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Next Meeting: March 22, 2020

CANCELLED

**At Sisters of St. Joseph Convent, Brentwood
1:00 PM 101 Grace Mehl: "Spring build up and swarm impulse"**

2:00 PM Dewey Caron "Dead Colony Necropsy- What is next?"

Election of Officers.

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: March 10 at home of Bill O'Hern, 5 Hilltop Road Stony Brook, 631-938-6233

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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:



Fellow Club Members and Friends,

As you know, due to the presence of Coronavirus, a state of emergency has been declared in the State of New York. Health authorities have advised everyone to be cautious and avoid large gatherings whenever possible.

After careful evaluation, the board members of the Long Island Beekeepers Club, in consideration of our over 300 members' welfare, safety, and health concerns, have

unanimously decided to cancel our March 22, 2020 club meeting. We will keep everyone informed as to when we will resume our regular club meetings, of course.

Please check our club website for additional notices at: <https://www.longislandbeekeepers.org/>.

On the brighter side, friends, the sun is now out, after the earlier rain. While it's only mid-March, we expect to hit 70 degrees this afternoon! Although a meeting or two may be cancelled, our beekeeping season will not be stopped. Very soon, all of us can be outdoors, basking in the sun while admiring our friends, those little energetic bees. It will be business as usual for them: buzzing around working between flowers, collecting nectar for their hive-mates and their queen, and producing honey to share with us.

Until we meet again at a Long Island Bee Club meeting, I wish you all a wonderful, healthy, productive, and enjoyable beekeeping season ahead.

Steve Chen
President, LIBC

From the Editor's Desk

Conni Still



I'm so sorry I won't get to hear the great Dewey Caron since our meeting is CANCELLED! I am very sad but I think that

this will be the end of an era for me. I can no longer do the physical work required to tend the bees. However I think a friend may want to expand their apiary into my yard. That would be wonderful because I could see the bees, he would do the work and I could watch. Hope that works out since my honey customers will be able to buy their favorite honey from him since it should taste the same.

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 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

March 22nd - Dewey Caron – **Dead colony necropsy-what is next?** A bee colony is like reading a book: When we enter the apiary and open our bee colony what should we be looking for?? Of course it starts with determination if the colony is alive or dead? Dead colonies have a tale to tell. How can we benefit from reading the frames of a deadout?

For colonies alive what should we be looking for as we turn the pages (look at additional frames) of our 'hive book? I will discuss our early spring colony reads.

Shirt Bio: Dr Dewey M. Caron is Emeritus Professor of Entomology & Wildlife Ecology, Univ of Delaware, & Affiliate Professor, Dept Horticulture, Oregon State University. He retired from Univ of Delaware in 2009 and moved to Portland, OR to be closer to grandkids. Dewey remains active in bee education, writing for newsletters, giving Bee Short Courses, assisting in several Master beekeeper programs and giving presentations to local, state and regional bee clubs. Dewey represents WAS on Honey Bee Health Coalition and author of *HBHC Tools for Varroa Management* and *BMPs*. Author of *Honey Bee Biology & Beekeeping*, major textbook used in University and Association bee courses and bee book due out this summer. He has been active for many years in EAS, serving as co-chair of program in SC 2019 and program advisor for 2020 EAS in Maine.

BRENTWOOD

Election of Officers:

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.

From Bee-Line

Subject: OLD BEE-MASTERS

> THE literature of bees from the time of Aristotle to the present day is a happy hunting-ground for those who take a delight in quaint conceits and absurdities.

> The Count von Hruschka, having observed a naughty boy swinging round his head a lump of honeycomb tied to a piece of string and sprinkling the bystanders with the fine streams of honey thereby projected from the cells, conceived the notion of making the combs revolve round a movable axis in a kind of pail or cylinder of tin.

from: ON SOME OLD BEE-MASTERS. Day, RC The Gentleman's magazine; Feb 1890
Results! Fall 2019

NY Bee Wellness Survey

The survey represents a sample of 279 non-migratory beekeepers from 55 counties in New York State. It may show trends that are occurring throughout the state. Be sure to check your region results and share with your local group, the PDF links are at the bottom of the page in the LINK..

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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

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Ads are complimentary for members of LIBC in good standing

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Deb Klughers- 631-377-1943
debbie@bonacbees.com
Wayne Vitale- 516-680-3020
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Nucleus Hives for Sale

(Maybe in deep or medium frames)
Updated 02/10/20
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Queens for Sale

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Plants for Sale

Updated 02/10/20
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ecmflowers@optonline.net Organic bee-loved trees, shrubs, & perennials
Patchogue – David Tifford 631-475-7118
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Insurance/Beekeeping Liability

Updated 02/10/20

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Local Honey for Sale

Updated 02/10/20

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Updated 03/16/2019

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Custom Beekeeping wooden ware

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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

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Swarms/Bee Removals

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Joe Magnoli had pollen mixture for members. Thanks.





David Peck-spoke on “How Bees Live in Nature”

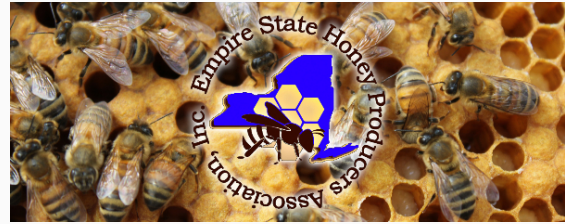


Grace and Beekeeping 101

ESHPA Spring

Newsletter

The Empire State Honey Producer's Association Spring 2020 Newsletter is now live. Please check it out!



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