

Essex County Beekeepers Society, Inc.



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Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 8
7:00 – 9:00 pm
Garibaldi Hall, Essex County
Environmental Center, 621B Eagle
Rock Avenue, Roseland, NJ

Topic: Spring Preparation

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Greetings,

Last year we experienced a winter which would not seem to quit. So far this winter, we are being teased with the prospects of an early spring, but I'll believe it when I see it.

With warm days here and there, bees have been flying and hopefully you have been able to take a look at your bees, or plan to do so soon.

It doesn't hurt to put on some food on the top bars right now, as it may stimulate build up even if the bees don't really need it.

It is also time to send in your membership dues, if you have not done so. Please do make out the check to "ECBS" or "Essex County Beekeepers Society." Some of the checks received so far have been to NJBA and with other names on the Payee line. The bank does not like this and it makes depositing the checks problematic. Imagine trying to cash your paycheck with a different name on it!

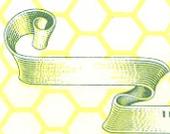
Our Beginner Beekeeper Course again has a full complement of students this year. This is always nice to see. If you would like to be a mentor, do let me know.

For those of you who want to take a formal class in queen rearing, see the information on the next page.

It's getting a bit late to order bees, so don't delay if you need packages of nucleus hives. Better yet, keep your bees healthy so they survive the winter!

Regards,

Joe Treimel, President



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Queen Rearing Course

This two-day course will include grafting larvae, the Cloake board method of queen rearing, and the use of mating nucs. Hands on experience with grafting will complement lectures on queen rearing and queen breeding. Each student will receive a queen bar frame, plastic queen cell cups, and a grafting tool; if successful, the student may have queen cells to take home nine days later.

Intensive Weekend May 7-8, 2016: (Mother's Day Weekend)

Registration Fee: \$199.00

Saturday 9 am-4 pm

Sunday 9 am-3 pm

Queen cell pickup: Monday May 17, 2016, 6-8 pm.

Trusted suppliers:

Package Bees: <http://www.mamlakeltd.com>

Packages delivered to Wilkes-Barre, PA

Nucleus Hives:

Grant Stiles, ECBS member, BigBuzz11@Yahoo.com, (732) 661-0700



Landi feeding bees fondant with protein patty.

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