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Greetings from your 2024 EBBA President:

In the last NABB I told you that I began banding in NJ roughly 15 years ago with Hannah Suthers. With my scientific background and passion for birds, I knew banding was something I wanted to pursue, but I did not know how to get started until I met Hannah. Soon afterwards I became a member of EBBA and started attending the annual meetings. I quickly realized I would eventually want to start my own station, and I decided to pursue my NABC certification. I took my exam at Braddock Bay, NY in 2013.

While 99% of my banding experience has been with mist-nets and passerines, I have been lucky enough to spend a day banding shorebirds in Cape May, NJ (and learned you really need to eat your wheaties for that!), and I have volunteered at NSW0 stations in New Jersey and New York. I hope to establish a NSW0 station outside of Kingston in addition to the MAPS and fall passerine banding that I do.

Since I've joined EBBA, every annual meeting I have attended has been full of amazing

presentations and enriching conversations with other banders, not to mention fabulous workshops and field trips. I always learn something new (actually make that 10 new things), and I have sorely missed the in-person pre-Covid gatherings. I am looking forward to seeing all of you in 2023! I would be remiss in not mentioning NABB and the wealth of insightful information I receive with every journal. They came in very handy when I was setting up my own station and in need of ideas for equipment options and management.

For our 2024 meeting, I have been looking into 5 possible venues between Orange County and the northern Catskills. Three are large hotels/conference centers, one is a smaller hotel and one is an independent nonprofit. A couple of venues were on my radar for having hosting ornithological associations such as NYSOA in the past, while others are close to scenic areas and some very birdy spots. Council will soon vote on the venue that is best suited for our gathering.

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