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Next Meeting: April 26, 2020

CANCELLED

At Sisters of St. Joseph Convent, Brentwood

1:00 PM 101 Grace Mehl: “

Meeting = Sisters of St. Joseph- BRENTWOOD

Coffee and snacks will be from 1:30 -2:00

Club meeting will start promptly at 2pm

Board Meeting: April 14, 2020 Virtual Board Meeting via Webex at 7 PM, each board member sheltering at home.

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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:

Hope to see you soon. Don

From the Editor's Desk

Conni Still



Dear Fellow Beekeepers, I hope this newsletter finds you all well and using your quarantine time to read those books on beekeeping you've always meant to read or cleaning your equipment and checking on your bees on the nice days. If you received new packages or nucs don't forget to feed them and have a source of water especially since the weather has been so unpredictable. We have had some new members join the club the past few months and lots of renewals. But we are 100 members shy of last years membership. If you

have forgotten to renew your membership please do so now. We are still planning activities for the near future and of course your newsletter will keep you up to date as well as the website.

STAY SAFE and WASH YOUR HANDS and WEAR YOUR MASKS!

DUES FOR 2020 ARE PAST DUE!

Annual dues are \$35. Please be prepared to bring your check or EXACT cash to the next meeting to avoid a long line. Or even better 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 by the end of March 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.

LIBC Meeting Schedule for 2020

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

CANCELLED

- April 26th – CANCELLED! Emma Mullins - Topic to be announced - SANDS POINT
- May 24th - TBD! Hands On In Hive Education 7 Locations - Hive Locations and Teachers to be Announced
- June 28th - 3 - 5 Master beekeepers with topics to be discussed BRENTWOOD
- July 26th - Club Picnic - SMITHTOWN BRUSH BARN
- August 23rd _____ BRENTWOOD
- September 27th Honey Judging BRENTWOOD
- October 25th Honey Tasting BRENTWOOD
- November 22nd - Jamie Ellis The Incredible NUC
- December 6th or 13th Christmas Party...

A good story to tell when I am an old man

HOW IT WORKS; NO WAX IN THE REFUSE.

Friend E. R. Root:— In your "Notes from the Bicycle" in Gleanings or Sept. 15, you jagged my memory in regard to the talk we had when you were here over the solar wax-extractors, or I should likely have forgotten my promise to test the residue, or slumgum, by rendering it over with sulphuric acid, and thus save, as you hoped, some precious dollars, more or less— enough to more than pay me for the trouble.

I had no expectations of finding wax in paying quantities, but I was just a little interested to know how well my solar extractors did their work. After procuring some sulphuric acid I looked up in back numbers of Gleanings the modus operandi of rendering wax by this process, and proceeded accordingly. Into a five-gallon stone crock I put 2 ½ gallons of soft water, and added a little over ¼ lb. of sulphuric acid. I then went to a barrel of the residue, the same that we examined when you were here, and from it I filled up the crock and left it to soak until next day. when I placed it upon the stove in the bee-house kitchen, and let it boil for some time. Then I let it remain and cool gradually. The next morning I went to investigate the results. Well, now, how much wax do you think I found cooled in a beautiful yellow cake on the surface?

"Two pounds?"

"Well, no."

"One and a half pounds?"

"Hardly."

I was disappointed, and I am sure you will be when I tell you there wasn't any— no, not a trace of anything that looked like wax. Let me say I smiled as I passed the solar extractors that morning, and said, kind o' softly.

"That was a pretty good joke you have played upon us."

I have tried about all the plans for rendering wax that I have heard suggested or could think of and I would always find in the residue, after it had cooled, more or less wax in little yellow particles dispersed all through the mass. I was never satisfied with such wasteful methods. The solar extractor gives the only method of rendering wax that satisfies me.

It might not be out of place to say here, the larger extractors give the best results. I should prefer them still larger than I now use. I think this is all the secret of my success with them (having them large). I can't see how the small ones that are used by so many bee-keepers can be made at all practical. The only imperfection I meet with in this method of rendering wax is, it will not work without sunshine. In this respect the solar extractors are somewhat like A. I. Root's old windmill for power, which would go only when the wind blow.

I shall continue to use this wax residue for fuel, the only thing for which It has any value; and for this purpose, and especially for kindling fires, it has no equal. When the thrashers came this fall I had no coal for them to steam with, as they came unexpectedly; so I took out some boxes of slumgum and said to the fireman. "Try that." He did try it, and up went the steam; and he said it beat any thing he ever used to fire with before. "Now," said he, " I shall have a good story to tell when I am an old man, how I once fired an engine with bee-comb.

H. R. Boardman. East Townsend, OH, Oct. 7. 1982



All,
First, I want to say I hope you are all healthy and maintaining Social Distancing and Good Hygiene! We must keep this virus at bay until we have a vaccine and/or cure. Protect your tomorrow by distancing today! Next, please keep learning by reading and participating in beekeeping education online. Your bees are your responsibility and so is your beekeeping education. Here are some great opportunities to learn more:

Beekeeping 101 online with Penn State Extension

This online course about the science and practice of beekeeping is for beginning beekeepers. It covers bee biology and behavior, hive management, equipment, bee products, and more. Registration is FREE if you register by APRIL 30TH.

Go to: <https://extension.psu.edu/beekeeping-101>

Bee Culture magazine has a pod cast. They recently released a four part series for new beekeepers. You can access this on your phone through the pod cast app. (Please don't ask me how...I haven't figured it out. But, I am told by my tech savvy friends this is so!)

Here is a video on Equalizing Colonies, which might be helpful:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oAJ928fr_EM

What's Happening in the Hives":

Many of you just put packages in and you are feeding them. Packages typically have limited resources as they are started on foundation, and have to build comb and also raise brood and collect pollen. This is why we feed them to give them a fighting chance to get through that challenging time. But, if you were fortunate to be able to start your packages on drawn out comb from a previous colony, you still want to feed them initially. You will be able to stop feeding them sooner, though. You will know when you can stop feeding them when they stop taking the syrup. Bees prefer nectar to syrup, and when they are able to gather their own, because they have sufficient population, including foragers, AND there is sufficient forage available (read: flowers with nectar blooming near by) they will gather their own.

Others of you have over-wintered Hives. A little feeding of 1:1 syrup to stimulate these hives is not a bad idea, and most of you have done this already. With the weather ups and downs, wind and rain, we have had, this feeding keeps them building up when they can't get out to forage. But, there is a fine line on this feeding, that you must pay attention to. You don't want to push your hives to build up to the point where they swarm. This year, swarming could be a big problem because the season is ahead of schedule. Strong hives forced to stay in because of rain and wind are prone to over crowding, one of the triggers for swarming. Make sure your colonies have room for the queen to lay in the brood nest, as well as room to store nectar. The swarming impulse is triggered 4-6 weeks before the bees swarm. So, get out ahead of it. Make sure you are giving the queen room to lay, by opening the brood nest (reversing boxes and or checkerboarding), and give the bees room to store nectar by adding supers *before* they are feeling constricted. You don't want the bees storing nectar in the brood nest. Once you put on supers for honey, you DEFINITELY have to stop feeding. You don't want syrup in your honey supers.

There is a good article in April's American Bee Journal (ABJ), titled: Don't be Surprised by Swarms, by Meghan Milbrath. Way more detail than I am can put here. Please read it. If you don't get ABJ, then remember you can get a discount on the price by identifying yourself as a member of LIBC!

Until we meet again at a bee meeting, stay well, stay home, and pay attention to your bees! If you have questions, send me an email at: gracemehl@aol.com. Happy Easter, Passover, and Spring! --Grace



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Nucleus Hives for Sale

(Maybe in deep or medium frames)

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Visiting the bees at the Jacob Javits Center March 14, 2020



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