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Next Meeting: **Friday, Jan. 15**
Location: Ramapo College,
Mahwah
Joint Meeting with Northeast
Chapter

Topic: Sustainable Beekeeping
Speaker: Billy Davis of Virginia
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Greetings and Happy New Year!

I hope all of you are well, as we begin another year of beekeeping.

First of all, please note that we will not have a meeting on January 12 as we would usually. Instead, we are hosting a joint meeting with the Northeast Chapter and we will be welcoming Billy Davis from Virginia as our speaker. However, I will be at Garibaldi Hall from 7:00pm – 7:30pm on January 12 to collect entries for the NJBA Honey & Wax Contest, distribute homemade shims for those of you who could use them for winter feeding of bee candy or fondant, and selling NJBA Calendars for \$10 each.

Secondly, ECBS member and master beekeeper Landi Simone was featured in an article about her beekeeping operation in the January issue of American Bee Journal.

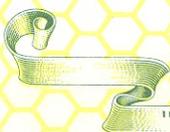
Next, ECBS will be putting on a Beginner Beekeeping Course on February 20 & 27 at Garibaldi Hall. Information may be found on the ECBS web page and the participation cost is \$150.

Also, for the ones who have my extractor and Queen-Rearing video, please return them to me on January 12 or 15, or at the February ECBS meeting.

For those who may not know it, the Eastern Apiculture Society annual meeting will be held this August at Stockton State College, with NJBA as the host organization. We will likely see an appeal from the NJBA shortly asking for volunteers to provide assistance with this endeavor. For those of you who have not attended an EAS meeting in the past, it is a week-long event and worth the time.

Best Regards to all,

Joe Treimel, President



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Greetings Northeast New Jersey and Essex Branch Beekeepers:
Billy Davis will be speaking at our meeting on January 15th.

This is a combined meeting of the Northeast and Essex branches.

Billy Davis is a Master Beekeeper (EAS) and Master Gardener from Northern Virginia. Billy is one of the founders of the Sustainable Beekeeping Program in Virginia. He will be speaking about the purpose and benefits of Sustainable Beekeeping, Swarm Management and Local Colonies.

Billy has been keeping bees in Northern Virginia for over 30 years; and in Mississippi for a few years before that! Billy will be sharing much of his learning and experiences, including tips for keeping bees happy and healthy.

Date: January 15th, 2016

Time: 7:30 PM

Location: Ramapo College, 505 Ramapo Valley Road, Mahwah, NJ

Meeting Room: Anisfield School of Business, Room 135S

***Parking Pass attached. It is a download along with this newsletter.**

Joe Treimel is the ECBS member collecting entries for the NJBA Honey & Wax Contest. Entry deadline is January 30 and items may be dropped off to Joe on January 12 at Garibaldi Hall at 7:00pm, at the joint meeting with Northeast on January 15, or by making other arrangements. Joe lives at 124 Boulevard, Pequannock. Telephone: 862-221-9783.

NJBA 2016 Calendars are available at ECBS meetings for \$10 each. It not only include timely advice for beekeepers, but also wonderful beekeeping pictures.

It's almost time to start checking our colonies for their winter food stores and assuring the covers are secure. If you will need to feed fondant or bee candy and need shims, Joe will have a number of homemade shims at Garibaldi Hall on January 12 and at the February meeting.

It is again time to register our bee yards with the State of New Jersey. Registration forms should be arriving soon in your mail. You may have already received a Winter Loss Survey in the mail. Do take the time to complete it, as this information helps us learn what methods are the best for our hobby.