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### *Next Meeting: February 23, 2020*

At Sisters of St. Joseph Convent, Brentwood  
**1:00 PM** 101 Grace Mehl  
**2:00 PM** David Peck - Tom Seeley's Research- The Way Bees Live in Nature / The Evolution of Mite Resistance - MEETING BRENTWOOD  
Coffee and snacks will be from 1:30 -2:00  
Club meeting will start promptly at 2pm

*Board Meeting: February 11, at home of Conni Still, 82 Stephen Road, Bayport*

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 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>

**President's Message:**



Hi Everyone,  
 We had a wonderful Beekeeping 102 class today. Thanks to everyone's hard work, especially Grace and Moira for taking care of everything.  
 Thanks also, of course, to Marianne, Wayne, Roy, Andrew (who was caught on a candid camera for not paying full attention to one of the speakers), and Joan for helping out. I thought there was a lot of great information shared with the students

and many good questions from them in return as well.  
 See you all at the club meeting next Sunday.  
 Steve

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**From the Editor's Desk**

Conni Still



Our January meeting in our new venue was a full house, requiring bringing additional tables and chairs. Ninety three members signed in, if you didn't sign in you alter our statistics, please don't forget and get a name tag too. We had lots of members renew their dues and some new members signed up too.  
 New members, be prepared to stand up at the February meeting to be officially welcomed to the club!

**DUES FOR 2020 ARE 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](http://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](mailto: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

February 23rd - David Peck - Tom Seeley's Research- The Way Bees Live in Nature / The Evolution of Mite Resistance - MEETING BRENTWOOD

March 22nd - Dewy Caron - Topic to be announced - BRENTWOOD

April 26th - Emma Mullins - Topic to be announced - SANDS POINT

May 24th - 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...

- See Conni to pay your 2020 dues of \$35-
- Always looking for snacks for the Hospitality Table-
- See Joan if you are looking to purchase a club t-shirt-
- Please return all library books...All donations of books for our lending library are appreciated-
- Looking for a new LIBC logo design for club baseball hats for spring - see Joan

- 3 club... 2 frame extractors are available for \$10 rental for winter honey extraction.- See Moira or Rick-

## Directions to Sisters of St. Joseph, Brentwood

1725 Brentwood Road, Brentwood

The entrance is right across from 5th Avenue on Brentwood Road. Pass the guard station and look for the signs that direct you towards Building 2. Stay to the right and pass the building called Maria Regina....

There are many ways to enter the property but the other gates may be locked on a Sunday Morning.



**It is with deep sympathy that we tell you of the death of Cathy, sister of Grace Mehl. Cathy used to come to our meetings and welcome the members with her sweet smile. Our sincere condolences to Grace and their family. May Cathy rest in peace.**

**It is with great sadness that we are letting you know that we have lost two of our EAS founding members. Jake Matthenius and Bob Cole. Links to their obituaries are below. We extend**

our condolences to their friends and family and are grateful for their many contributions to EAS and the entire beekeeping community.

<https://obits.lehighvalleylive.com/obituaries/etpa/obituary.aspx?n=jacob-c-matthenius&pid=195337712>

<https://austinandbarnesfuneralhome.com/tribute/details/2224/Willie-Cole/obituary.html#tribute-start>

## NEWS

Beekeeper blamed for sparking massive

Australian fire

By Jorge Fitz-Gibbon

February 4, 2020 | 5:47pm



Fire crews work to contain a fire at the industrial suburb of Beard on Jan. 23 in Canberra, Australia. *Getty Images*

*MORE ON:*

### AUSTRALIA BUSHFIRES

One of the latest wildfires to ravage Australia was accidentally sparked by a careless beekeeper, according to new reports.

The blaze was kicked up in the Pialligo Redwood Forest in Australia's Capital Territory on Jan. 22 when a beekeeper's "smoker" — a device used to keep bees calm — ignited the dry brush, the **Australian Broadcasting Corporation** reported.

The fire has since shut down the local airport and threatened to engulf homes and businesses in nearby suburbs in the Canberra region.

A government spokesman **told the Canberra Times** that beekeepers "self-reported that they were involved in the ignition of the fire whilst undertaking bee surveillance activities around Canberra Airport."

Dermot Asis Sha'Non, president of the Canberra Region Beekeepers, told the ABC that the beekeeper inspecting the hives was trying to finish his work on deadline and before a "total fire ban" went into effect in the region.

"The person inspecting wanted to keep in mind that there was a total fire ban, so worked to avoid that," Sha'Non said. "But it didn't work out."

A plane taxis as Canberra Airport is blanketed with bushfire smoke on Jan. 23 in Canberra, Australia. *Getty Images*



Instead, fuel used to generate the smoker's fumes, which allow beekeepers to safely approach the bees for inspection or to collect honey, accidentally ignited brush nearby and sparked the fire, the ABC said.

The bee colony was likely destroyed, the report said.

The hives are maintained by "hobby keepers," but are part of a national bee pest surveillance program that serves as an early warning system throughout Australia to detect the exotic species that could threaten other bees.

It is run by Plant Health Australia, a national plant biosecurity coordinator.

The fire is just one of many infernos that have burned through huge swaths of Australia for months, scorching 21 million acres, killing at least 28 people and wiping out millions of animals.

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**

## CLASSIFIED ADS



Ads are complimentary for members of LIBC in good standing

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## Nucleus Hives for Sale

(Maybe in deep or medium frames)

Updated 02/10/20

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[jdttifford@optonline.net](mailto:jdttifford@optonline.net) Organic bee friendly annuals and perennials.

## Insurance/Beekeeping Liability

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State Farm – Jim VonEiff 718-899-8985

## Local Honey for Sale

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## Hive and Wax Products

Updated 02/10/20

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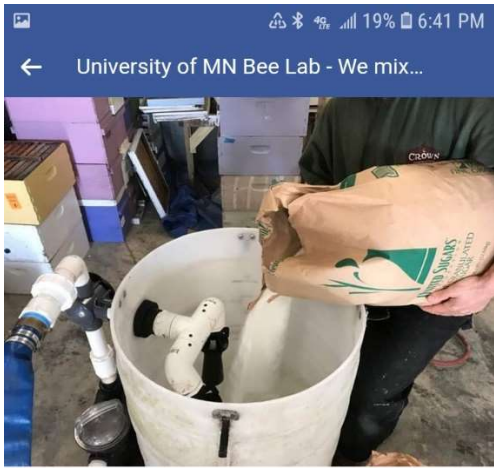
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University of MN Bee Lab - We mix...

**University of MN Bee Lab**  
We mixed the first full batch of syrup in the mixer sent to us by Joe at the Long Island Beekeepers club. Thanks Joe works great.

Timeline Photos · Yesterday at 2:21 PM · 🌐

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A sugar mixer photo sent to us by Joe Magnoli, Congratulations on your invention.



Moira has everyone's attention!



Roy is studying hard!



A full class again. Great job!



Marianne and Joan snacking and greeting the members.





Joan demonstrating mite counting.