

# Essex County Beekeepers Society, Inc.



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Next Meeting: No February Meeting

Topic: The next meeting will be in March. Details to follow.

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## Greetings:

To begin, there will be no February meeting. With the NJBA Winter meeting only a week away, and the ECBS Beginner Beekeeping Course starting two weeks from now, and no particular topic ready for presentation, I believe it best to pass until the March meeting.

First of all, it has been an unusually warm winter and I wonder if the bees have taken this as a signal to begin brood rearing earlier than usual. Since I have no way of seeing the inside of my hives, I can only speculate. One thing to keep in mind, is it that time of the year when we need to begin monitoring our hives for food stores. If they went into the winter with adequate honey, then there ought to be no problem until sometime in March or early April when the honey and pollen have been used up to raise brood. However, if you don't mind taking a trip to your hives, do the usual "Lift the Back of the Hive" routine or pop off the inner cover and take a look for the cluster below the hole in the inner cover.

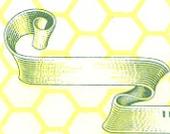
I spent Thursday in Trenton with Landi Simone and a few other NJBA volunteer and the two judges who drove up from North Carolina, to help at the NJBA Honey & Wax Contest. To tell the truth, I was disappointed with the dearth of entries, with no Creamed Honey or Lotions entries and only a few entries in the Soap, Hand-Creams, and Candles categories. Of course, I did not enter anything, but wish I had, as I would have had an excellent chance of securing a ribbon or two against the light competition.

The winning entries are all on display in the New Jersey State House in Trenton and will be there for the next week. We will be bringing the entries to the NJBA Winter Meeting next weekend, so if you plan to attend, you can retrieve your entry there, unless you won a First Prize, and your entry will be auctioned off at the meeting.

Upcoming meeting presentations will be Bee-Venom Therapy and more about Value-Added Products from beeswax.

Regards,

*Joe Treimel, President*



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## Nucleus Hive Ordering

ECBS will be ordering Nucleus Hives from Stiles Apiaries, to be delivered mid-April.

Each Nucleus Hive will consist of five deep frames of drawn comb, at least of which two frames will be brood and at least two frames of honey and pollen. The Nucleus Hive will have five frames of overwintered bees (North Carolina) and a new, mated queen. Queens will be unmarked. For those of you who run medium box hives, you will need to get a deep box and five extra deep frames/foundation and put this on the bottom of your hives. Cost will be \$155 for each nucleus hive, with a \$60, non-refundable deposit required. Information about this will be provided in a separate E-mail. If you would like to place an order, contact Joe Treimel. Remember, once Grant has orders for the total number of Nucleus Hives which he plans to sell, no further orders will be taken. Delivery will be the approximately the third week in April (which is good for the NJ beekeeper) and cash or check payment will be expected at the time of pick-up.

**Please take care of your ECBS/NJBA Annual Dues. if you have not done so.**



NJBA 2017 Honey & Wax Show winners

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