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# NEW JERSEY BEEKEEPERS



# ASSOCIATION NEWS



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Hi

Spring is in the air, if you don't count the snow at the start of March. Our bees should be starting to prepare for the spring honey flow soon. We should be checking their condition again. It won't be long before I'll be out in the bee yard reversing the brood boxes and starting my spring feeding.



Things in the association have been going well. The only minor problem is that some of you had not paid your dues as of the winter meeting. If you don't renew soon you may find your self with out the news letter, so get them in soon.

Speaking of the meeting we had a great time at Rutgers. It was one of the largest groups ever. If this keeps up we will have to look for a larger venue, which is a good thing. We had a good speaker, and I hope that I too will eventually be able to avoid all chemicals. There were two other points of note I want to mention. We are providing scholarships to three young people for beginner beekeeping courses in the spring. This is the most scholarships that we have given since I have been a member. Talk it up so next year we can have more students to sponsor. The other idem I what to mention was that I gave the Jake M.... award to Angelo for his great work producing this news letter. That is one job that I would not want to tackle. Again thanks Angelo.

Believe it or not it won't be that long before the spring meeting, see the news letter for the date and location. This years meeting is sponsored by our southern branch. Seth and Tim are working to produce a lot of hands on events, so don't forget your bee suits.

I hope that you all have a great spring and that your bees make a lot of honey.

**JUNE 6, 2009 N.J.B.A. SPRING MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
HOSTED BY THE SOUTH JERSEY BRANCH  
“ A HANDS ON BEEKEEPING MEETING”  
LOCATED AT THE JCC CAMPS IN MEDFORD N.J.  
SEE PAGE 6 AND 7**



*“Grow meadows not lawns”*



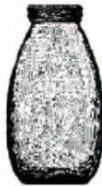
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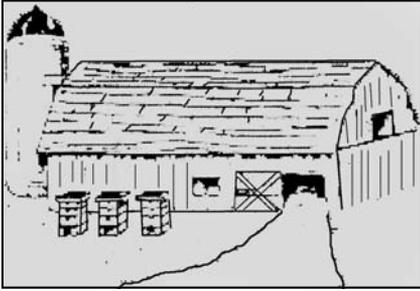
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**MAY 29, 2009; "E" Board Meeting**

**JUNE 6, 2009; Membership Meeting  
JCC CAMPS**

**400 Tuckerton road  
Medford, N.J. 08055**

**APRIL 14, 2009; E.C.B.A. Meeting with  
Ross Conrad, See page 15**

**APRIL 23-25, 2009; Bee-ginner Beekeep-  
ing Course, Rutgers (Sold out)**

**MAY 21-23, 2009; Bee-ginner Beekeeping  
Course, Rutgers**

**JUNE 11-12, 2009; Beyond the Basics,  
Bridgeton, Rutgers**

**JUNE 19-20, 2009; Beyond the Basics,  
Pittstown, Rutgers.**

**AUGUST 3-7 E.A.S. New York**

## **JUNE 6, 2009 N.J.B.A. MEMBER- SHIP MEETING DIRECTIONS TO JCC CAMPS, MEDFORD N.J.**

### **From the N.J. Turnpike;**

Take Exit 4 (Route 73 South toward Atlantic City, Marlton). Follow Route 73 South to Route 70 East. Follow directions from Route 70 East.

### **From 295 North and South;**

Take exit 34 east on to route 70 east and follow directions from route 70

### **From Route 70 going east;**

Route 70 East past the Olga's Diner circle. Continue on 70 East to the first light (Maple Avenue). Make a right. Go one block to the light. Make a left onto Main Street. Main Street becomes Tuckerton Road in Medford. Stay on Tuckerton Road. The traffic signal before camp is Jackson Road. Continue on Tuckerton Road, approximately 1 1/2 mile South. The last street sign before camp is Arrowhead Road. Look for the camp sign on your right

### **From route 206 going south;**

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### Corrections for Feb./Mar. Newsletter

**On page 21,** The ( Note ) should have said; Honey should **not** be fed to infants under 1 year of age. And the last sentence for the Honey Balls should have said , Place on wax paper and refrigerate until set.

**On page 8 ,**The Spring Apiary Re-building Supplies Ad; Karoly Toth 's address and phone # should have been Somerset, and his phone ( 732 ) 873-2989.

### Why can't I feed honey to my baby less than 1 year of age?

Honey may contain Clostridium botulinum spores that can cause infant botulism - a rare but serious disease that affects the nervous system of young babies (under one year of age). C. botulinum spores are present throughout the environment and may be found in dust, soil and improperly canned foods. Adults and children over one year of age are routinely exposed to, but not normally affected by, C. botulinum spores.

Spores are inactivated when manufactured food products (such as cereals or nuts) receive a roasting heat treatment. Graham crackers or cereal, for example, would not contain any viable microbial spores.

*Sorry for the miscues your editor*

# BEES , FLOWERS AND FOOD, OH MY!

As many of you begin to prepare for our first major hive manipulations of the year and preparing our bees for honey production, Tim Shuler and I are busily planning NJBA'S spring statewide meeting. This year's meeting will be held on June 6, 2009 beginning at 8:30AM at the JCC Camps in Medford, NJ. Stations with bee hives will be placed throughout the camp grounds in an educational setting with experienced beekeepers teaching you the necessary skills to become a better beekeeper. The camp features a lake, as well as abundant trails through its pinelands environment for our enjoyment.



The meeting will, for the first time in many years on a state wide level, be primarily a hands on beekeeping class.

## These experiences will include:

**Feeding:** Learn what to feed and when to feed your bees in New Jersey. Numerous techniques are used by all beekeepers and these will all be on display in addition to what to feed them throughout all of our seasons many climatic changes.

**Inspections:** Have you ever left a class, just read a book on how to inspect, what to inspect in your hives and when you get out to your hive forget it all! Have the bees forced you to forget as they boiled out of the hive top into your face? This station will help reduce the stress of inspections and provide you with necessary skills to inspect your own hives for health and curiosity with less trauma to you and your bees. Learn if your hive is queenright, mite infested, food is sufficient and a multitude of other issues will be explored.

**Integrated Pest Management, Disease & Pest Identification and Control:** Mites and other pests sometimes get the upper-hand on our bees. These techniques will help you determine whether they have, and what to do about it without hard chemicals. As a last resort, this station will also instruct you on the manner in which to use organic, non-synthetic chemicals to avoid hive failure and loss of your bees as a last resort when going nuclear is the only alternative.

**Swarm Catching and Cutout Demonstration:** Free bees and sometimes even money can be made from learning how to perform these activities. Swarms will be created and placed into trees and live swarm removal techniques will be taught. Also, a false wall will be built and filled with bees and one live cutout will be performed showing you how to remove a feral hive from a wall, placed inside a langstroth and taken home for your enjoyment. Be sure to bring your veils and coats. If possible, a bee tree will also be on display and a removal performed.

## Guest Speakers:

Joining us will be Co-CEO's Molly and Carly, founders of "Hives for Lives," a foundation raising money and awareness to cure cancer in honor of their Grandfather. So far, they have raised over \$150,000 for this project beekeeping. Their accomplishments are too many to list but include national and state-wide recognition awards. Please check them out at [www.hivesforlives.com](http://www.hivesforlives.com)

John Clayton, visionary founder of [www.Beemaster.com](http://www.Beemaster.com) and photographer whose photo graces the cover of the well know *Beekeeping For Dummies* will also be joining us. Beemaster is an international, family safe, interactive, non-commercial beekeeping forum designed by Clayton. Today it reaches thousands of beekeepers throughout the planet who share information

about very aspect of beekeeping in a 24/7 format. You will be aided by awesome search engines, photographs and videos on every aspect of beekeeping, in addition to the help of beekeepers from all over the globe. Have you ever panicked and thought where can I get information right now? Well here it is. Clayton will have a round table discussion for both new and experienced beekeepers who want to learn how to find beekeeping information in a digital world. There is literally a world of information if you just know where to look and Beemaster is a great place to start, I did.

**Bee Plants:** SJBA will also make available bee friendly plants for the suburban gardener. These plants will be available through pre-order very soon. Plants will include Anise Hyssop, Russian Sage and Lavender in addition to other varieties. All plants are superb bee magnets, take little care and will fit nicely in your suburban garden.

**Food:** A modest breakfast as well as a BBQ lunch will be provided for those who attend as well.

**Auction:** Fisherman's auction will also be available. Prizes will include live honeybees as well other plants and beekeeping equipment will be made available.

**Cost:** \$22 pre-register; \$26 at door if available & children under 12, \$10

**Questions:** Contact Seth Belson , [info@hiddenacrehoney.com](mailto:info@hiddenacrehoney.com) or Call 856.285.007

**Additional Information:** Information about this meeting, scholarships and beekeeping in New Jersey, Please refer to ( [www.njbeekeepers.org](http://www.njbeekeepers.org) ) for updated information.

**To Attend;** Please contact Curtis Crowell at 609-651-4585. Send check payable to NJBA to  
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No later than May 30th so he can make sure that there is enough food for all. Thank You

## **PESTS: Wax Moths and Small Hive Beetles**

**Wax moths** are not a problem during cold weather unless you keep your combs in a heated building. Properly stored and protected from re-infestation, combs that have been frozen (< 32 °F or < 0 °C) for at least one day during the winter will not be infested with any stage of the wax moth.

- In general, keep all of your unused combs in mothproof stacks or in a mothproof room or building, preferably unheated. Tape cracks between supers or repair supers so they fit tightly together. Inspect regularly! Treat with Para-moth® or Fumigator® at first sign of wax moth.
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### New Membership Dues Structure as Announced at the NJBA State- wide Meeting February 14, 2009

**Section I:** Any boy or girl under the age of 18 who is interested in Apiculture may become a Junior member. Dues of \$8.00 per year are payable in advance.

**Section 2:** Any individual, or family residing at the same address, may become a member of the Association for \$20 per year, payable in advance. Membership will include one newsletter subscription, and one vote in matters put before the membership..

There is no longer an Individual membership for \$15.00.

All individual memberships currently paid will be honored through December 31, 2009. Subsequent renewals will be \$20.00

# Report From the Apiarist

## March 3, 2009

Well March has certainly come in like a lion. As I am writing this there is 10 inches of snow still in my yard. This morning's temperature in Richland NJ was 5 degrees. Yesterday was 10 degrees; last week was almost 70 degrees. The silver maple in my yard began to bloom February 20, it was covered with bees on the 27<sup>th</sup>. My friend in Franklinville called on the 27<sup>th</sup> to say his yard was all abuzz with honey bees heavily in the snow drops blooming in his yard. I also saw red maples blooming along route 206 between Hammonton and Trenton on Friday February 27<sup>th</sup>. I am afraid that the maples may be injured by these extreme temperatures, I hope not, but time will tell.

In the month of February I have inspected a lot of dead colonies. In most instances the colonies had very small clusters and the bees were dead head first in the cells, unable to move to where the honey was. I cannot stress the importance of large clusters of young bees for wintering in NJ. How do you accomplish that? Control mites as early as possible in August (many treatments are temperature dependent). Make sure the colony is queen right with a good strong queen. If questionable requeen. Feed light syrup to stimulate her to lay. Most queens reduce laying when there is a dearth in nectar flow. If you are unable to do these things combine your weak colonies with a strong colony. Take your winter loss in the fall. If you check your colonies in October and they don't have enough feed its usually too late to save them. Some of the samples I took from the dead outs were heavily infested with Varroa mites. And a few had high levels of nosema, none had tracheal mites. Some beekeepers are still using the hard chemical strips for Varroa control. Some are using it because they have a supply of it from past use. I believe the mites in NJ are resistant to these chemicals to one degree or another and I would strongly recommend you use other methods to reduce your Varroa population. IPM practices should be implemented.

The beginner beekeeper classes have begun. I am sure Angelo has posted the dates and times in this newsletter. They are also on the Web site. The first Rutgers Beginner course is full and they are taking registrations for the second class in May. This year Bob Hughes and I will be teaching a 2 day Beyond the basics course through Rutgers continuing education. The course dates are in the newsletter and website. We are plunging deeper into the topics that we can in a beginner class. The afternoons will be spent in the bee yard applying what was discussed in the morning. Each class is limited to 40 students. Details will be on the website.

I am compiling a list of most common mistakes beginner beekeepers make to help beginners in the future not make them.

If you have dead outs you want checked, please call me @ 609-292-5440, or e-mail at Tim.Schuler @ag.state.nj.us .

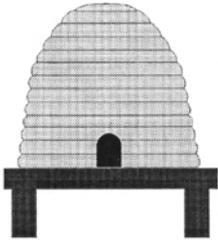


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## Wow – A stunning Statewide Competition of Beekeepers

The statewide annual honey competition, held on February 10, 2009 at the New Jersey Agricultural Convention, drew an overwhelming participation from New Jersey beekeepers. There were entries in every class; 131 of them in all. Six of the eight New Jersey Beekeepers Association (NJBA) branches were represented. Over \$700 in prize money and ribbons were awarded by the NJBA in recognition of members in good standing who submitted winning entries in classes for honey, mead, wax, cosmetics and photography. First place entries received \$20, second place \$10 in prize money, with each division best entry awarded an additional \$25. The best in show award was given to the winner of the novelty beeswax class and received another \$75. An award for overall excellence, best exhibitor, was given to the exhibitor with the highest ribbon point total for the competition and awarded an additional \$75. Ribbon points were awarded based on placement, i.e., four points for first place, three for second and two for third place.

Honey  
Show

Alf & Ceil Berg, members of the Central Jersey branch and doing business as Herbertsville Honey, repeated as Best Exhibitor and their Novelty Beeswax entry won Best in Show. Ribbon point totals were extremely close for the Berg's and Landi Simone and Angelo and Ann Trapani were snapping at their heels.

There were also several folks who entered for the first time this year and took home ribbons. Betsy Michel, a first time entrant from the Morris branch, took first place in the Class 1 Light, Extracted Honey Division. Other first-time-entrant ribbon winners were Brian Rowe of Morris, Pier Guidi of Essex, and Susan Ellis of South Jersey who took first place and best of division with her close up photograph of a honey bee. The results for each of the classes are provided in the table below:

The judging took about eight hours to complete. NJBA members were integral in helping with the show, which ended up being a 19-hour-day for the show chair. Thank to members Curtis Crowell, Bob Hughes, Tim Schuler, Michael Long, Pier Guidi, Tom Shephard, Bill Eisele and Angelo & Anna Trapani for all their help throughout the day.

Next year we hope to have the display cases containing the honey show entries set up for several days after the judging so that members will have a chance to view the efforts of the participants. If you have any questions about this year's show, or suggestions for next year, please contact the Honey Show Chairperson, Janet A. Katz, 908 879-4377 or [janet@rapseik.org](mailto:janet@rapseik.org).

### New Jersey Beekeepers Association – Winter meeting

The winter meeting of the New Jersey Beekeepers Association was held at the Agricultural Museum of New Jersey, New Brunswick Campus of Rutgers University, on February 14, 2009. Renowned apiarist Kirk Webster was the featured speaker. The auditorium was filled to the rafters. Over 120 attendees swelled the facilities making seating a premium making the event a financial and educational success. A continental breakfast made sure that all were awake and lunch assured that there was plenty of energy for the auction of winning entries from the state honey show.

As always Janet Katz and Tim Schuler anchored the auction festivities which generated \$1,325.00 dollars, exceeding expenses for prizes, ribbons and judging. A special "Thank You" goes out to the generosity of our members

*Both articles submitted by Bill Coniglio, thanks,  
get well quick springs coming*

# N.J.B.A. 2009 ANNUAL HONEY SHOW



OUR TWO JUDGES

**Best Exhibitor – Alf & Ceil Berg**  
*(Highest Ribbon Point Total)*

**Best in Show – Alf & Ceil Berg** *(For Class 14 Novelty Beeswax Entry)*

## Extracted Honey

**Division Best – Trapani for Light Amber**

**Class 1 – Light (4 Entries) Points**

- 1st Betsy Michel 95
- 2nd Jean-Claude Tassot 94.5
- 3rd Len & Cheri Klinker 92.5

**Class 2 – Light Amber (7 Entries) Points**

- 1st Angelo & Anna Trapani 98.5
- 2nd Alf & Ceil Bert 95
- 3rd Brian Rowe 94.5

**Class 3 – Amber (29 Entries) Points**

- 1st Angelo & Anna Trapani 97
- 2nd Mary Kosenski 96
- 3rd John Kostiou 95.5

**Class 4 – Dark (12 Entries) Points**

- 1st Joseph Lelinho 96
- 2nd Frank Prasnal 92
- 3rd John Petersen 91.5

## Honey Comb/Spreads

**Division Best – Rachel Douglas for Frame**

**Class 5 – Sections, Ross Rounds, Cut Comb (1 Entry)**

- 1st Georgann Serino 74

**Class 6 – Creamed (4 Entries) Points**

- 1st Bob Hughes 92
- 2nd Angelo & Anna Trapani 86
- 3rd Landi Simone 80

**Class 7 – Chunk (2 Entries) Points**

- 1st John Kostiou 88.5
- 2nd Frederick Sanger 85

**Class 8 – Frame of Honey (4 Entries) Points**

- 1st Rachel Douglas 92
- 2nd Angelo & Anna Trapani 87.5
- 3rd Franklyn Wooden 80.5

## Mead

**Division Best – Jay DeSimone for Sweet Class 9 – Dry (4 Entries) Points**

1st Alf & Ceil Berg 91.5

2nd Grant Stiles 91

3rd Tom Fuscaldo 89

**Class 10 – Sweet ( 4 Entries) Points**

1st Jay DeSimone 92.5

2nd Tom Fuscaldo 92

3rd Jean-Claude Tassot 89

**Class 11 – With Fruit Juice (7 Entries)**

**Points**

1st Jay DeSimone 89

2nd Len & Cheri Klinker 88.5

3rd Jim Morse 87

**Class 12 – Sparkling (1 Entry) Points**

1st Jean-Claude Tassot 92

**Beeswax**

**Div. Best – Alf & Ceil Berg for Novelty Wax**

**Class 13 – Block, 1 pound (7 Entries)**

**Points**

1st Angelo & Anna Trapani 93.5

2nd Alf & Ceil Berg 93

3rd Frank Prasnal 92

**Class 14 – Novelty Wax (5 Entries) Points**

1st Alf & Ceil Berg 90.5

2nd Frank Prasnal 90

3rd Landi Simone 87.5

**Class 15 – Tapers (4 Entries) Points**

1st Alf & Ceil Berg 96

2nd Landi Simone 93.5

3rd Janet A. Katz 89

**Class 16 – Novelty Candles (5 Entries)**

**Points**

1st Landi Simone 94

2nd Jean-Claude Tassot 91.5

3rd Janet A. Katz 88.5



**Cosmetics**

**Div. Best –Landi Simone for Soap**

**Class 17 – Hand Cream/Lotion (6 Entries)**

**Points**

1st Len & Cheri Klinker 94

2nd Alf & Ceil Berg 90

3rd Landi Simone 87.5

**Class 18 – Soap (6 Entries) Points**

1st Landi Simone 94

2nd Rachel Douglas 93

3rd Alf & Ceil Berg 92.5

**Class 19 – Lip Balm (7 Entries) Points**

1st Landi Simone 96

2nd Pete Leighton 92

3rd Alf & Ceil Berg 91

**Photography**

**Division Best – Susan Ellis**

**Class 20 – Photography (12 Entries) Points**

1st Susan Ellis 93

2nd Karen Appgar 92

3rd Pier Guidi 90.5

**A BIRTHDAY CARD TO MOM**

**Submitted by Landi Simone**



# **SPECIALTY CROP GRANT APPLICATION**

**Submitted by Bill Coniglio on behalf of the N.J.B.A.**

## **LEAD ORGANIZATION- THE NEW JERSEY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION**

**152 Broad Street  
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### **PROJECT TITLE—HONEYBEES AND NEW JERSEY, A SWEET RELATIONSHIP**

**ABSTRACT- PROVIDE A TRAVELING DISPLAY THAT DEPICTS THE ROLE AND IMPORTANCE OF BEEKEEPING IN NEW JERSEY. THE DISPLAY WILL INCREASE:**

- \* THE NUMBER OF BEEKEEPERS IN NEW JERSEY PARTICIPATING IN CROP POLLINATION, PRODUCT CREATION AND QUEEN BREEDING.
- \* SPECIALTY CROP PRODUCTION PER ACRE BY PRESENTING NEW JERSEY FARMERS WITH INFORMATION ON THE MAGNITUDE OF INCREASED YIELDS ASSOCIATED WITH HONEYBEE POLLINATION AND THE ADVERSE EFFECTS OF PESTICIDE USE ON THE HIVE.
- \* AWARENESS AMONG PUBLIC OFFICIALS OF THE SCOPE AND IMPORTANCE OF BEEKEEPING IN BOTH URBAN AND AGRICULTURAL AREAS.
- \* CRITICAL INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO POLICEMEN AND FIREMEN ON ACTING AS FIRST RESPONDERS TO HONEYBEE MIGRATORY “SWARMS” AND ACCIDENTAL HIVE RELEASES DURING TRANSPORT.
- \* THE CONSUMPTION AND VALUE OF NEW JERSEY HONEYBEE PRODUCTS IN OUR URBAN CENTERS BY EXTOLING THE NUTRITIONAL BENEFITS OF LOCAL HONEY .
- \* KNOWLEDGE OF HONEYBEES BY DIFFERENTIATING THE BEHAVIOR AND APPEARANCE OF HONEYBEES VERSUS THE YELLOW JACKET WASP.
- \* STUDENT INVOLVEMENT BY INTRODUCING THE HONEYBEE AND BEEKEEPING INTO BASIC SCIENCE EDUCATION IN NEW JERSEY PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

### **PURPOSE:**

**PURPOSE AND POTENTIAL IMPACT-** This project will reach thousands of people, young and old, providing basic information on the importance of beekeeping to New Jersey agriculture and all of New Jersey’s communities. The objectives of the presentation will be tailored to the role and benefits to the specific subgroup.

The presentation for farmers producing New Jersey’s specialty vegetables and fruits will focus on the value added to crops by honeybee pollination and the ability of the farm manager to nurture pollinator health by judicious pesticide selection, and timing. Enhancing the cooperation and confidence between producer and beekeeper will encourage the involvement of small beekeepers in meeting pollination needs and thus act to control pollination costs. It will reduce the need for importing out-of-state hives.

The presentation for State representatives will focus on information demonstrating the scope of beekeepers statewide and their importance in maintaining an ample local specialty food supply for its citizens and the pollination of natural vegetation needed for sustainable open spaces with the goal of

maintaining a legislative base that nurtures the honeybee.

The presentation for township officials will focus on providing the information needed to be responsive to citizen issues assuring the balance between county and municipal pest control projects. The presentation to policemen and firemen will focus on the information needs of first responders. Procedures for response to seasonal migration “swarms” and accidental honeybee spills will allow problem solution with knowledge and a lack of fear.

The presentation to public health officials will focus on differentiating the relatively calm behavior of the honeybee and the aggressive behavior yellow jacket wasp. With the knowledge to identify these two insects, general public concerns and public health records will accurately reflect the behavior of these two species.

The presentation to science teachers will focus on the biological principles at work in the complex social structure in the honeybee society and man’s link to this species. The goal of this presentation is the formation of an educational committee capable of developing a standardized lesson presentation to all New Jersey students.

Presentations to student and general citizenry will provide information on all of the points mentioned above with the major focus on the nutritional value of local honey and bee products.

## **EXPECTED MEASURABLE OUTCOMES**

Data will be maintained on the number of attendees at each venue and the number visiting our presentation.

The presentation for farmers producing New Jersey’s specialty vegetables and fruits will focus on increasing pollinator use by the farm manager and the yields achieved.

The presentation for State representatives focuses on information demonstrating the scope of beekeepers statewide and their importance in maintaining an ample local specialty food supply and the pollination of natural vegetation needed for sustainable open spaces. Evaluation data will be collected to assess the legislative support for beekeeping activity in both rural and urban areas of the state.

The presentation for township officials will present information needed for them to be responsive to citizen issues and assure the balance in county and municipal pest control projects. Evaluation data will be collected on sensitivity of municipal and county spray programs to the toxicity of products selected for use and timing/notification of beekeepers.

The presentation to policemen and firemen will focus on the information needs of first responders. It will delineate procedures for response to seasonal migration “swarms” and accidental honeybee spills with the aim to allow problem solution with knowledge and a lack of fear. An incident report will be instituted to record municipal responses as will organizational willingness to incorporate bee response into lesson plans for formal training of first responders.

The presentation to public health officials focuses on the differences in risk of stinging by the honeybee and the aggressive yellow jacket. Project evaluation targets the ability to get this information into the training conducted for Sanitarians and Health Officers.

The presentation to science teachers will present the biological principles at work in the complex social structure in the honeybee society and man’s dependence on this species. The goal of this

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**GOAL;**

Increase the production and marketing of local fruit, vegetable and honeybee crops. Improve market demand and value of the New Jersey beekeeping industry.

**WORKPLAN;**

Project organization

**Oversight;**

This project will be managed by subcommittees of the New Jersey Beekeepers Association. Members of this Board bring a wide breadth of education and experience to this statewide project. The development of contracts and criteria for evaluating the acceptability of products will be retained by an assigned subcommittee. Operational aspects will be assigned to personnel contracted to provide specific services.

Project timing

It is anticipated that Phase 1 will require 12 months to complete and Phase 2 will be conducted in the second year.

**PHASE 1; DEVELOP A FREESTANDING TRI-PART CONVENTION DISPLAY EXHIBIT EQUIPPED WITH AUDIO AND VIDEO SLIDE PRESENTATION AND EQUIPMENT TO STORE, CONSERVE AND TRANSPORT THE DISPLAY.**

**PHASE 2; TARGET 12 AGRICULTURAL, EDUCATIONAL AND CIVIC MEETINGS ACROSS NEW JERSEY ORGANIZATIONS FOR PRESENTATIONS. ORGANIZATIONS TO BE TARGETED INCLUDE:**

- 2 MEETINGS OF NEW JERSEY VEGETABLE AND FRUIT SPECIALTY CROP GROWERS
- 1 MEETING OF STATE OFFICIALS, SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES
- 1 MEETING OF TOWNSHIP MAYORS AND OFFICIALS
- 1 MEETING OF POLICE MEN AND FIREMEN
- 1 MEETING OF PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIALS
- 1 STATEWIDE MEETING OF SCIENCE TEACHERS
- 3 PRESENTATIONS FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL CHILDREN
- 2 PRESENTATIONS AT EVENTS FOR NEW JERSEY RESIDENTS                      end

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# N.J.B.A. MEMBERS IN THE COUNTY THAT THEY RESIDE IN FROM 2006 to 2009



## Letter from the Editor

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Cumberland	17	4	+13
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Gloucester	20	5	+15
Hudson	4	1	+3
Hunterdon	74	45	+29
Mercer	27	10	+17
Middlesex	29	16	+13
Monmouth	40	28	+12
Morris	68	51	+17
Ocean	19	24	-5
Passaic	18	15	+3
Salem	5	1	+4
Somerset	36	16	+20
Sussex	39	17	+22
Union	11	6	+5
Warren	15	12	+3
TOTAL	595		

First I would like to thank Pete and the membership for the Jake Matthenius award. I would like to also thank my wife Ann for all her help typing and the recipe column, Curtis for keeping the ads straight and for other technical help, Janet for her help with sending out notices on the web and other help on the newsletter, and finally to all the members who have contributed to the publication.

With spring just in sight doing a lot of reading on bees and beekeeping, repairing and assembling wood ware, and keeping a watchful eye on my hives its time to get into the real part "The Bees". The bees have started to fly almost daily. The flights on some days look like Newark Air Port the way they land and bring pollen in right after another.

The real warm days its time to take a quick peek in and see what's going on inside, how many frames of bees, how much food and if theirs some new brood. I try to keep a record from year to year to compare what's going on now and in years past. It is important to keep some sort of records. My aim right now is to get the hive strength up to maximum and peak at the beginning of the honey flow. I always keep some of my honey to feed them back and also use pollen patties, because you have to do what it takes to get the maximum out of your hives. So to get out the most from your hive you have put something in, so those weaker hives you have to build them up and make them stronger. The real week ones it may not be worth the time and effort so you have to decide to let them go or combine them with a strong hive, because you don't really want them in your breeding program anyway. With the costs of medication, feed, and time it doesn't pay off.

Hoping the weather cooperates and we get plenty of sun and a little rain the hives are strong and built up we should get plenty of honey. I hope it's not like last year that I put on my rain coat in March and didn't take it off till summer. Now's the time to find out if all that reading pays off about some of the management practices of keeping these bees healthy, in the boxes, making plenty of honey, and not up in a near by tree. If those authors were right then it was worth reading.



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# CORNELL UNIVERSITY MASTER BEEKEEPING PROGRAM

## Master Beekeeper Workshop Schedule for 2009

This year, Dyce Lab is offering five different workshops with classes being held at Dyce Lab, Betterbee and in Western NY as part of the Eastern Apicultural Society's 2009 Annual Summer Meeting.

- **Apprentice Level Spring Class: \$140.00 for both days**
    - o May 2-3 at Betterbee
    - o May 16-17 at Dyce Lab
  - **Apprentice Level Fall Class: \$75.00**
    - o August 15 at Dyce Lab
    - o August 22 at Betterbee
  - **Journey Level Integrated Pest Management (IPM): \$75.00**
    - o August 16 at Dyce Lab
    - o August 23 at Betterbee
    - o **NOT FOR THOSE WHO HAVE TAKEN THE APPRENTICE LEVEL WORKSHOPS**
  - **Journey Level IPM Lab Identification**
    - o This year, enrollment is only through the Eastern Apicultural Society
    - o The workshop will be given as part of the EAS Short Course Level 2
    - o EAS 2009 will be held August 3-7, 2009 at Holiday Valley Resort in Ellicottville, NY
    - o Go to <http://www.easternapiculture.org/> for more information
  - **Journey Level Queen Rearing: \$240.00 for both days**
    - o June 27-28 at Dyce Lab
    - o Part of this workshop will also be given with the EAS 2009 Short Course Level 2
  - **Journey Level Bee Breeding: \$90.00**
    - o Not taught in 2009
- Registration at [masterbeekeeper.org](http://masterbeekeeper.org) starting January 15th, 2009**

**The Apprentice Level Workshop** series serves as an introduction to beekeeping for novice beekeepers and experienced beekeepers seeking a comprehensive refresher course. The series includes spring and fall workshops.

**The Journey Level Program** is designed to build advanced skills in beekeeping and to facilitate the transition from hobby beekeeping to commercial beekeeping. The Journey Level Program includes workshops on queen rearing, integrated pest management and commercial-scale honey extraction/processing. The Cornell workshops are designed to prepare you for certification as a Master Beekeeper. Certification is obtained through the [Eastern Apicultural Society's Master Beekeeper Certification Program](#) which is held at the ESA annual meeting each summer.

**The Master Level Program** trains highly-skilled beekeepers to serve as extension educators and ambassadors of the beekeeping community to the broader society. The workshop series provides thorough training in a diverse range of topics in apiculture. The Cornell workshops are designed to prepare you for Certification as a Master Beekeeper. Certification is obtained through the [Eastern Apicultural Society's Master Beekeeper Certification Program](#) which is held at the ESA annual meeting each summer

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## **E.C.B.A. Meeting ; Everyone is welcome.**

Ross Conrad of Dancing Bee Gardens in Vermont will visit the Essex County Beekeepers Society on Tuesday April 14 from 7pm – 9pm to speak on the topic, “Organic Beekeeping.” Ross is a former president of the Vermont Beekeeper's Association, a regular contributor to Bee Culture - The Magazine of American Beekeeping, and author of Natural Beekeeping: Organic Approaches To Modern Apiculture published by Chelsea Green. He regularly teaches organic beekeeping workshops and classes, and offers presentations on various beekeeping topics. His small 13-year-old sideline beekeeping business, Dancing Bee Gardens, supplies friends, neighbors, and local stores with honey and candles among other bee related products, and provides bees for Vermont apple pollination in spring.

The meeting will be held in Garibaldi Hall at the Essex County Environmental Center, 621B Eagle Rock Avenue, Roseland, NJ 07068. Ross's book will be available for sale before and after the event.

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# MY FIRST YEAR AS A BEEKEEPER



by Pier V. Guidi, Dec.  
2008

The year was 2005 in Hillsborough, New Jersey. The previous fall I had

planted a small orchard - maybe 16 or so fruit trees in the field next to our house - augmenting the 4 or 5 trees that were now 4 years old in another part of the yard. Curious how the older trees never produced much of anything.

Spring 2006 came, many of the trees bloomed and my family and I looked forward to some home grown fruit. The alternating warm and cold days of spring came and went, the flower petals fell off - and - hardly any fruit was to be seen. I wondered why... until it occurred to me that we hadn't seen many bees. And that meant that we probably had very little pollination.

A little research and I slowly became aware of the plight of honey bees in the U.S. The occurrence of CCD (Colony Collapse Disorder), tracheal and Varroa mites, and numerous other diseases that have befallen honey bees since the mid-1980's have destroyed more than 80% of the feral colonies in the US. In some places, a wild honey bee is a rare sight indeed. And no honey bees means very reduced pollination of crops.

What to do? "Get our own bees" I said in a bit of machismo! A little more research and in early 2007 I located a few beekeepers in and outside New Jersey. But I was too late... no bees were available for purchase by the time I got around to seriously ordering some. Not that I knew what to do with them when they showed up. Borders did have a few beekeeping books. A favorite, because of the title, was "Beekeeping for Dummies". Perfect for me I thought!

A little more effort and I discovered that the New Jersey's Department of Agriculture has a state apiarist - Tim Schuler. Tim was very welcoming and he told me about a "Beekeeping for Beginner's" 3-day course offered by Rutgers University in April, 2008. Tim and Bob Hughes (another well known & experienced NJ bee-

keeper) ran the course and were key in making me "almost obsessed" as some would say, with beekeeping. And, I was the lucky recipient of a 2008 NJ \$300 grant which came with my first colony of bees!

At Schuler's suggestion I started with 2 hives in 2008 so that I could monitor and learn from the difference between them (great idea!). By end of summer, I collected some 30 lbs of honey most of which I gave away. Apparently that's a good return for the first year. And, "tastes really good" my family and neighbors tell me. I have hopes and plans for more hives in 2009 located on properties volunteered by farmers and homeowners alike in Hillsborough, Skillman, Ringoes, Pennington, Hopewell Valley and Lambertville. And I've just launched my new honey web site: [www.BambooHollow.com](http://www.BambooHollow.com).

I must add, besides Schuler and Hughes, there are a number of NJ Beekeepers Association people who were key in giving me the right attitude towards this "hobby". They helped me in times of need, in times of pure lack of experience, and in times of mild success. Some I just heard speak at meetings and seminars, some came to my house to help, and some welcomed me at their place to watch and learn. Among them are: Joe Lelinho (who brought equipment at night to my driveway to extract honey by moonlight, while my wife Patti ran back and forth keeping the motion detector light on); Liz Nelson (a new beekeeper herself) who introduced me to Joe and with whom I shared trials and tribulations of swarms, mites, etc.; Stan Wasitowski who supplied me with bees, equipment and who let me talk his ears off; Landi Simone who sent me e-mails and always blows me away with her knowledge and product creations; Grant Stiles who always brings reality and experience to the table; and Bob "Beekeeper" Simonofsky (he wont remember this) who I randomly called in the beginning and he pointed me to some of the very people who later helped me out. Forgive me if I didn't list everyone. All in all, it's easy to see why bee people are great people!

# Honey Recipes

## Honey Carrot Cake

### 1 cup honey

- ½ cup margarine, softened
- 2 eggs
- 2 cups finely grated carrots
- ½ cup golden raisins
- 1/3 cup chopped nuts, optional
- ¼ cup orange juice
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 1 cup whole wheat flour
- 1 cup unbleached flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1-1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon ground ginger
- ¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg

In large mixing bowl, cream margarine until fluffy. Beat in honey in fine stream until well blended. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. In small bowl, combine carrots, raisins, nuts, orange juice and vanilla; set aside. Combine dry ingredients in separate large bowl; set aside. Add dry ingredients to creamed mixture alternately with carrot mixture, beginning and ending with dry ingredients. Pour batter into greased 13 x 9 x 2 -inch pan. Bake at 350F for 35 to 45 minutes or until wooden pick inserted near center comes out clean. Cool in pan 10 minutes. Turn onto wire cake rack. Frost with cream cheese frosting, if desired.

### Cream Cheese Frosting

12 oz. cream cheese (softened to room temperature)

½ cup (6 oz.) honey

Beat together with electric mixer until smooth

## Pumpkin Muffins with Cream Cheese Frosting

Makes 12 muffins

Frosting is optional on these muffins. Without it, they are ideal for breakfast; with it, they become a sweet afternoon snack

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1-1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ cup chopped walnuts
- 1 cup solid-pack pumpkin

### 1 cup honey

- ¼ cup vegetable oil
- 2 eggs, at room temperature, slightly beaten
- ¼ cup low-fat buttermilk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract



In a large bowl, stir together flour, cinnamon, baking soda and salt. Stir in walnuts. In a separate bowl, blend pumpkin, honey, oil, eggs, buttermilk and vanilla until smooth. Pour pumpkin mixture over dry ingredients. Stir just until mixed. Spoon batter into paper lined muffin cups, filling each to just below the rim. Bake at 350F for about 25 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the center of muffins comes out clean. Let pan cool on rack for 5 minutes. Remove muffins from pan and let cool on rack completely. Frost with Cream Cheese Frosting, if desired.

### Cream Cheese Frosting

In a small bowl, with electric mixer, beat 8 ounces cream cheese (softened to room temperature) with **1/3 cup honey**, until fluffy. (makes 12 servings)

**Note:** Honey **should not** be fed to infants under one year of age. Honey is a safe and wholesome food for children and adults

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