

MSBA 2021 Webinar Series #8

“Thermoregulation and Ventilation” with Bill Hesbach

November 1st at 7:00 pm

Bill will talk about how a cluster of bees generate heat during winter; the role of moisture; and how insulation can help promote a more natural balance inside a wintering colony. In addition, he'll explain the many myths concerning added ventilation and how bees control hive gases naturally.

A Connecticut native with a background in engineering, Bill is a graduate of both Eastern Apicultural Society Master Beekeepers Certification Program and the University of Montana's Master Beekeeping Program, and is president of the Connecticut Beekeepers Association. He also operates a sideline business called Wing Dance Apiary in Cheshire, Connecticut.



MSBA 2021 Webinar Series #7

"A Fall Beekeeping Smorgasbord" with Karen Thurlow

September 15th at 7:00 pm

Karen will cover a range of timely topics from honey harvesting to fall feeding, with a Q&A at the end. She started keeping bees in 1978 and ran New Moon Apiaries in Yarmouth before relocating to New Brunswick, Canada in 2018. In addition to giving massive amounts of advice over the years, Karen has done many presentations on various topics and microscopy workshops. She currently teaches bee school for The Native Women's Association of Canada and Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association.





MSBA 2021 Webinar Series #6

“Fall Mite Management” with Maine State Apiarist Jen Lund

August 12th, at 7:00 pm

Jen's talk will focus on Varroa management during the next couple of critical months when our colonies are making their winter bees.

MSBA 2021 Webinar Series #5

“Beekeeping 360” with Dr. Medhat Nasr

July 29th, 7:00 pm

Dr. Medhat Nasr is a highly regarded apiculturist, educator and regulator with over 45 years of experience in both the public and the private sector. He served as Alberta Provincial Apiculturist from 2002-2019.

During this period, he extended the regulatory program to include applied bee research and extension activities. Currently his research is focused on developing new alternative miticides for Varroa control, managing miticide resistance, evaluation of integrated pest management programs, and breeding of quality queens.



2021 MSBA Webinar Series #4

"Post-Summer Solstice Nucs for Overwintering in Maine" with Carol Armatis

June 25th, 7:30 pm

Carol Armatis will demonstrate making of nucs. She's been keeping bees for over 25 years and raising queens for at least 15 of them. After switching to Russian bees she developed a sustainable apiary of 70 to 100 colonies. Carol runs a commercial migratory beekeeping operation for four months in Georgia while her Maine bees take a rest. In addition to beekeeping, Carol practices as a part-time physician.



2021 MSBA Webinar Series #3

"All You Ever Wanted To Know About Swarms" with Jen Lund, Maine State Apiarist

May 18th, 7:00 pm

Have you ever wondered: What is a swarm? Why do bees swarm? Can you prevent swarming? What is the best way to trap for swarms? State Apiarist Jen Lund will answer those questions and more in this webinar.





2021 MSBA Webinar Series #2

"Successful Nuc Installation and Spring Splitting Strategies" with Lincoln Sennett of Swan's Honey

May 8th at 7:00 pm

Join commercial beekeeper Lincoln Sennett in this timely webinar. Suitable for all levels of beekeeping experience.

2021 MSBA Webinar Series #1

"Queen Bees" with Karen Thurlow

March 13th, 2021 at 7:00 pm

Master Beekeeper Karen Thurlow will talk about honey bee queens, including requeening, raising your own queens and finding them in the hive. She will also talk about spring buildup. Karen started keeping bees in 1978 and is a popular speaker at chapter meetings. She has taught microscopy workshops and bee schools, most recently for MOFGA. She ran New Moon Apiaries in Yarmouth before moving to New Brunswick, Canada.



2020 MSBA Webinar Series #6

“Winter Bees, Heater Bees and Winter Survival” with Jane Dunstan

October 27th, 2020 at 7:00 pm

Jane Dunstan will examine what makes winter bees different from their spring and summer sisters. Heater bees can increase their body temperature to 111° in order to warm adjacent cells – an important function for the entire cluster.



Jane Dunstan lives in Newcastle and owns and operates Ridge Mist Llamas, home to nine remaining geriatric llamas from a herd of 50. She oversees 25 - 30 hives and is the Bee School director for Knox Lincoln County Beekeepers.



2020 MSBA Webinar Series #5

"Tips and Tricks of Honey Harvesting” with Rick Cooper

Tuesday, September 15th at 7:00 pm

This webinar will include video demonstrations of various ways to remove honey from hives, extracting and bottling. It will be followed by a power point summary and Q&A. Rick began beekeeping in 1980 while working as a computer programmer and systems analyst at the Brunswick

Naval Air Station. He later started a sideline business, running 100+ hives and selling beekeeping equipment and supplies. Over the years Rick has been a popular guest speaker at chapter meetings across the state and has taught short courses at EAS conferences. He was a recipient of MSBA’s Lifetime Achievement Award in 2016.



2020 MSBA Webinar Series #4

“What You Should Be Doing Now: Summer/Fall Edition” with Jennifer Lund

August 6th, 2020 at 7:00 pm

It's time to start preparing your bees for successful overwintering! Maine State Apiarist Jen will talk about hive management issues in late summer, including how to combine weak hives, mitigate robbing, determine whether your bees have enough winter stores, deal with mites, and much more. A Q&A session will follow the presentation.

2020 MSBA Webinar Series #3

“Making Splits for Overwintering” with Erin Forbes

June 15th, 2020 at 11:00 am

Filmed live from the apiary at Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, Erin will discuss and demonstrate sustainable beekeeping practices through the use and management of nucleus colonies, with a focus on creating nucs for overwintering. Erin is a Master Beekeeper, past president of MSBA and chairman emeritus of Eastern Apicultural Society, and a popular lecturer at major beekeeping conferences and organizations across the country.



2020 MSBA Webinar Series #2

“What You Should Be Doing Now: Spring Edition” with Jennifer Lund Maine State Apiarist and Bee Inspector

March 26th, 2020 at 7:00 pm

Jen Lund gives a timely talk on spring colony management, including what to do with dead-out hives, how to start new colonies, and what to look for during your first overwintered hive inspections. Before becoming the Maine State Apiarist in 2016, she was a research technician in the entomology department at the UMO. Jen is passionate about honey bee health and helping beekeepers succeed.



2020 MSBA Webinar Series #1

“EAS Honey Show Primer” with Brutz English

February 17th, 2020 at 7:00 pm

With Eastern Apicultural Society's Conference at the University of Maine just around the corner, Brutz English will cover the basics about preparing honey show exhibits, tools to be competitive, and what show judges are looking for. There will also be a detailed examination of the EAS Honey Show rules and exhibition categories.

Brutz is a University of Georgia Master Beekeeper, an internationally certified honey judge, and the Program Director of the Welsh Honey Judge Training Program at the Young Harris-UGA Beekeeping Institute.