware, frame spacers

Donal Peterson 631-827-1810 –

3beesapiary@gmail.com glass, woodenware,
frames, smokers

Cliff Struhl <http://info@beesmartdesigns.com>

Hive stands, covers, robbing screens, Bottom

Boards, Frame grippers, feeders

Dale Williams – 631-475-8315-

<https://southbayapiaries.com> Wooden ware and
foundation

Patrick Gannon-718-757-1699

beekanzi@gmail.com "BeeSmart plastic hive
stand for 8 frame hive

Used in very good condition

\$50.00 I will deliver

Wally Blohm-718-380-0829

Beeenom1@gmail.com

Maxant 16 Gallon Bottling Tank \$800. Pick up in
Queens

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Swarms/Bee Removals

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