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Next Meeting: **Friday**
November 17th, 7:30 PM
Ramapo College, Mahwah, NJ
H-Wing Auditorium

Topic: The Mystery of the Hive:
Whispers in the Dark
By Peter Borst



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Greetings to all:

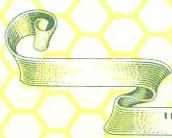
Undoubtedly, many of you have heard me musing about how there seems to be less bees and other insects around than there were in years past. Of course, one might respond, "Well, Joe, the snow was deeper, too." But, it was!

For those of you who read the New York Times, on the Editorial Page of the October 30 issue was an essay titled, "Insect Armageddon." It speaks of a decline in Germany of flying insects in the order of 76% over the past 25 years. It also cites a study published in Science Magazine in 2014 which noted a "steep drop in insect and other invertebrate life worldwide." I did a short search on the Science Magazine web page and found a number of related articles from the year 2014, and issues during many other years. A most recent one was "Where have all the insects gone?" by Gretchen Vogel, May 9, 2017.

Well, things are about wrapped up for the year. I should hope everybody's hives are ready for winter. For those of you who attended the October meeting, the queenless hive which I attempted to have raise a new queen in September (Yes, September!) and find her successfully mated had a good outcome. Ten days ago I opened the hive to find the bees calm, and an excellent brood pattern covering three frames. However, since this hive got a late start on raising Winter Bees, it is still a question that this hive will overwinter successfully. If it had not been successful, I had a Nucleus Hive waiting in the wings to be combined with this hive. Now, I will just overwinter the Nuc, something I have done in the past.

Since the Northeast Branch will be having an excellent speaker on the same week as our usual November meeting, I have decided to cancel our Tuesday meeting and instead ask everybody to attend the Northeast Branch meeting at Ramapo College On Friday, November 17. Ramapo College is on Route 202 in Mahwah and is easy to find. Take the entrance at the stoplight, go to the security kiosk and ask for directions. It is a simple matter of turning left and parking, then following the signs directing you to the meeting location. You may also go to <http://www.nnjbees.org/> for more specific directions. See you there,

Joe Treimel, President



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While it seems far away, the NJBA Honey Show has been scheduled for February 8th and 9th. We are looking forward to another opportunity to show the face of Beekeeping to the movers and shakers of the State Government.

Please save extracted honey from this season to be used as entries. Also, consider submitting entries in other categories. The other categories often do not have as many entries as the honey category, and entries in these categories provides more opportunities to win!

Entries must be delivered to the Welcome Center in Trenton by noon on Wednesday, February 7th. As in the past ECBS will have a designee to deliver entries to Trenton.

The entries will be judged on February 8th and 9th. After judging, they will be displayed for a week in the State Annex Tunnel. This display is of great interest to everyone in the State Capital building. The winter meeting is planned for FEBRUARY 17, and 18th, when the winning entries are auctioned.

Cynthia Werts Honey Show Chairwoman
732-247-1424

Yellow Jacket for you and me;
"Bee" for the average layperson



Bald-Faced Hornet's Nest for you and
me; "Beehive" for the average
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