

**Leatherstocking Beekeepers' Association**  
**Upcoming Meeting August 22, 2024 at 7 pm**  
Farmers Museum, 5775 State Highway 80  
Cooperstown, NY

**LBA August meeting agenda**

**Welcome and Intros**

**Preview of Business Meeting**

**Old Business**

Volunteers for Harvest Day at the Farmer's Museum - if you'd like to volunteer see Jen to be added to the list. September 14th and 15th 10 am - 5pm

Hive Contest updates

**New Business**

Motion to approve July meeting minutes

Motion to approve Treasurer's report

To sell the extractor or not? - The issue with it working has been fixed. Motion to sell.

Currently listed on betterbee for 1094.95.

**Presenter**

Richard Burroughs - **Combining Hives!: A critical decision! When, why and how!**

Late season honey supply issues. Combining hives, newspaper technique, saving weak hives, honey bound issues, when to add supers, % uncapped when you harvest, and issues with fermenting honey.

Liz Burroughs - August Blooms and Bees in general and in the meadow. In summary we will be continuing our monthly bloom timing as the Bees need it and this month we will focus on the meadow

Subtopic: Meadows adapted to the bees knees. We will cover what we find naturally growing in the large meadow space and how we can make it more productive and attractive.

**Month by month preparations**

Beekeeping activities to consider for the coming month - Group discussion

**Q&A**

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Officers and Committees

President: Liz Burroughs

Vice President: Stephanie Wardwell

Treasurer: Rich Burroughs

Secretary: Jennifer Bowen

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Communications Committee: Grace Holt

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Mentor Coordinator / Education Committee Chair: Steve Davis

### Upcoming Local Events

#### **National Honey Bee Day - August 17th**

#### **The Buzz about Pollinators (May 11 – October 31, 2024)**

The Farmers Museum    Main Barn Exhibition Space

This interactive exhibit is all about bees and the many other insects and organisms like them that help make farming possible. It explores the topic of pollinators in New York State and their important role in the production of some of the state's leading crops, including apples, honey, and maple syrup. The exhibit also examines climate change and other threats that pollinators face and how everyone can help them continue to thrive.      Sponsored in part by Nellie and Robert Gipson, and NYCM Insurance.

#### **Harvest Festival September 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> 2024**

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**We need volunteers!!**

Celebrate the bounty of fall as Harvest Festival returns! Since 1978, this family-friendly event has grown to become a regional favorite, bringing together a wide variety of performers, artisans, and vendors. Situated on the museum's picturesque grounds near Otsego Lake, it offers the perfect blend of new attractions and trusted favorites.

Helpful Resources

**Bee Math**

A very nice Bee Math chart showing development times for Queen, Worker, Drone  
<https://bestbees.com/2022/08/08/bee-lifecycle/>

**Swarm Catcher List**

<https://beeswarmed.org/?beekeeper=registered>

*NY State Swarm catcher list*

[https://agriculture.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2023/08/swarm\\_catcher\\_list\\_0.pdf](https://agriculture.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2023/08/swarm_catcher_list_0.pdf)

**Varroa comparison treatment chart**

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Mann Lake has a nice chart comparing treatments and their characteristics.

[https://www.mannlakeltd.com/content/Varroa%20Mite%20Treatment%20Chart%202023%20Mann%20Lake%20final%20-01.pdf?utm\\_source=Klaviyo&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Campaigns-24%2F05%2F10-Mite%20Check-Varroa%20Meds%20%26%20Easy%20Check&\\_kx=ic2A4Z6LfgQ2\\_k6G1MjNDBVxZnbGEWbem-lZ4a7zNFQ.PrPjaP](https://www.mannlakeltd.com/content/Varroa%20Mite%20Treatment%20Chart%202023%20Mann%20Lake%20final%20-01.pdf?utm_source=Klaviyo&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Campaigns-24%2F05%2F10-Mite%20Check-Varroa%20Meds%20%26%20Easy%20Check&_kx=ic2A4Z6LfgQ2_k6G1MjNDBVxZnbGEWbem-lZ4a7zNFQ.PrPjaP)