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Next Meeting: October 25, 2020

Peconic River Herb Farm

Chairs and Masks required!

1:00 PM Short Business Meeting

Grace Mehl ... Value Added Product of the Hive and a little more on Winter Readiness

Bill O'Hern.....Feeding Bees During the Fall, Winter and Early Spring.. Support..Supplement and Stimulate

Walter Goldschmidts...Mite Resistance Through Bee Breeding

Board Meeting: October 13, 2020 6:00 PM

St. Joseph's Convent Honey House

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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>

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President's Message:

Autumn, the third season of the year. A season of shorter days, longer nights and cooler temps; that tell of winter next to come. A time of harvest and plenty for us in the north.

For our bees, a time of transition from the sleek summer bee to the plump winter bee. We also want a plump colony at this time of year, filled with honey, pollen and bees. If you happen to find your bees lacking in any of these winter essentials you still have time to feed them. For the colony light on bees you may want to consider combining them with a stronger one. Another task is to check your mite counts, fall can also be a time of plentiful mites. Treat your bees well now, it will make winter much easier on you and them.

Hope to see you all at the next meeting. Stay well
 Donal

Vice President's Message

Dear Beeks,

Hoping everyone had a successful beekeeping year. Everyone with honey bees that has been coming to the meetings knows that Fall hive management should have been in progress since the first week of September and finishing by around Columbus Day. Our major objective now is to have healthy honey bees with adequate food stores for overwintering. All newbees should have their plan in place to feed their honey bees fondant and winter patties in the cold Winter and remember you may need shims to make space above the nest and under the inner cover for this supplemental food. It's important to have the necessary equipment on hand. Looking forward to seeing everyone at October 25 at the Peconic River Herb Farm.

John Most

From the Editor's Desk

Conni Still



Another great meeting and terrific weather at the Peconic Herb Farm. So many members attending and carefully following social distancing and wearing masks. Wonderful photos thanks to Phyllis Stein will show you how much we enjoyed listening to the excellent speakers.

It seems to be strange that my garage is not sticky this year. With no honey to extract, since the bees in my yard belong to another beekeeper now, I have lots of time to plan making lip balms and lotion bars and soaps for holiday gifts. There is no rush to prepare special jars, blocks of wax or special candles and photos because we will NOT have a honey judging contest this year. I did not look back in old minutes but I think this might be the first time we have skipped this special event for our club. But because of the pandemic the board knows the amount of closeness and lots of hand touching the contest requires it is not safe for all of us. If you have a

beautiful frame of honey or an exceptional jar of honey or block of wax take a photo of it that you can show off to your family and friends. Tell them it probably would have won a first prize if we had only had a judging this year!

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 announced location.*

October 25th Peconic River Herb Farm 1-3PM

Grace Mehl- "Value Added Products of the Hive". And a little more on Winter Readiness.

Bill O'Hern.....Feeding Bees During the Fall, Winter and Early Spring.. Support..Supplement and Stimulate

Walter GoldschmidtsMite Resistance Through Bee Breeding

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

NO HONEY JUDGING

December NO MEETING- NO HOLIDAY PARTY DUE TO COVID H

January 24, 2021- St. Joseph's Convent we hope!

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

Beekeeping 101 (January 9th, 2021)

*A class designed for new beekeepers with limited to no experience. Topics will include: Members of the hive, Honey bee biology and life cycle, Equipment and what to order, Package bees vs. nucleus colonies, installing in equipment and getting them started, Bee diseases and pests, Record keeping, Good neighbor policy. The book is *The Beekeeper's Handbook* and is included in the price. Instructors are Long Island Beekeepers Club members. There will be time allotted to ask questions in "break out" sessions.*

The class will be held at the Brush Barn in Smithtown. Doors open at 8:30, and instruction will start at 9:00am with the day ending approximately 2:00 pm. Please bring beverages and snacks, if desired, as none will be provided. Masks required.

Cost is \$60, which includes the book. Attendees must be members of the Long Island Beekeepers Club. Club dues are \$35 per year. See Website to sign up or call Grace at 631-724-5053.



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

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Ads are complimentary for members of LIBC in good standing

CLASSIFIED ADS DO NOT CONSTITUTE ENDORSEMENT BY THE CLUB.

THEY ARE PRINTED AND SHARED AS INFORMATION ONLY.

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

beevenom@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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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

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

Insurance/Beekeeping Liability

Updated 02/10/20

Farm Family – Vincent C Daley 631-277-7770

State Farm – Jim VonEiff 718-899-8985

Local Honey for Sale

Updated 02/10/20

Bronx

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bee venom@verizon.net

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Setauket - Wayne Vitale 516-680-

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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 the Beetique 516-459-0140

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 OHoneyBeeFarm@gmail.com

Wax- Donal Peterson 631-827-1810 – 3beesapiary@gmail.com

Wax/Pollen/Propolis – Tom Tyrell – info@tomshoneyandbees.com

Wax/Pollen - Dale Williams 631-475-8315 <https://southbayapiaries.com>

Lip Balm, Creams Skin Care

Updated 02/10/20

Lip balms, cream skin care-Nick Hoefly- 352-875-5642 nick@astorapiaries.com

Lip balm-Bill O'Hern 631-938-6233 OHoneyBeeFarm@gmail.com

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

Beevenom1@gmail.com

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

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Swarms/Bee Removals

NYC

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Queens

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Merrick to Montauk-Joe Magnoli*-516-724-4468

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Justin Colon, 631-334-3888, justincolon@gmail.com

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All Suffolk County: Donal Peterson**, 631-827-1810

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All Suffolk County: John Hardecker, 516-383-1583

Miguel Valentin*: 516-313-6967, 631-583-6102
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Western Suffolk, Justin Colon-631-3334-3888,
justincolon@gmail.com
Justin Colon- Swarm removals Nassau and Western Suffolk



Grace spoke about Varroa mites, again



Moira read a beautiful tribute to our member Charlie DiStefano who passed away last month.



Nick Hoeffly demonstrated several ways to render beeswax



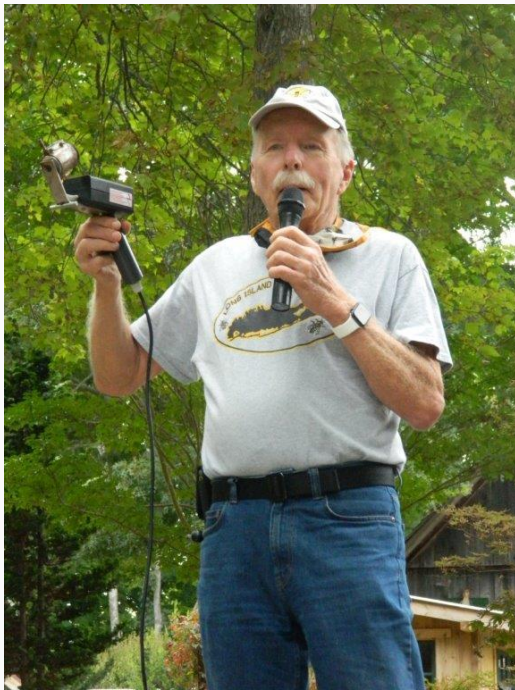
Beautiful Dahlias were donated and given out as some of the door prizes.



Lorraine Leacock brought seeds to distribute for next years gardens.



Many masked members paying close attention to the speakers in such a beautiful setting.



Rich Blohm demonstrated the use of an oxalic Acid vaporizing technique for varroa mites.

"It Begins With a B(ee)"

BEEKEEPER PORTRAITS

Artist Charis J. Carmichael Braun is painting portraits of beekeepers from our club. The portraits will be debuted at the end of February 2021. (For more details about the project, see her website: www.charisjcarmichaelbraun.com/itbeginswithabee.) **Charis is looking for some assistance - can you help?**

- The portraits **need an exhibition space**. Do you know someone in real estate - empty storefronts in culture-rich "main streets") are GREAT exhibition spaces!
- This project should be shared - to not only help draw attention to LIBC, but also to how important bees are to our environment and communities. **Do you know someone who is a reporter, or writes for the press?** (For example: any beekeeper who has had an article already written about them who could reach out to the reporter/magazine who wrote the story and share this project with them?)



When the project is in the final stages of getting ready for exhibition (January), there may be opportunity at an opening reception to serve sips and nibbles (Charis is not sure where the world will be in re: PPE and distancing, but she's holding out hope that we can gather together again soon!) **Do you know someone at a brewery/winery who would be willing to donate beverages for the reception?** (It is not uncommon for a business to donate gifts-in-kind to a not-for-profit or arts event.) Charis will of course give them publicity and proper acknowledgement.

If you don't have any connections please spread the word about this interesting project. Your post on social media, chatting with a friend - draws attention to the portraits of your peers and mentors, and shines a new spotlight on environmental stewardship via beekeeping.