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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 19th at 7:30 PM**, Location: **Ramapo College of NJ, 505 Ramapo Valley Rd., Mahwah, NJ 07430**



*Bee Enthusiasts & Bee Curious always welcome!*



*Weather permitting.*



December, the first of the three cold months of winter is here. Hopefully you have given your bees the advantages they need to over-winter successfully. Plenty of honey in the hives, a low mite count and a large mass of bees will do the trick. Time will tell and beware of the warm days when the bees might get the idea to fly. They will use their valuable stores and possibly deplete their food supply. Bee an observant beekeeper and use those warmer days to peek inside the hive to make sure there is enough food. In a pinch, you can put some granulated sugar on top of the inner cover for an emergency feeding. Keep 'em alive. I have found that live bees make much more honey than dead bees.

Happy Holidays to all! Enjoy the season and the New Year with family and friends.

This month we have our elections. Remember, you can be new to beekeeping and still be a fantastic officer. Help your club grow, prosper and become even better than we already are! It looks great on your resume and the pay can't be beat! Consider becoming part of the B-team.

### **Message from the President:**

Hello and Happy Holidays Northeast NJ Beekeepers!

It is December, and if you are like me, you have already started dreaming about getting back into your hives. The best part of this time of year is that you have plenty of time to think about everything you would like to accomplish in the spring. Maybe you want to expand your apiary, try some new equipment, or try a different breed of queen. If you are starting to think about any of these options or any other, I'd like to remind you that now is the time to buy from the suppliers, because you will get a good deal.

Now is also a good time to start thinking about equipment that needs to be repaired or repainted. I like to think about it now, but do the actual work sometime in the new year.

Now is also a good time to reflect on this past year and all that you accomplished. If this was your first year, congratulations, soon it will no longer be your first year. If you are a seasoned beekeeper and you tried something new, maybe a new mite treatment, then congratulations to you for your dedication to always striving to be a better beekeeper. As you reflect back on this year, ask yourself, "How did the club help me?" Hopefully, you will be able to write a list of all the ways being a member of the Northeast NJ Beekeepers helped you be a better beekeeper. Then, as you look forward to next year, ask yourself what can YOU do to help your club? What can YOU do to help make our club better for every member?

This Friday is our elections and our holiday party. The club elections are the perfect time for you to get involved and help your club. Think of what you can do to help. Would you like to run for office, help out with some of our meetings, or be a mentor for new beekeepers? Anything you want to do, will be a big help, and all you have to do is let Rich or me know what you want to do.

Afterwards, we will take the time to celebrate the year as it comes to a close, celebrate all the delicious honey our bees made for us, and celebrate the best hobby in the world, being a Beekeeper!

I look forward to seeing you at Friday's meeting.

Sincerely,

**Frank Mortimer**

**President, Northeast NJ Beekeepers**



**1,247 Strong!!!**

We quickly blew through the 1000 member milestone and are, as of this writing 1,247 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.

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### **Next Month**

We're working on getting Grant Stiles, NJ commercial beekeeper, to speak to our club in January. He will be the first in a parade of top beekeeping talent we present to you in our speaker series. This coming year will be our best ever! See you all then!

## **Holiday Special**

**All club shirts, club hats, and all beekeeping books are now \$10.  
Limited time only - support your club, get a great deal - all for just \$10.**

### **❖ Volunteers ❖**

Judy and Terry Regan	Refreshments – Cakes, cookies, brownies, tea, etc
Tom Miller	Refreshments – Cakes, cookies, brownies, tea, etc
Rachel Avenia-Prol	Web site creation and training: <a href="http://www.nnjbees.org">www.nnjbees.org</a>
Jennifer Phillips	Refreshments – Cakes, cookies and other treats.
John Gaut	NJBA Constitution Committee.
Michael Miller	Apparel production, beekeeping instructor
Hugh Knowlton	Workshop/Event coordinator and presenter

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