



Practical Beekeeping for Beginners 2012 Classes *The Northern Virginia Teaching Cooperative*

The Northern Virginia Beekeeping Teaching Cooperative offers ***Practical Beekeeping for Beginners***, a series of weekly classes starting in Jan. /Feb., 2011 for about 2 months. Class size is limited and registration fills up so please register early. Classes are open to adults and children (age 9 +) who are interested in keeping honeybees. Books are included in the fee (\$100 per family unit) and include: Diane Sammataro, *The Beekeepers Handbook (4th ed.)*, Mid Atlantic Apiculture (MAAREC) *Beekeeping Basics & Honey Bee Parasite, Pests, Predators & Diseases* as well as handouts & membership in the local beekeeping association. Classes are taught by experienced beekeepers and include info. on buying equipment & live bees to start hives.

Beekeepers of Northern Virginia (BANV) (Arlington, Alexandria, and Fairfax)

Three Classes- 1st night is "Meet and Greet." 1) Tuesday (7pm) starts Jan. 31st at Luther Jackson Intermediate School: 3020 Gallows Rd., Falls Church 22042; 2) Wed. (7pm) starts Feb. 1st at St. Stephen's/St. Agnes School: 400 Fontaine St. Alexandria 22302; or 3) Sat. morning (8:30am) at the Centreville library, 14020 St. German Drive, Centreville (starts Feb. 5th). Instructors: Pat and Jim Haskell.
Contact Pat Haskell (703) 560-3484.

Registration Form: <http://www.beekeepersnova.org/2012-registration/form.html>

Beekeepers of Northern Shenandoah (BONS) (Clarke, Frederick, Warren)

Virginia Arboretum, Blandly Experimental Station, Boyce, VA and Winchester, VA location. Classes start in Feb., 2012 *Contact John Lewis (540) 869-4919 or see: <http://valleybees.org>*

Gateway Beekeepers (King George, Caroline, Westmoreland)

VA Cooperative Ext. Office, Village Center, King George, VA. Class starts Tues., Jan 24, 2012.
Contact Mike Church 540-775-9740 or churchmj@verizon.net, or Julie Moore 540-644-1138, juliemoore@dirtybirdpottery.com See also: <http://gatewaybeekeepers.org>

Loudoun Beekeepers Association (LBA) (Loudoun)

Loudoun County Coop. Ext. Office, 36B Catocin Circle, Leesburg, VA. Two classes. Fri. night at 7 pm starts Feb. 3, 2012 and Sat. morning at 8am starts Feb. 4th. Open house is Sat., Jan. 28, 2012 from 10-1.
Contact Bill Bundy (703) 779-0894. See also <http://www.loudounbee.org>

Northern Neck Beekeepers Club (Northumberland, Lancaster, Richmond, Essex, Westmoreland)

St. Stephen's Anglican Church, 6807 Northumberland Highway, Heathsville, VA. Class starts Mon. Jan 23, 2012. *Contact Carolyn Alsup, (804) 580-6184 or alsupch@gmail.com See: <http://www.nnbeekeepers.com/>*

Northern Piedmont Beekeepers Association (NPBA) (Culpeper, Rappahannock, Orange, Madison, Fauquier)

Culpeper Depot, 113 S. Commerce St. Class starts Tues., Feb. 7th. Registration now open. "Meet and Greet" is Sun. Feb. 5th from 2-4 pm. Instructors: Billy Davis and Ann Harman
Contact Karen Hunt (540-937-4792) or kahu9@juno.com or see <http://www.npbee.org>

Piedmont Beekeepers (Lynchburg and Bedford/Moneta area)

Contact Ann Z. at 434-660-6063 or annzee@aol.com

Prince William Regional Beekeepers (PWRBA) (Prince William, Fauquier, Stafford)

Manassas Church of the Brethren, 10047 Nokesville Road (Rt. 28), Manassas, VA. Classes start Thursday January 19th at 7pm. Open house Sat. Nov. 12th from 1-3pm. *Contact Louise Edsall (703) 369-0756, email PWRBeekeepers@gmail.com or see www.PWRBeekeepers.com*

Rappahannock Area Beekeepers (Spotsylvania, Stafford)

Ray Simms Conference Room - Spotsylvania County Extension 8800 Courthouse Rd. Spotsylvania, VA 22553.

Class starts Wed., Feb. 1st, 2012. Instructors Kim Fraser & Sara Broyles. Location info:

<http://offices.ext.vt.edu/spotsylvania/programs/anr/index.html>

Contact Kim Fraser (540-785-8769) or ubbuny@aol.com

Woodstock (Shenandoah County)

One class: Monday evening, 7-9 p.m. at the Shenandoah County Extension Office, Woodstock, Va.

Registration now open. First meeting: Monday, 30 January, 2012, 7 p.m. will be an Open House to welcome new students.

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