

# Essex County Beekeepers Society, Inc.

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Next Meeting: Tuesday, Oct. 13  
7:00 – 9:00 pm  
Garibaldi Hall, Essex County  
Environmental Center, Roseland, NJ

Topic: Wrapping Hives; Speaker is  
John Gaut of Northeast Chapter

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As the days and nights finally cool off, and we anticipate changing leaves, it is again time to reflect on our beekeeping season as we make final preparations for the winter.

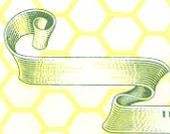
Now is the time to make a final inspection, get mouse guards on the entrances, and make any final changes which we find necessary. One of the ways to prepare for the winter is to wrap hives with some form of insulation or such to help stabilize the hives' temperatures and to help them keep warmer. When I first became a beekeeper, it was common practice to wrap hives with roofing paper, but this seems to have stopped. The speaker at our meeting on Tuesday will be John Gaut of the Northeast Chapter of NJBA and he will give us a presentation on "Wrapping Hives." Join us to hear more on the topic, trade stories with ECBS members and share some refreshments.

Meeting notices for the Northeast and Raritan Valley clubs as well as the NJBA's Autumn Meeting are on the following page.

So, what's left to do? With the final inspection, be sure there is adequate honey stored and that the hive has a healthy population of bees. Take the hive apart if you must to inspect the bottom board to check for mouse nests. Once that is done, put on a mouse guard to keep the little critters out of the hive. The can make quite a mess of things if they are able to make a nest in the bottom of a hive. If you find a hive short on honey, it is not too late to feed them, but you need to feed them in volume, not just a quart or a gallon at a time, as time is running out. If possible, heat the syrup on the stove to be able to concentrate it to a 2:1 solution, as hot tap water is not enough to do the trick. Good luck!

One last note; the ECBS Officers generally are in their posts for two years, and our current board members will all have been there at least two or three years as of December. This includes myself, and I plan to be moving up to New York within the next few months. I ask that members consider taking on a little more responsibility in the club and joining our board. We currently have two open positions and more to come.

See you Tuesday,  
*Joe Treimel, President*



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Thursday October 15, 2015, will be the next meeting of the **Raritan Valley Beekeepers Association**, from 7pm to 9pm at the Calvary Bible Church, 144 Readington Road, Whitehouse Station. We will be in the conference room on the lower level, an elevator is available.

We are delighted to have Landi Simone, Master Beekeeper, present a program about honey related products, label making..., creamed honey, varietal honeys, the basics on beeswax and honey cosmetics and value added products of the hive, also preparing honey to show.

**The Northeast NJ Beekeepers Oct. 16 meeting will host Jorik Phillips and Megan Denver** of Hudson Valley Bee Supply. They will be talking to us on sustainable beekeeping and bee hunting. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at Ramapo College. 505 Ramapo Valley Road Mahwah, NJ in the Anisfield School of Business, Room 135S.

## *NJBA 2015 Annual Fall Meeting*

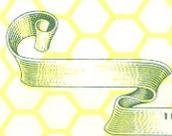
The NJBA Annual 2015 Fall Meeting will be held on Saturday, October 31, 2015 at the [Fellowship Deaconry](#), 3575 Valley Road, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920. The NJBA Business Meeting and updates on activities will be followed by Tim Schuler's, NJ State Apiarist Report with the morning schedule concluding with featured speaker Michael Gardner of Gardner Apiaries, "Package Bee Production" including a Q&A to follow.

The afternoon agenda includes Grant Stiles, Stiles Apiaries, with all that encompasses "Nucleus Hive Production" followed by Tim Schuler's "Considerations When Purchasing Bees" and a report on his trip this past summer to Malawi to help beekeepers via Villages in Partnership Beekeeping in Malawi.

For a detailed agenda of the day's activities [click here](#). For website and directions to the Fellowship Deaconry [click here](#).

Cost is \$25.00 per person for adults and children 13 years and older; \$12.00 per child 12 years old and younger, if paid by October 24, 2015. At the door or after October 24, 2015, \$30.00 per person for adults, and children over 12 years old. All non-members \$35.00.

Register online at <http://www.njbeekeepers.org/store/>. Online registration also provides for the ability to mail a check if you do not want to pay online. If you cannot register online or via email at [event\\_reg@njbeekeepers.org](mailto:event_reg@njbeekeepers.org), please RSVP by calling 908 879-7529.



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