

Leatherstocking Beekeepers' Association
Upcoming Meeting January 23, 2025 at 7 pm
Fenimore Farm and Country Museum, 5775 State Highway 80
Cooperstown, NY

LBA Jan. meeting agenda

Welcome and Intros

Presentations

Trees & Shrubs for Pollinators

Presented by Pollinator Partnership's Northeast Regional Partner Biologist Lacey Smith.

Joined by Stacey Kazacos for a Landowner's perspective.

This is a hybrid in-person/Zoom Meeting. Showing at the Fenimore Farm and Country Village and also presented via Zoom. See separate meeting announcement for Zoom login.

O&A

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

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).

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). - Liz has stated she will be willing to do this event. Thank you!!!

Implemented a new way of promoting our event via facebook events and event brite. Larissa created a flyer with a QR code for easy access to the event. The team collaborated to get the financial aspect figured out for EventBrite.

New Business

Motion to approve December meeting minutes

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

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

Please Share a flyer via social media or post it in the community! - Flyer was sent out via e-mail and is on Facebook events

Use of website - number of visitors to the website increased by 44% and number of views increased by 35% this year.

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LBA Officer Elections –

Feb. - Request nominations for President

March - Elect President and Request nominations for other officers (VP, Secretary, Treasurer)

April - Elect other officers (VP, Secretary, Treasurer)

Other non-elected committee memberships exist such as Finance/Audit, Education, Mentoring.
Please let us know if you are interested in participating in any of these committees.

Richard to discuss our guidelines and address IRS taxes and filing.

Officers and Committees

President: Liz Burroughs

Vice President: Stephanie Wardwell

Treasurer: Rich Burroughs

Secretary: Jennifer Bowen

IT Communications: Larissa Ryan

Communications Committee: Grace Holt

Mentor Coordinator / Education Committee Chair: Steve Davis

Web: <https://leatherstockingbeekeepers.com/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/leatherstockingbeekeeping/>

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

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Upcoming Events

Southern Adirondack Beekeepers Association (SABA)

Spring Seminar

Saturday, March 29, 2025

8:15 am – 5:00 pm

Hudson Valley Community College TEC-SMART

345 Hermes Road, Malta, NY USA 12020

Guest speakers – Raffle – Vendors – Door Prizes and More!

For information, updates and to register: <https://sababees.org/>

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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!"