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# NEW JERSEY BEEKEEPERS



## ASSOCIATION



## NEWS

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Holidays are now behind us and I hope everyone had a great one. Now it's time to look ahead. In a couple of weeks we will have a chance to show off our products to all of those people who help make money available to different segments of agriculture in New Jersey. This can be done via our state honey show. I would hope that everyone will be entering at least 1 honey related product. See page 3-4 in this news letter for classes/ rules. All entries can be collected at one central point at your chapter and brought to the State Exec. Board Mtg. Feb. 3. If no one is attending the meeting from your chapter, you can call Paul Raybold at 609-984-2263 or me at 609-585-4359 and we will see that it is picked up. Do both of us a favor and don't wait until the last minute to make the call, if you must.

On Feb. 11 we will be having our winter meeting. See page 14 for details including the lunch menu and you will see that I have convinced Medhat Nasr to come down out of the cold in Canada to speak to us on several topics. He was in the forefront of the development of use of formic acid for mite control, which we now have available for medicating our bees. I am sure there will be a number of questions for him. I ask that you let me know if you are attending no later than Feb 7 so that I can make sure we have plenty for all to eat. Again, I can be reached by calling 609-585-4359 or via e-mail at [bobsbuzzybees@aol.com](mailto:bobsbuzzybees@aol.com)

I had a chance to talk with several beekeepers at the Central Jersey Christmas party and the feeling was that the bees looked real heavy and strong going into the winter. I can say the same about mine, as I finished up a few weeks ago.

Last, but by far not least, I have been made aware of and have talked to both Jake Matthenius and Ray Markley, who are both having some health problems. I know that I can speak for the entire membership when I say, Jake / Ray - Get well soon and we look forward to seeing both of you soon.

Looking forward to seeing all of you in a couple of weeks.

Bob Hughes

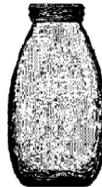
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## State Honey Show Rules – 2006

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Get your entries ready. We need many more people to participate. Having a strong show will demonstrate the importance of beekeeping and how widespread it is in NJ.

All entries must be labeled with an identifying label of person or apiary, and address. They must be the product of the entrant's apiary and must have been produced since the previous year honey show. Please note that the rules do not correspond with EAS show rules. Prizes will be awarded in the same amounts as in 2005.

### Honey:

1. Classes 1 through 4 (Extracted Honey): Entries must be in glass Queenline type jars or Gamber Classic honey jars with plain metal or plastic lids.
2. Classes 1 through 4 (Extracted Honey): Honey color will be graded by the show chairman.
3. Class 5 (Sections): Must be in window cartons, section lids, both transparent (preferred) or individually wrapped in transparent plastic.
4. Classes 6 (Creamed Honey) and Class 7 (Chunk Honey): Should be in clear cylindrical, 1 pound glass jars, decorated or plain.
5. Class 8 (Frame of honey): Must be displayed in bee proof cases,

which have both sides made of transparent glass or plastic.

### **Mead:**

All mead entries should have been produced by the exhibitor by the process of fermentation.

1. All entries should be exhibited in clear, non frosted wine bottles.
2. Natural cork stoppers should be used.

### **Beeswax:**

1. All entries must be covered with clear plastic.
2. The optimum color for pure beeswax is light yellow.

### **Cosmetics:**

1. Class 17 (Hand cream/lotion): All jars must be a minimum of 1.5 ounces. Entries will be judged on jar appearance, consistency and texture of product, and fragrance added.
2. Class 18 (Soap): Bars must be a minimum of 3 ounces. Soap, will be judged on packaging, overall appearance and fragrance.
3. Class 19 (lip balm): Tins must be a minimum of .4 ounce. Lip balm will be judged with the same considerations as in Class 17.

**Drop off points:** You may deliver your entries to any officer of the NJBA, or possibly branch president or secretary. Check with them before doing so.

## **State Honey Show Classifications**

### **Extracted Honey Division**

- Class 1: Extracted light
- Class 2: Extracted light amber
- Class 3: Extracted amber
- Class 4: Extracted dark

### **Honey Comb/Spreads Division**

- Class 5: Sections  
Three Box or Round sections
- Class 6: Creamed honey  
Three 16 oz. jars
- Class 7: Chunk Honey  
Three 16 oz. jars
- Class 8: Frame of honey  
One frame

**Mead Division:** For all classes: one clear non frosted wine bottle

- Class 9: Mead, dry
- Class 10: Mead, sweet
- Class 11: Mead made with fruit juices
- Class 12: Mead, sparkling. Made with or without fruit juices

### **Beeswax Division**

- Class 13: Beeswax. One 1 lb. block
- Class 14: Novelty beeswax. One any size, any shape beeswax item
- Class 15: Candles. One to four rolled, poured or dipped tapered candles
- Class 16: Novelty candles. One to four candles, any size, any shape

### **Cosmetics Division**

- Class 17: Hand cream/lotion  
Three jars of beeswax hand cream/lotion
- Class 18: Soap  
Three bars of beeswax soap
- Class 19: Lip Balm  
Three tins of beeswax lip balm

# **Beekeeping Tour of Ukraine**

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NJBA lost its oldest beekeeper this past year when Hovsep (Jossep) Tahmazian of Cedar Grove passed away at the age of 104. Joe was an active gardener and still digging in his garden until his late 90's.

## *Gardening for Native Bees in North America* by James H. Cane

*with contributions from Linda Kervin, Robbin Thorp, Tim Miklasiewicz and Liz Day*

Bees need pollen and nectar from flowers. The sugars in sweet nectar power their flight; females also mix some nectar with pollen, the latter providing the protein, oils and minerals needed by their grub-like larvae. In our cities and towns, where most of the native plant communities have been displaced by pavement, buildings and lawns, our flower gardens can become important cafeterias for local populations of native bees. In the countryside, dark forests and many agricultural crops likewise offer our native bees little food. Because bees find their favorite flowers by their color or scent, a native bee garden can be attractive to the gardener too. The purpose of the following tabulation of garden plants for native bees is to help guide home gardeners in North America to genera of flowering plants whose species will please gardener and bee alike. In turn, bees can provide

bumper crops in our orchards and vegetable gardens, plus providing hours of pleasant entertainment and distraction as you follow their foraging travels or amorous behaviors at your flowers.

The list consists of plant genera whose species are both attractive to native bees and can be obtained from standard or native seed companies or plant nurseries. In a few cases, particularly attractive native plants have been listed that are not yet available commercially. Twenty of the genera have been highlighted (blue or boldface). These represent broadly available, adaptable and attractive plant genera that can be recommended as more foolproof if beginning your bee garden. Many of the genera in the list will not be universally adaptable to all climates, soils, and irrigation regimes; you will need to make informed decisions from among the genera in the list for your local use. If in doubt as to a species' weediness in your locale, please check with your local extension agent or your state's/province's conservation or agriculture departments. The bachelor's button, for instance, is a lovely well-behaved garden plant across much of the U.S., but in parts of the Pacific Northwest, it has become a naturalized weed. I encourage you to adapt the list to your region's soils, climate and other criteria for use by you and your fellow gardeners.

The list has been alphabetically sorted in three different ways for you: by genus name, by family name and by common name. You will notice that some popular garden flowers are missing from the list, such as petunias and marigolds. These and some other garden flowers have, though years of artificial breeding and selection, lost whatever attraction they may have had for bees. Some of these are listed in a separate paragraph.

Some people express a fear of being stung by native bees if they attract them to their yard. In my 25 years of watching bees foraging at flowers, I have not yet been stung by any of the 4000 species of bees native to North America. I have been stung handling honey bee and bumble bee colonies, or on rare occasions, handling individual bees in my collection net using my fingers. These social bees are the ones that deliver the most painful stings. But I've never been stung even by these, if just watching them at flowers.

The list is a work in progress. If you find errors, oversights or useful refinements, I will be happy to entertain your suggestions for modification so long as it retains its current form. Feel free to

disseminate the list or modify your copy of it for local needs or your personal preferences as you see fit. The list will be periodically updated at our web site as well. Happy bee-ing!! Genera with universally invasive species in North America have been purged from the list. Individual weedy species whose seed is nonetheless available have been noted with remarks as to where they are considered invasive. I am grateful to Faith T. Campbell at the American Lands Alliance for this information. She has produced a compilation of invasive plant species in North America that she drew together from more than 30 regional sources. Several web sources for invasive plant information are also listed below.

Invasive Alien Plants in North America (searchable by common and scientific name), Wildland Invasive Species Program, Federal and State Noxious Weed Lists

For more information please email [jcane@biology.usu.edu](mailto:jcane@biology.usu.edu)

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In the last issue we published an article by Jim Puvel on how to bring the message of the honey bee to the next generation. That article was so good that a national magazine approached me to get permission to publish it in their magazine. That decision is up to Jim, and I hope he can work out the logistics to get it done. In my own surfing the net, I have found a couple of really good articles that I think would be helpful in teaching children, or anyone not as familiar with bees as we hopefully are. These articles, "The Amazing Honeybee" and "Yellowjackets and Paper Wasps" could be very helpful in giving a starting point for the presentation for those who, like me, are not sure where to start in talking about bees to others. It is important for non-beekeepers to know what bees are NOT (wasps and yellowjackets) as well as to know the importance of the honeybee and the dangers we face because of the decline of bee populations.

These articles are too long to really fit well in this newsletter, and most of our readership is already aware of these issues, but if anyone would like to use these, I will be pleased to forward them to you. Just contact me via email at [vammons@gmail.com](mailto:vammons@gmail.com) and I will send them to you. The files are not too large, 105K and 469K, but I can zip them if you want.

The Chester County Beekeepers Association again hosts its Annual Beekeeper Seminars on Saturday, February 25, 2006, at Westtown School, Westtown Road, PO Box 1799, Westtown, PA 19395. The program, which runs from 9:00AM until 5:00PM, will include two sessions: 1) the Beginning Beekeepers Program, presented by Jim Bobb, President of the PA State Beekeepers Association, and 2) the Masters Session, which will feature several interesting speakers including Dave Hackenberg, a professional beekeeper and crop pollinator who will not only share some of his experiences with bees "on the road", but also will be discussing the beekeeping industry from a national perspective while sharing some time-honored tips and tricks regarding bee management. Bill Mondjack, VP of the PA State Beekeepers Association will speak on making splits, managing swarms, and the Irish Beekeepers of County Ulster. There will be a panel discussion, opportunities for Q&A, catalogues, door prizes, and lots of fellowship. The \$30 fee will cover the basic program, an all-you-can-eat sit-down lunch in the Westtown Dining Room, as well as morning and afternoon snacks. For more information, for directions to Westtown School, and to register, please visit our website, <http://www.ChescoBees.org>. Hope to see you there.

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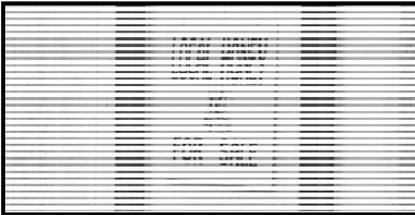
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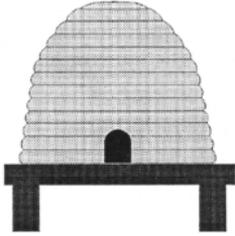
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### *Annual Honey Show February 6-8, 2006*

Get your entries ready for the 2006 Honey Show, which will be held this year at the Tropicana in Atlantic City. There will be classes for extracted honey, sections, creamed and a frame of honey as well as mead, beeswax, hand cream, lip balm, soap and lotion.

### **Feb 11, NJBA Winter Meeting at Columbus Grange.**

Directions to the Columbus Grange From Northern NJ:

- NJ Turnpike south to Exit 7 to Route 206 south
- From Bordentown, go about five miles
- Take the Columbus exit to the right
- Turn left at the top of the jug handle
- At the traffic light, turn right
- The Grange is a few buildings down on the left

From Southern NJ:

- Take 206 North past the Columbus Auction
- About a mile later, take the Columbus exit to the right
- The Grange is about the sixth building on the right

## CENTRAL JERSEY

### ESSEX COUNTY

Second Tuesday, except Jul, Aug. Extensive schedule of events at Essex County Environmental Center. Contact Landi Simone for dates and topics.

### JERSEY CAPE

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### MORRIS COUNTY

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1/2 page	rest of newsletter	\$75
1/4 page	rest of newsletter	\$50

## QUESTIONS FOR THE EXPERTS

We have a new question from one of our readers and need a reply from any of the NJBA "EXPERTS" who would like to help out a fellow beekeeper. Submit answers and other questions to Vic Ammons via email or in writing. See the "Who's Who" page for addresses. If you would like to submit a question, but do not want your name to appear, simply ask for your name to be withheld. Annonomous questions will not be printed because the editor cannot confirm it is a valid request.

This month's question - "What is the greatest threat to the honeybee?"

Please send answer to Vic by Feb 20 so it can be published in the next newsletter.

## IMPORTANT NEW INFO

New information is going to be available on your mailing label on the outside page of the newsletter. If your email address is on file, and is active, there will not be any change. But, if there is no email address on file for a member, his or her address label will have an "\*E" following the membership expiration and type. For example:

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# NEW JERSEY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION WINTER MEETING FEBRUARY 11, 2006

Our winter meeting will be held at the Columbus Grange. The Grange is located on Route #206 about three miles south of exit #7 on the New Jersey Turnpike and about one mile north of the Columbus Auction in Columbus, NJ. See page 12 for directions.

Costs will be:

\$ 18.00 Adults 12 years and above

\$ 11.00 Children 11 years and under

## AGENDA

9:00 – 9:30 a.m. Registration and coffee and donuts

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Business meeting

10:30 – 10:45 a.m. Carl Schulze, Director, Division of Plant Industry, New Jersey Department of Agriculture

10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Medhat Nasr, Provincial Apiculturist, Alberta, Canada will speak on Formic Acid and other medications.

11:45 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch followed by the Auction of the 1<sup>st</sup> place entries from the annual honey show

1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Medhat Nasr will speak on oxalic acid as a treatment

2:00 p.m. Question and answer session

Reservations can be made by calling Bob Hughes at 609 585-4359 or by email at [BobsBuzzyBees@aol.com](mailto:BobsBuzzyBees@aol.com).

Please make Bob's life easier by making reservations no later than Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> so he can be sure there is plenty of food and drink for all.

## Dinner Menu

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Pencil Points and Macaroni Salad  
Tossed Salad  
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