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NORTHEAST NEW JERSEY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY

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Meeting on: **Friday, July 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.



Please join us on **July 17th** as we continue with our BeeTalk™ Series. This month's topic: Extraction. What to do, how to do it and what to do after, it will all be covered at the meeting. Harvest is the culmination of all our hard work during the year and we finally receive our sweet reward. This is the meeting you should attend. There is a lot of value to be gained by bee-ing at this meeting!

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."

Message from the President:

Happy July Northeast NJ Beekeepers!

July means two things to a beekeeper: 1) Honey Harvest 2) Mite Treatments

The nectar flow is over and now is the time to see how much honey your bees made for you. If you are a new Beekeeper, remember it is not uncommon for your bees to have only made enough honey for themselves and none for you. When you realize that it takes 8 pounds of honey to make 1 pound

of wax, then it's easy to understand how productive your bees really were as they drew out all the comb in theirs and your new hive.

Now, for those of us who did get honey, enjoy the sweet stickiness of success! I always enjoy extracting my honey, at least for the first hour and after it's all done and cleaned up. Seriously, extracting is time consuming, sticky work. My advice is always to pace yourself and take breaks to give yourself a rest and a chance to clean up all the gooey glistening puddles.

Also, please be alert, because the wax moth is the extractor's primo enemy. When you pull your supers, make sure you extract within a few days or your harvest could be completely ruined by wax moths. After all the hard work you and your bees have put in to get a honey harvest, nothing and I mean nothing is worse than seeing it all destroyed by wax moth slime.

Once you have extracted, it will be time to start thinking about mite treatments. Tim Schuler spoke about the success of ApiVar at our last meeting, and if you have not already used it this year, then I would strongly encourage you to make it your treatment of choice. If you have used it this year, or if your nuc was treated with it, then I'd advise you to use MAQs and/or ApiGuard. I treated my hives with ApiVar in early spring, and after I pull my supers, I am going to first use 1/2 treatment of MAQs (1 patty per hive) and sometime in August, a 1/2 treatment of ApiGuard. Last year, I used multiple types of treatments and my bees were the strongest coming out of winter that I've ever seen. I will use ApiVar again in the early spring, February to early March, so I am using the most effective treatment when I have the smallest number of bees, which should ensure a zero mite count as the colony explodes with growth.

We have a lot to talk about, and I'm sure this Friday's meeting will have lots and lots of good discussions. I look forward to seeing you and doing my best to get you answers to all your questions.

Sincerely,

Frank Mortimer
President, Northeast NJ Beekeepers



Buckfast Queens For Sale

The club is bringing in a limited number of Buckfast Queens from Ferguson Apiaries of Hensall, Canada. The queens will be here around July 27th and will cost \$40 per queen.

For over 50 years, Ferguson Apiaries has exclusively bred Buckfast bees, originally developed by Brother Adam at the Buckfast Abbey in England. All of the Ferguson Apiaries stock has

been produced from the Buckfast line acquired from breeders in Ontario, Denmark, and England. The Ferguson stock has been through the very cold Ontario winters, and has been hygienic tested over the past 20 years. Ferguson Apiaries continually works hard to develop and cultivate the best lines to build gentle, productive, and mite resistant Honeybee stock.

The club will be bringing in a limited number of queens, and due to the high demand, all queens are on a first deposit, first served basis.

If you want to reserve a queen, you have to give a \$20 deposit per queen to Bob Jenkins. **Please make checks payable to:**

Northeast New Jersey Beekeepers

You can wait until our next meeting, or mail him a check. (Please also include your name, address and cell phone number.)

Bob Jenkins
314 Graydon terrace
Ridgewood, NJ 07450
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Bob will keep track of the order the deposits are received, as we cannot guarantee how many queens we will get or that we will have enough queens for everyone. So, if you really want one, please get your deposit in as quickly as you can.

Also, once the queens arrive, you will have to pick up them up the day they are delivered. We will email everyone where to pick up the queens a few days before the queen pick-up day. If you are not available to pick up your queen(s) we will have to sell them to someone else.

If you have any questions, please contact Frank Mortimer at frankmort@gmail.com





1,406 Strong!!!

We quickly blew through the 1000 member milestone and are, as of this writing 1,406 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
 We continue with our BeeTalk™ Series when the topic will be Feeding and Dealing with the Dearth & Mite Treatments. The BeeTalk™ Series is where we focus on you and your questions. We will have our senior level beekeepers who will give you their opinions, tips and tricks and is one of the best ways to grow as a beekeeper.

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.