

Essex County Beeline

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August Meeting Sunday August 8th, 2010



**Hosted by Tom
Beaton, Linda
Boylan**
See page 7 for details

The Fair workshops have started and much work needs to be accomplished. In addition to the usual packaging of honey stix, candy, wax and candle kits we need to work on applying the finishing touches to the woodwork in the front hall around the selling counter. All of the renovations look great! The building committee has done a professional job in updating the appearance and functionality of this space. Please help out "your club" and stop by any Tuesday or Thursday evening during July and August to offer a helping hand for a couple of hours. **"Many hands make light work of all the tasks to be completed."**

President's message

Phil Watson
What a great turnout and day for a picnic! Plenty of food and fun for all! The silent auction raised more than \$500 for the scholarship fund. Much appreciation and thanks to all who brought items to be sold. The summer is nearly half over and the Fair is just around the corner! Some members indicated that they had already begun extracting, experiencing 50 to 60 pounds per colony so far. What a great turnaround from a few years past! It certainly has been dry the last few weeks so let's hope and pray for some rain to bolster the late summer – early fall crop.



Member meeting minutes

July 11th 2010 ECBA Annual Picnic Meeting

The meeting began at 2.35.

There was a moment of silence in honor of Everett L Poole, longtime ECBA member, who passed away at 91, on the 8th July 2010.

Reports

Diane read the treasurer’s report. Motion was presented to accept the report as read subject to audit. Bills were read and a motion was presented to pay those listed which passed.

Building Committee - Peter Delaney

There is still some work to be done in the hall and volunteers are needed for Tuesday and Thursday evenings 7 – 9pm. There will be an early warning smoke detector installed, and then ceiling tiles in the front hall will need to be replaced. Chris pointed out that it must be done by Labor Day. Drywalling, sealing, staining etc. Many hands make light work, the more the merrier, please help.

Fair Committee – Lauren Lesinski

Tuesday and Thursday evening workshops, need help. All the honey candy needs to be packaged, and other merchandise for the fair. Please come and help, give an hour, two hours, any amount of time will be much appreciated. Volunteers exchange stories about bees, vacations, cooking etc. Anyone who has placed a candy or wax order and not yet received it, please see Lauren or fetch on a Tuesday or Thursday evening at the Bee Building. Chris reminded everyone that this year there is a CORI form required for volunteers at the Fair who are 18 years and older.

Bee School – no report

Scholarship Committee – Stephanie Williams and Vinnie Lesinski – Stephanie made the announcement of the winners, stating that every year we give some money, and we always get a good response. This year \$3800 was given, and there were many more applicants than last year. Students awarded scholarships and in attendance today were Melanie Jessel, Laura Josephson, and Ed Mandry. Others who were unable to attend today were; Colin Bleem, Elias Earls, Melissa Jessel, Anna Josephson and Jason Sample.



Some scholarship winners with the scholarship committee

Honey Bee Ambassador – Linda Boylan

This year’s Honey ambassador is Chris Sample, who was not present because he was being awarded Scouting’s highest rank of Eagle at Lone Tree Scout Camp, Kingston, NH. Congratulations Chris on all your hard work and a job well done!

Library Committee - Barbara Milhender

Library on wheels (LOW) present with all the usual books and dvds etc. Barbara announced that within the next week the library will be packed up and shut down until after the fair, so this is your last chance. Everything will be packed up in filing cabinets on wheels .

Grant committee – have not had meeting

Nomination committee - Frank Cordima

Positions up for election this fall are; Treasurer, Recording Secretary, two Directors, Bee School and Scholarship committees. Please send Frank or Linda an email if you are interested in any of the available positions. “With 100 active and another 100 inactive club members, if everyone stepped forward to fill a position for one term, they would only have to do so once in their lifetime. “ **Please volunteer!**

New Business

Mass bee Agronomy - Dave Meldrum

There was the biggest turnout ever – there were wonderful workshops, lots of new beekeepers were there, many important things were covered, all-in-all an excellent venture and he highly recommends next year that everyone attends.

Ed Carl and Ken Warchol gave workshops. They are Bee inspectors, and we don’t have one in Essex County.

They have offered to come and inspect for a couple of days. Put your name on a list with Dave and get your hive inspected, hints at what to do, recommendations, etc. If enough people sign up, you can follow him around, and they are really good, they can take a hive apart and tell you the history etc. Call people ahead of time and go around in a group.

There was a question: What qualifications do you need to be a bee inspector? Dave explained, one must have a lot of experience with bees. A test is administered for the part-time job. Good for someone who is a teacher school, like Ken Warchol.

A couple of years ago they took applications for an Essex County Bee Inspector, but the state funding dried up therefore no money to hire anyone.

Ken does 14 different apiaries a day. It is free, technically the state inspector has the right to walk onto your property to inspect your hives. They provide recommendations for any issues including if you had foulbrood.

Golf results - Peter Delaney

They had a good group playing all morning. Mary Connelly got a birdie giving her group a boost! The first year we did this we had about 16 or 18 people, so next year we would love to do a bit more with prizes etc. Everyone is welcome.

Softball game

There were three ringers from Peabody, who did very well and gave Peter a workout. Chris pointed out that Peter had a perfect blooper, dived for a ball, didn't catch it. Another member pointed out that the losing team were not losers, with just a little more time they would have had it.

Bil Denhardt turned 90 years old yesterday, and took it upon himself to have a party now "instead of waiting until I can't be here!" It took place last Tuesday afternoon. Bill served as the ECBA President for 4 years, has always been very active on the BOD and done a lot to support the club. Bill also currently holds the record for the longest continuous membership.

August meeting

At Tom and Linda's house, 12 Upton Lane, Boxford, MA, Sunday 8th August 2010.

September meeting

At the September meeting we do all our honey pricing for the Fair. Rick Reault has offered to hold the meeting

at his home in Tyngsboro. Because of the distance, a positive discussion was initiated and by a show of hands, all present agreed to attend. Rick will set up an extraction demo in addition to the hive opening. Rick's home and business, New England Beekeeping Supply, can be found at 10 Louis Ave, Tyngsboro, MA. Further information and directions will be provided in the September newsletter.

Bee stories

Phil told a little story about how 15 years ago he had won a swarm trap as a door prize. He duly put pheromones in, set it up as instructed etc. He never caught a swarm in all the following years. This year with it set up in front of the apiary on some fallen pine logs, a swarm found a new home and went in.

It has been really dry, but in spite of it several people have reported swarms emerging still.

Some people have extracted already, some have 4 or 5 supers on.

Silent Auction – Chris Meehan

We raised a grand total of \$572!

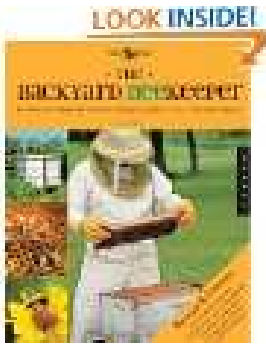
Mike Greenler won the great door prize of beach chairs and towels - thanks to Frank and Diane for putting it together.

No other business, meeting adjourned at 3.25

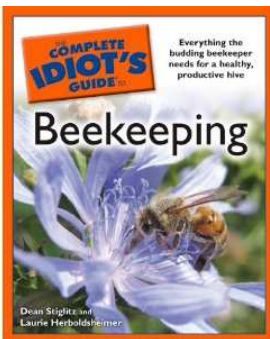
Eric steps out...



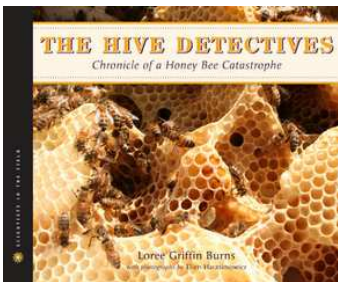
Library News: Barbara Milhender New Books in Library



The Backyard Beekeeper - *Revised and Updated*: An Absolute Beginner's Guide to Keeping Bees in Your Yard and Garden"
Kim Flottum



Following books written by MA residents:
The Complete Idiot's Guide to Beekeeping" Dean Stiglitz and Laurie Herboldeheimer.



The Hive Detectives: Chronicle of a Honey Bee Catastrophe (Scientists in the Field Series) by Loree Griffin Burns
“Ellen Harasimowicz's photographs are vivid and revealing; and Loree Griffin Burns' text is clear, engrossing, and easy to follow. Given the ease to which the next epidemic of Colony Collapse Disorder might so quickly plunge us all into the midst of a planetary food supply catastrophe, THE HIVE DETECTIVES is certainly the most important children's book I have so far read this year.” Richie Partington,

Recipe is from the new cookbook Dishing up Vermont written by Tracey Medeiros.

Laura's Mom's honey cake Instructions:

- 1 lb. honey
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 5 eggs
- 2 cups strong cold coffee
- 3/4 cup oil
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 tsp. pastry spices (clove, nutmeg, allspice)
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- scant tsp. baking soda
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- 4 1/2 to 5 cups all purpose flour



Laura Sideman, the creator of this recipe, joined the team at Honey Gardens Apiaries after working at Shelburne Farms. This honey recipe is inspired by the Jewish tradition of eating honey to welcome in a sweet New Year. The fact that Laura's Mom's entire neighborhood now bakes this cake is testament to its deliciousness.



Preheat oven to 300 degrees. Mix together honey, sugar, eggs, coffee, oil, and vanilla. Add spices, cinnamon, baking soda, and baking powder to flour and sift into bowl holding liquid ingredients. Beat until fairly smooth. Grease large tube pan, pour batter, and bake for one hour and ten minutes. Yum! It's so good!

A gentle reminder of outstanding books:

- Beekeeping – A Seasonal Guide-Andy McYarghlin
- The Illustrated Encyclopedia of Beekeeping – Andy McLaughlin
- Super Formulas Arts and Crafts – ML Foley
- Traditional Candle making-Theresa Caynaday
- Beekeeping -Susan Bulsley
- The Queen Must Die- Susan Bulsley



Library on Wheels will be at the August Meeting-see you there!

Obituary - Everett Poole

Everett L. Poole, 91

MIDDLETON — Mr. Everett Lincoln Poole, 91, beloved husband of the late Helen M. (Huntley) Poole, died Thursday, July 8, 2010 at the Hunt Nursing and Retirement Center in Danvers.

Born in Maine, he was the son of the late Benjamin Sr. and Nellie (Foster) Poole Mr. Poole was raised and educated in Biddeford, Maine. An honorably discharged veteran, Everett served his country during as a member of the United States Army during World War II. Everett served with the 87th Field Artillery Battalion, during which he survived the Battle of the Bulge and helped liberate two concentration camps during the war. Mr. Poole had been employed at the R & K Machine Shop in Middleton and more recently he was employed with the Masconomet Regional High School, at Memorial Hall (Middleton Town Hall) and at the Middleton Police Department as a custodial engineer.

Everett was a longtime member of the American Legion Post 227 in Middleton, as well as the Essex County Bee Keepers and often showed his Bee's at the Topsfield Fair and traveled to local schools teaching children how a " Bee community" thrives. A longtime resident of the Town of Middleton, Everett was well known through out town for selling honey from his home on River Street, also known as Bee Line Bee Farm.

Everett is survived by his step-daughter, Sharon E. Bump and her husband Walter A. Bump Jr. of Lowell and Florida; his sister, Edna Finnegan and several nieces and nephews. He was also the step father of the late Dennis D. Cox and brother of the late Benjamin Poole.

ARRANGEMENTS: His funeral service will be held in the Peterson-O'Donnell Funeral Home, 167 Maple St., (Route 62), Danvers, Tuesday at 12 p.m. Relatives and friends invited. Burial in Oakdale Cemetery, Middleton. Visiting hours prior to the service from 10 to 12 p.m. For more information, inquire at 978-774-6600. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made in his memory to the Compassionate Care Hospice, 800 West Cummings Park, Suite 3400, Woburn, MA 01801.

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for getting information into the next newsletter will be **August 15th, 2010**. Please make submissions to Anne Bouwer by email at: anne.bouwer@gmail.com

Calendar

Aug 2nd Monday – BOD meeting - 7pm

August 8th Monthly meeting (home of Linda Boylan, Tom Beaton)

1.30 Hive opening

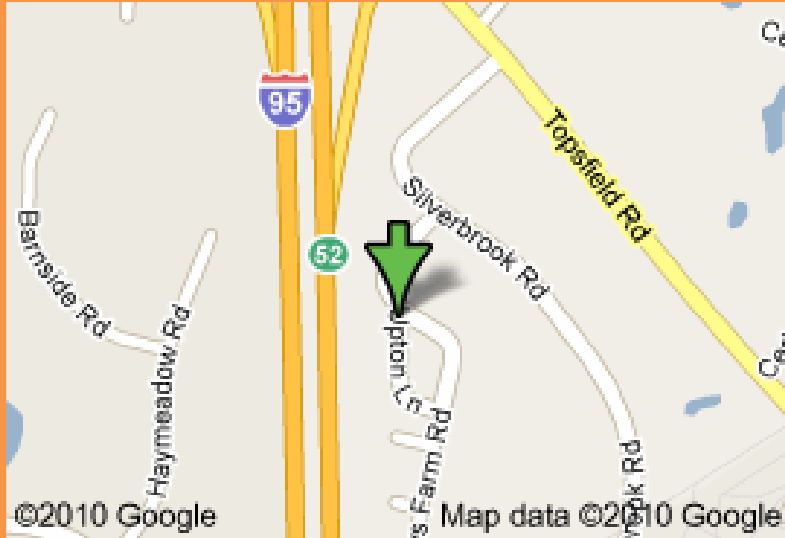
2.30 meeting

Every Tuesday and Thursday evening 7-9pm
Bee Building Fair workshops and building renovations.

September 12th Sunday Monthly meeting at the home of Susan and Rick Result.

August Meeting

Your hosts - Linda Boylan – Tom Beaton
12 Upton Lane, Boxford, MA 01921
Phone: 978- 887- 3917



Hive Opening: 1.30pm

Member meeting: 2.30pm

Please remember lawn chairs and snacks!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Please don't forget to volunteer your time at the Fair workshops, every Tuesday and Thursday evening from 7 – 9pm, starting July 6th.



Come and have fun, chatting, getting to know other members! Contact Lauren or Kathy if you have questions.

Staffing/Volunteer Form

NAME(S): _____ PHONE: _____
(please print) (day and evening required)

NAME: _____
(please print)

I/We are willing to work any shift as needed - please call

Please place your initials in the boxes below corresponding to the blocks of shift times which you would like to work. Include the initials of any other adult or child 16 years or older who are members of your family, wishing to volunteer his/her time. For purposes of satisfying Seller’s obligations, all person(s) must be age 16 or older. Shifts will be filled on a first come first served basis, with 12 persons per shift maximum! Please provide alternate times in the event your first choice is not available.

	10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M	2:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M 2:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. (Oct 11th)	4:00 P.M. – 10 P.M. (Oct 1st) 6:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.
Friday, October 1 st			
Saturday, October 2 nd			
Sunday, October 3 rd			
Monday, October 4 th			
Tuesday, October 5 th			
Wednesday, October 6 th			
Thursday, October 7 th			
Friday, October 8 th			
Saturday, October 9 th			
Sunday, October 10 th			
Monday, October 11 th			Closing Nite POTLUCK Party 7:30 P.M.

I would like my name added to a publicly accessible list of beekeepers who sell apiary products after the closing of the fair.

Please list those products you intend to sell:

Please list your address, phone and email to be included on the “Seller’s List” available to the public upon request.

Address: _____
(please print)

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Signing up for a shift entitles you to admission for each day that you volunteer your time. Topsfield Fair Management requires all volunteers to complete and return a Coriform, and those working 4 or more separate shifts, to wear in plain sight at all times, a Photo ID that will grant admission and parking. These will be issued sometime in September of 2010, only to the individual whose photo appears on the ID.

Complete the above form and return it to **Lauren Lesinski 72 Hillside St, Rowley, MA 01969-1616**, no later than September 24th, 2010. If you have any questions please call her at **978-432-1300**.



Priscilla M. Gerrard
PRESIDENT

James P. O'Brien
GENERAL MANAGER

CORI REQUEST FORM

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Essex Agricultural Society/Topsfield Fair has been certified by the Criminal History Systems Board for access to conviction and pending criminal case data. As an applicant/employee for Essex Agricultural Society/Topsfield Fair, I understand that a criminal record check will be conducted for conviction and pending criminal case information only and that it will not necessarily disqualify me. The information below is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant Employee Signature

APPLICANT EMPLOYEE INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT)

LAST NAME FIRST NAME MIDDLE NAME

MAIDEN NAME OR ALIAS (IF APPLICABLE) PLACE OF BIRTH

DATE OF BIRTH SOCIAL SECURITY # I D Theft Index Pin
(requested, not required) (if applicable)

MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME

CURRENT AND FORMER ADDRESSES:

SEX: _____ HEIGHT: _____ ft. _____ in. WEIGHT _____ EYE COLOR _____

STATE DRIVERS LICENSE NUMBER: _____ STATE _____

***THE ABOVE INFORMATION WAS VERIFIED BY REVIEWING THE FOLLOWING FORM OF GOVERNMENT ISSUED PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION

REQUESTED BY:

SIGNATURE OF CORI AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEE

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TOPSFIELD FAIR - OCTOBER 1 THRU 11, 2010

FIRST FAIR NIGHT OCTOBER 1, 2010 4 PM



LABEL ORDER FORM

Name: _____ Date: _____ Phone: _____

All labels are sold in packages of 25. Please make checks payable to ECBA. Mail to Dan Phillips, 19 Highland Road, Kensington, NH, 03833-5818, email beehive1224@comcast.net or hand deliver at a meeting. Orders processed and available for pickup at a meeting.

Qty	Description	Price per 25 items	Total
	Oval Label	2.00	
	Large Round Label	2.00	
	Small Round Label	2.00	
	Box Comb Label	0.50	
	4 x 4 Cut Comb Or Ross Round Label	2.00	
	Rolled Candle Label	2.25	
	Dipped or Poured Candle Label	2.25	
	Soap Label	2.25	
	Soap Bags (each pkg contains 100 bags)	2.25/100	
	Bear Collars	3.00	
	Candle Dividers	1.30	
	Plastic Sleeves	0.52	
	White Paint Marking Pens	2.75/each	
Grand Total			

All labels are blank and need to have the actual weight or size marked on each label. Labels are for the exclusive use of members offering items for sale at ECBA sponsored activities such as the Topsfield Fair. Any other use or offering is prohibited.