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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, January 16th at 7:30 PM**, Location: **Ramapo College of NJ, 505 Ramapo Valley Rd., Mahwah, NJ 07430**



*Bee Enthusiasts & Bee Curious always welcome!*



*Weather permitting.*



Happy January 2015! Another year, a new slate, a raft of new speakers, new beekeepers, a new season! While our overwintering bees are toughing it out, we at the Northeast New Jersey Beekeepers branch are breaking out a new program that's even more exciting than last years.

### **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 Bob Jenkins to make your timely dues payment and from all the officers, "Thank you for your continued support."



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

Hello 2015, and Hello Northeast NJ Beekeepers!

The New Year is here, which means the beekeeper's spring is just a few months away! 2015 is going to be a great year, as your club has a lot of great things planned. Our calendar for the year is complete with just a few details that still need to be confirmed. I think you will find many of this year's speakers very interesting and informative. Please check out your website ([www.nnjbees.org](http://www.nnjbees.org)) to keep up-to-date on the club's calendar of events.

The club will once again be bringing in a limited number of Grant Stiles nucs for member purchase, and if you are interested, please get your deposit to Bob Jenkins as soon as you can. Because, once

the nucs are sold out, they are gone and there will not be any additional nucs available. (Deposit of \$40 or more is required to reserve a nuc.)

The last few months have been on the mild side, and it will be important for you to check on your hives to make sure they have enough food to make it until spring. Always remember that most colonies starve and die out January - March, so now is when your bees depend on you the most. If you are new, remember to feed solid food; fondant, bee candy, or even granulated sugar on the inner cover. Additionally, this time of year, also remember to NEVER feed syrup, as it is still too cold for liquids.

This year, our club is going to strive to pair new beekeepers with beeks with more experience, so at our upcoming meetings, please look for someone you can help or partner with this year. Or, please see John Gaut to volunteer.

Also, always remember that the club exists for you, so if there is something that you would like to see the club do, please speak up and let us know.

This is going to a great year! The club officers have been busy brainstorming and planning to make 2015 the best year yet. And, it all starts at this Friday's meeting, and I look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,

**Frank Mortimer**

**President, Northeast NJ Beekeepers**



John Gaut was able to attend the American Beekeeping Federation Conference. He will review a few of the highlights of the conference at the meeting on Friday night.



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**1,247 Strong!!!**

We quickly blew through the 1000 member milestone and are, as of this writing 1,277 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!



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**Next Month**

Grant Stiles, NJ commercial beekeeper, will speak to our club in February. He will discuss late winter/spring management. He will also discuss the nucs we will be ordering from him. He will be the first in a parade of top beekeeping talent we will present to you in our speaker series. This coming year will be our best ever! See you all then!

***All Beekeepers Receive 10% Off!***

❖ **Volunteers** ❖

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