



Practical Beekeeping for Beginners 2015 Classes Northern Virginia Beekeeping Teaching Consortium

The Northern Virginia Beekeeping Teaching Consortium offers **Practical Beekeeping for Beginners**. The classes are intensive, meet once a week for approximately 2 months and are designed primarily to teach people who want to keep bees. Class size is limited and registration fills up so please register early. Most classes are open to adults and children (age 10 + accompanied by a paying adult). Books are included in the fee (ranges from \$75 - \$125 per family unit) and includes: 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 for clubs affiliated classes. Classes are taught by experienced beekeepers and include information on buying equipment & live bees to start honeybee colonies.

Beekeeping Association of Northern Virginia (BANV) (Arlington, Alexandria, Fairfax)

Two classes. Feb. 4th - March 25 at Luther Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church, VA 22042, on Wed. from 7 to 9 pm. and Feb. 19 - April 9 at the St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School (Lower School Campus), 400 Fontaine Street, Alexandria, VA 22302, on Th. from 7 to 9 pm.

See: www.beekeepersnova.org or contact registrar at beekeepersnova+membership@gmail.com or Rob McKinney at robcmckinney@aol.com

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

Classes Start February 16th – more than one class, meeting nights and location TBD.

Contact www.valleybees.org or email johnlewis702@comcast.net

DC Beekeepers Alliance (District of Columbia - Washington, D.C.)

Two class dates 1) Tuesday evenings and 2) Saturday. Expected start dates are Jan. 27th, and Jan. 31st, 2014. Contact: dcbees@dcbeekeepers.org, 202-255-4318, www.dcbeekeepers.org

Gateway Beekeepers (King George, Caroline, Westmoreland)

Class meets Tuesday evenings and starts Feb. 3, 2015. Contact Doug Hancock (540) 850-7018 or doughancock1973@gmail.com or Julie Moore 540-644-1138, juliamoore@dirtybirdpottery.com

See also: www.gatewaybeekeepers.org

Loudoun Beekeepers Association (LBA) (Loudoun)

Two classes 1) Fridays 7-9 PM beginning Feb 13th and 2) Saturdays 8-10 AM beginning Feb 14th in Leesburg, VA. Contact Bill Bundy at Loudounbee@gmail.com or 703-779-0894. For more info see www.loudounbee.org

Madison County

Madison High School Agriculture classroom, Wednesday's February 4 - March 28, 6:30-8:30 pm.

Contact Shirely Ammon at (540) 923-5075 or info@haywoodhoney.com

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Moonshine Beekeepers Association (MBA) (Franklin County)

Classes start Tuesday March 7th, 7-9pm at the Franklin Center, Rocky Mount, VA. Instructor: Jeff Jenner.
Contact Jeff Jenner at (540) 420-3302 or email Thatbeeguy@hotmail.com

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

Class meetings Monday evenings and starts Feb. 2, 2015. *Contact Almeda McKinney, (804) 580-5694 or amckenne@vt.edu, John Olivier (443) 822-4043 or See: www.nnbeekeepers.com*

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

Verdun Adventure Bound, 17044 Adventure Bound Trail, Rixeyville, VA. Pre-Registration required. "Meet-and-Greet" Sun. Feb. 1, 2015 from 2 – 4 pm. Classes begin Tue. Feb. 3rd at 7 pm. Instructor: Ann Harman.
Contact Karen Hunt (540-937-4792) or kahu9@juno.com or see <http://www.npbee.org>

Northern Virginia Beekeeping Teachers Consortium (NVBTC) (Fairfax, ALL COUNTIES)

Sunday morning class 9-11 am in Centreville, VA starts in Feb. Teacher: Pat Haskell. *Contact Pat Haskell at 703-560-3484 or email jim.haskell@verizon.net*
Tuesday evening class 7-9 pm in Reston, VA starts in early March. Teacher: Todd Harding. *Contact Todd Harding at 703-860-5072 or email harding.toddd3@gmail.com*

Piedmont Beekeepers Association (PBA) (Greater Lynchburg Area)

Forest Public Library, 15583 Forest Road, Forest, VA 24551. Wed. evenings starting Feb 25th from 7-9pm
Contact Ann Zudekoff at 434-660-6063 or annzee@aol.com

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

Manassas Church of the Brethren, 10047 Nokesville Road (Rt. 28), Manassas, VA. Classes start in mid-January, 2015 on Thursday evenings from 7-9 pm. Open house and class applications accepted on Sat. Nov. 22nd, 2014 from 1-3 pm at the same location. See <http://www.PWRBeekeepers.com>
Contact Lynne Hewitt (703) 994-1769. Email BeeSchool@PWRBeekeepers.com

Rappahannock Area Beekeepers Association (RABA) (Spotsylvania, Stafford)

Ray Simms Conference Room - Spotsylvania County Extension 8800 Courthouse Rd. Spotsylvania, VA 22553.
Class starts Thursday, Feb. 5th, 2015. Instructor: Kim Fraser. Location:
<http://offices.ext.vt.edu/spotsylvania/programs/anr/index.html>
Contact Kim Fraser (540-785-8769) PLEASE LEAVE MESSAGE or ubbuny@aol.com
See: www.rappahannockbeekeepers.com/

West Virginia Eastern Panhandle Beekeepers Association (WVEPBA) (Eastern Panhandle, West Virginia)

Classes start February at the WVU Research Center, Kearneysville, WV. *Contact: Charles Walters, (304) - 616 -9487, See: www.wvepba.org*

Woodstock (Shenandoah County)

Woodstock, Va. Classes start in March, 2015.
Contact: Brenda Kiessling at 703-938-9389 or 571-213-5006. Email: brendakiessling@yahoo.com