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NORTHEAST NEW JERSEY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY

A division of New Jersey Beekeepers Association

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Meeting on: **Friday, November 15th at 7:30 PM**, Location: **Ramapo College of NJ, 505 Ramapo Valley Rd., Mahwah, NJ 07430**



Bee Enthusiasts & Bee Curious always welcome!



Weather permitting.



This month we are proud to present Janet Katz, President of the New Jersey Beekeepers Association. She will be discussing Hive Products, Lip Balms & Hand Creams and bring us all up-to-date on the State Organization and all the great things she has been doing for us as a club and for each of you as individual beekeepers. Bee there to hear the latest!

Annual Elections in December:

Next month, in December, the Northeast New Jersey Beekeepers Association will hold our annual elections. The officers encourage everyone to consider a run for office to make **your** mark on the club. Beekeeping knowledge and/or experience is not required for any of the officer positions. Enthusiasm, ideas and a love of beekeepers and beekeeping is required. That's all it takes. If you have ideas and want to get involved with the best beekeeping branch in the great state of New Jersey, this is your chance to make history. Think about it. Throw your hat in the ring!

Message from the President:

It is November, and soon I hope many of you will be serving your honey during this Thanksgiving holiday. As is the same for most beekeepers, I am thankful that my hives are heavy with winter stores, and that my bees are strong going into winter. In coming weeks as your mind turns to the holiday season, I would remind you that many of the bee supply companies offer free shipping in December, so now is the time to start thinking about what you need, or would like to have for next season. Personally, I am hoping that I will finally make use of the all the wax I have been saving for the past several years. My goal is to make lip balm and hand cream. I have the recipes, some of the supplies, including the lip balm tubes, and now I just need to do it. And, this again takes me back to why I love beekeeping, there is always something else you can learn and do. I am always inspired when I talk with someone who has kept bees for a great deal of time, (especially when they know what they're talking about!) and hear all the different things they do, and the tips they are willing to offer. This is exactly why I am really looking forward to this month's speaker; Janet Katz, President of the New Jersey Beekeeping Association. Janet will be talking about some of the different products you can make from your hive, including what you can do with your wax cappings. Janet has always readily shared her knowledge of beekeeping, so Friday's meeting will be a great one. I am also happy to report that at the state level, Janet has done a lot for our organization, and she is just getting started! I do believe that thanks to Janet's work, keeping bees in New Jersey will only continue to get better and NJBA will continue to provide more resources for all of its members. Now, when talking about the future, I am really excited about our club, the Northeast NJ Beekeepers! This past year was a good one for our club, and I have already

started brainstorming with other members about all the great things we will do next year. And that is also what I am thankful for this month, being part of our club, all the great people I get to talk with, learn from, and enjoy their friendship. I look forward to seeing you on Friday!

Frank Mortimer

President, Northeast NJ Beekeepers



Message from Member Bob Slanzi:



There is an ancient tradition among beekeepers known as Telling the Bees. This tradition was very well kept right up until the late 19th century, when for some reason it was lost.

The belief is that the bees being a central part of each family that kept them, needed to be informed of any marriages, births and most importantly the death of their keeper. If they were not told it was said that they would leave and not come back.

Beekeepers would come to the bee yard and share with the bees what was happening and leave little offerings such as wedding cake or small sweets if a child was born. Conversely if their beloved beekeeper actually died, the bees would be told, and the hives draped in black cloths on the day of the funeral, or turned around so that the entrance was away from where the body would be removed from the home.



CLUB BULLHORN - NEWS AND HAPPENINGS

- ✚ Club hats, decals, pins and shirts are still available. Contact Frank pre-meeting for size and availability.
- ✚ Mead Makers are always welcome at meetings. Bring your latest creation and show it off.
- ✚ Honey taste testing and sales - Members are always welcome to offer and sell honey @ meetings.





We quickly blew through the 700 member milestone and are, as of this writing 761 members strong, and growing on our Facebook page! Be sure check it out. See the great pics and stories posted by the Facebook fans we have at our page.



Remember: <http://www.nnjbees.org> is your website! Check that site for everything Northeast New Jersey Beekeeping!



Next Month

In December we will be having our annual elections of officers. Consider becoming one of the guiding forces that help make our branch a great club.



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 1011 MacArthur Blvd.
 Mahwah, NJ 07430
 201-962-8611
www.maryannsgourmetmarket.com

All Beekeepers Receive 10% Off!



❖ Volunteers ❖

Judy and Terry Regan	Refreshments – Cakes, cookies, brownies, tea, etc
Tom Miller	Refreshments – Cakes, cookies, brownies, tea, etc
Rachel Avenia-Profl	Web site creation and training: www.nnjbees.org
John Gaut	NJBA Constitution Committee.
Michael Miller	Apparel production, beekeeping instructor
Hugh Knowlton	Workshop/Event coordinator and presenter

Thank you all! If any member wants to volunteer to help our club please contact me either at the meetings or via email. There is lots to do!

