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This cold, late-ending winter has certainly caused a lot of anxiety among us. My work schedule, personal things, and rainy weather had kept me from checking my bees for three weeks and I had decided to do so on Tuesday afternoon after I had gotten a little sleep (I work midnights). I awoke at 1:15pm to find precipitation of a mixture of rain and snow and after a bit of grumbling and such, I decided to go out and see them anyway, as I would not have another chance until Friday. When bees starve, one day can make all the difference.

I went out to my apiary and cracked up the outer and inner covers, and was pleased to see all three clusters doing well and still working on their honey stores, leaving alone the sugar candy placed there three weeks ago. My two nucleus hives were also alive and well. I hope all of you have had good outcomes for overwintering your bees. I lost two hives out of the total of five hives and two nucs.

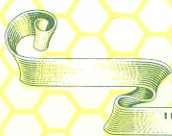
With this in mind, please do take the time to 1) complete the Winter Survey from the NJ Dept. of Agriculture, 2) Register your apiaries with the Dept. of Ag., 3) Register your apiaries for notification of pesticide application.

Now that spring is arriving, let us hope the warm weather continues and we can get on with our work. Do clean off the bottom boards and check remaining honey stores. We will have pollen coming in now from Skunk Cabbage and Witch Hazel, but there is yet no nectar to be had. Don't prematurely reverse your brood nests, as we still have cold weather ahead of us and putting the brood nest on the bottom of the hive will subject it to cold and the risk of Chilled Brood losses.

For those of you who are considering attending the Eastern Apicultural Society conference in Guelph, Ontario on August 10 – 14, you will need a passport to enter the United States from Canada. Your driver's license is no longer enough. It takes six weeks or so to have a passport application processed, so don't delay.

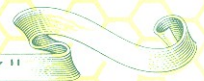
At the NJBA Board meeting this past Friday, we received a number of complaints about The Woodworking Barn / Beehive Barn in Cranbury. Please know that NJBA does not endorse those businesses which advertise in the NJBA Newsletter. "Buyer Beware" prevails.

Regards to all. *Joe Treimel*, President



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Hello,

My name is Jill Goordman and my son attends Washington Elementary School in West Caldwell, NJ. I am the co-chair of the H.S.A. committee called Helping Hands. Every year, we coordinate a week with the school and bring awareness and raise funds for a cause and/or organization. This year, we have chosen to focus on our beautiful yellow bees.

I am looking to have someone help us with a 20 minute assembly at the school. The assembly would obviously be about bees, why they are so important, what has been happening to their hives and health, and what Washington School can do to help. We also would love some guidance as to where the funds we raise would best serve the bees and bee keeping families. Our Helping Hands Week this year is April 20th, and our assembly would most likely be on the Friday before (possibly the Monday of the week also).

I would love to speak with someone about this or be redirected to the best person for my needs. My phone number is 973-462-9818.

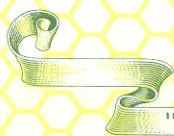
Sincerely,  
Jill Goordman

ECBS member Pat Kotlar has her own web page dedicated to beekeeping. It is found at [www.thehealthyhive.com](http://www.thehealthyhive.com).

#### April Beekeeping:

Keep an eye on the brood nest. If you see signs of European Foulbrood, do treat it with Terramycin. This is not an unlikely consequence of the long, cold winter. Have your honey supers ready. You may need them before you know it. It helps to put on all at once, as it provides the bees a place to store the nectar which will then be turned into honey. Remember, nectar has about five times the volume of honey. As always, be on the lookout for ticks when you are leaving your apiary or when you arrive at home.

This your last chance to pay your membership dues of \$20. If not done, you will no longer get the NJBA Newsletter, the ECBS Newsletter and you won't be on the NJBA Swarm list nor be able to list your bee and/or honey products on the NJBA web page. Send dues to the ESBS Post Office Box listed on the top of page 1.

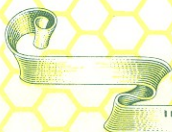


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