

Leatherstocking Beekeepers' Association
Upcoming Meeting December 3, 2024 at 7 pm
Fenimore Farm and Country Museum, 5775 State Highway 80
Cooperstown, NY

LBA December meeting agenda

Welcome and Intros

Preview of Business Meeting

Old Business

Please check in to see if you are on our membership list even if you have been a member for a while. We are working on cleaning up the list and adding members that may have not been added to the list. Check in with Stephanie (Vice President).

Intro to Beekeeping Course in February - If you would like to participate in any way, please see Steve Davis Chairman of the Education Committee. **Paperclip5@hotmail.com**

Speakers, Food prep & serve, registration and membership support - There are many ways to volunteer for this day!!

New Business

Motion to approve October meeting minutes

Please follow up with Stephanie Wardwell to ensure your name and address are uploaded on the membership list correctly.

Intro to Beekeeping Course will be on February 22, 2025 at Clark Sports Center Cooperstown, NY

The Lake and Valley Garden Club in Cooperstown has reached out to see if we would do an informational presentation on bees and pollinators as they'd love more information (summer program).

Presentations

Anne Mills NY State Apiculturist will present "New York State's apiary inspection program". It will be Dec. 3rd, Tuesday at the Fenimore Farm and Country Village (previously The Farmers Museum) in Cooperstown. The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. Non-members are always welcome.

Month by month preparations

Beekeeping activities to consider for the coming month Group discussion

Q&A

Let's help each other. What issues do you have; experiences you'd like to share.

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Officers and Committees

President: Liz Burroughs

Vice President: Stephanie Wardwell

Treasurer: Rich Burroughs

Secretary: Jennifer Bowen

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How to get started with Google Drive - <https://drive.google.com/drive/home>

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Upcoming Local Events

North American Honey Bee Expo

January 2-4, 2025

Louisville, Kentucky at the Kentucky Expo Center.

Includes a tradeshow, "The North American Honey and Beeswax Championship," and speakers including Randy Oliver.

<https://www.nahbexpo.com/>

Introduction to Beekeeping Class Feb. 22, 2025 at the Clark Sports Center. Registration information will be communicated in the future.

Jan 23, 2025 "Trees and Shrubs for Pollinators" LBA monthly meeting Hybrid in-person/Zoom Meeting Pollinator Partnership's Northeast Regional Partner Biologist Lacey Smith

Hudson Valley Bee Supply - Beekeeping Fundamentals December 14th 10 am - 3pm
Class will cover bee biology, colony life cycle, setting up a hive, beekeeping equipment, installing packages, feeding, pest control and more. Class size is limited to 10 people. Cost 95\$ www.hudsonvalleybeesupply.com

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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

Varroa comparison treatment chart

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

The State of Maine has created a concise varroa mite management summary sheet.
<https://www.maine.gov/dacf/php/apiary/documents/factsheets/varroa-mite-ipm-brochure.pdf>

A note from the New England Inspectors meeting Oct. 4th CT, VT, ME, MA, NH, ME, NY, All state inspectors agree there is no effective approach to go "Treatment Free" against varroa mites.

Todd Del Marter from East Worcester Honeybee Supply. " Our shop has been open for about three months now and I wanted to let your club know about our group purchasing program. This could be especially useful for large purchases of equipment. And the best part? No cost and 5% off!"