

Essex County Beekeepers Society, Inc.



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Next Meeting: June 14
7:00 – 9:00 pm
Garibaldi Hall, Essex County
Environmental Center, 621B Eagle
Rock Avenue, Roseland, NJ

Topic: Making Mead
By Ban Ang and Jim Cully

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Greetings to all:

We are already in the middle of May, and so far this spring has been an improvement over that of last year. Colony build-up has generally been reported as going well, and we have heard about swarms from club members. Better to have a colony of bees strong enough to swarm instead of having a weak colony.

Looking forward, I anticipate the Black Locust to be in bloom at any moment, followed by the other nectar sources. Hopefully, the weather will be cooperative and we will all get a surplus.

The Eastern Apicultural Society is holding its annual conference at Stockton State University, Galloway, New Jersey from July 25 – 29. This is a great time to increase your beekeeping knowledge, listen to research scientists and talk to other beekeepers from all over the Eastern Seaboard and Canada. Not only is it educational, but there are plenty of vendors there to show off and sell a variety of products. There will be dormitory accommodations available at a reasonable fee for those for whom daily travel might be a problem.

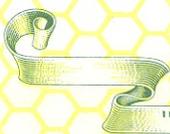
Our next meeting in June will feature ECBS members Jim Cully and Ban Ang speaking on the topic of Mead. We'll skip meeting in July and August and reconvene in September.

We are about to update our E-mail listing with our current membership list. If you haven't paid your dues, this will be the last newsletter which you will receive.

Finally, will the person who borrowed my DVD on Queen Rearing please bring it to the June meeting. I forgot to whom I loaned it.

Regards,

Joe Treimel, President



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<http://www.easternapiculture.org/>

Mann Lake Has Nucleus Hives for sale

Mann Lake will have Nucs available in the month of May for pickup at the Wilkes-Barre, PA location. Nucs do need to be Pre-ordered and Pre-paid. Call: **800-880-7694**

Dr. Larry Connor, the premier teacher in queen rearing and author of "Queen Rearing Essentials" will be visiting the Pennsylvania location in Wilkes-Barre, to host a hands-on 3 day queen rearing class June 9th - 11th. Don't miss the opportunity to learn from the best. If you are interested in the 3 day queen rearing class, sign up early as this is a small hands on class limited to 30 Attendees. There will also be a 1-Day queen rearing class on June 11 and an Intermediate Beekeeping Class on June 12. Go to www.mannlakeltd.com for details.

Last year, the USDA has suspended research scientist Jonathan Lundgren and took punitive actions him and other researchers after they published research linking neonicotinoid pesticides to the deaths of bees and monarch butterflies. They also spoke out publically about these threats to the environment.

Bees and butterflies are pollinators that are critical to our food supply, and they are experiencing a steep decline due to systemic pesticides. We can't let this important research be silenced.

Please take what action you are able to prevent the USDA from taking its orders from the large chemical companies, such as Bayer, DOW and Monsanto, and instead act in the interests of the American public and the environment.

Write to:

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Washington, DC 20250

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