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Meeting on: **Friday, April 17th 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 continue our BeeTalk® series and one of the subjects will be the Club order of nucs which are scheduled to arrive on Wednesday, April 22 @ 7:30PM. Hiving the nuc, care and feeding of your nuc and generally how to be successful with your nuc will all be discussed. Be there to learn how to get a strong start for your hive and protect your investment.

Yearly Dues are payable 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."



Starting in May 2015 those members from last year who have not paid their 2015 dues will be removed from the clubs mailing list and no longer receive our monthly newsletter nor any member email blasts. Stay in the know, help the club and renew your membership by April.



Message from the President:

Happy April Northeast NJ Beekeepers!

This is a big month for beekeeping, assuming the weather finally starts to cooperate. Within the next week, our land will bloom and the bees will be as busy as, well, a bee. If you have not done so already, you need to get into your hives and do a frame by frame inspection. You need to look for brood, larva, fresh pollen, the queen if you can find her, and room for the colony to expand. It is also important to know where your cluster is located in the hive and make sure there is room above for storing honey and the colony to grow. If your queen and all the brood is in the top box, and your bottom box is basically empty, then reverse your boxes. I have read that depending on where the queen is laying, some beekeepers reverse their hives twice in the spring. So, even if you have reversed your boxes once, remember that the bees are not reading the same books as you, so you may need to make adjustments depending on what the bees are actually doing. It is one of the things that I really like about keeping bees, just when you think you know what you're doing; the bees remind you that you don't. The best thing to remember is that every hive is different, and success depends on getting in your hives, and going frame by frame to really see/know what is going on with a hive.

Speaking of every hive being different, next week on April 22nd, the club nucs will be delivered. If you are getting a nuc, then you need to inspect it as you are installing it. You should feel good about the number of bees, amount of brood, and the queen when you are putting the nuc into your hive. If something does not look or feel right, let the club know right away, as we can't help if we don't know.

If you are new to beekeeping, or if you want a refresher on installing nucs, this is the meeting for you! We will be talking and demonstrating how to install and care for you nuc. I would advise you to have lots of sugar on hand, as the three most important things to remember with a new nuc are, feed, feed, and feed some more! Sugar syrup is your bees' best friend right now, so make sure you have plenty on hand.

April is such a wonderful time of year, our part of the earth comes alive, the bees are working nonstop, and the beekeeper gets to do what he loves best, helping the bees make enough honey for themselves and for all of us.

See you on Friday!

Sincerely,

Frank Mortimer

President, Northeast NJ Beekeepers 



1,360 Strong!!!

We quickly blew through the 1000 member milestone and are, as of this writing 1,360 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

Noah Wilson-Rich, Founder & Chief Scientific Officer at Best Bees Company. The Noah Wilson-Rich speeches focus on the possibilities that exist to save cities and species with a particular focus on beekeeping. Rich graduated from the Northeastern University in 2005 with a degree in Biology, and later completed his PhD in Biology at the Tufts University in 2011. See you all then!

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-Pro	Web site creation and training: www.nnjbees.org
Jennifer Phillips	Refreshments – Cakes, cookies and other treats.
John Gaut	NJBA Constitution Committee, Mentor Coordinator.
Hugh Knowlton	Workshop/Event coordinator and presenter.