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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, December 20th 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 hold our annual Officer elections. President, 3 Vice Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer positions are all up for grabs. You can be part of the team that makes our Northeast Branch the fastest growing, most innovative and most dynamic bee club in the state of New Jersey! It all happens this Friday! Afterwards we will have a social gathering upstairs in the lounge featuring some incredible edibles and bee talk. Interact with and pick the brains of other beekeepers while enjoying the holiday eats and treats. Find out how to prepare for spring, only 12 weeks away, or anything else you are bee-curious about.

Yearly Dues are payable starting now!



Your \$20 yearly dues goes to fund all of our activities, our post meeting refreshments, club supplies and all other necessities required to bring the best possible programs, classes, mentoring and to introduce new beekeepers to the art and craft of the hobby we all love so much. See Karl Schoenknecht to make your timely dues payment and from all the officers, "Thank you for your continued support."

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Message from the President:

Hello Northeast NJ Beekeepers!

Like many others, I get excited this time of year. While most people are thinking about sugarplums, maids-a-milking, lords-a-leaping, or presents under the tree, I am thinking about the bee club, our bee club. We had a great year this past year, and I am thankful for all that we accomplished. Our membership has continued to grow year-over-year, meaning that we have more people to share in the wonder of beekeeping. Our club has settled into Ramapo College, and we even had a few meetings where we needed an even bigger space. I am especially happy when I think about the first annual Honey Cup, and I look forward to being part of our new tradition for many years to come. I am also very happy about the honey crop this year, with many members having a record harvest. But, in the true spirit of the holidays, I am not looking into the past, but into the future, and that's what I am really excited about. Each year that I have been part of the Northeast NJ Beekeepers, it has been better than the year before. A lot of work goes into making each meeting and each year better than the previous one, and 2014 will be

no different. For the first time, we have more people willing to volunteer and help make our club and our meetings even better. Because of everyone who is willing to help, our club will continue to be the best. Since this is the season of giving, I would also like to say that the club can always use more help, more volunteers, so in the coming year, I would ask each member to give some of your time to the club. Each and every one of us can contribute in some way that will benefit the club, and I ask you to please think about what you can do to help your club. From refreshments, to sugar deliveries, to mentoring, there is something that each of us can do. In 2014, I would like to see the Northeast NJ Beekeepers represented at more town fairs and community events. I would also like for our club to start to find ways that we can do more for our state, and our region. Our club has grown into something really special, and that's thanks to each and every one of our members. I am truly proud to be part of our club, and I am excited to see all the great things we will continue to do. Thank you for making this such a wonderful group!

Happy holidays and a wonderful New Year to all!

Sincerely,

Frank Mortimer
President, Northeast NJ Beekeepers



meetings.

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 @

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We quickly blew through the 800 member milestone and are, as of this writing 813 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.njbees.org> is your website! Check that site for everything Northeast New Jersey Beekeeping!



Next Month

In January 2014 we will be featuring Grant Stiles, commercial beekeeper and past president of the NJBA. Grant will be discussing Winter Prep for spring! Bee there for the best info you can get to make sure your bees overwinter successfully and are strong for the spring.



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❖ 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!

