



MONADNOCK BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION BEEKEEPING FOR BEGINNERS 2009



Saturdays: March 14, April 11, May 9, June 13 & July 18
Class meet 9 am to 1 pm at Stonewall Farm, Keene, NH

Some class subject to change due to weather and scheduling of bee deliveries.

Welcome to the exciting world of beekeeping!

COST: \$425 for entire class, bees, book and equipment (\$137 for book and class only). A \$75 is deposit due by mid-December 08.

- Please BEE on time...
- We recommend that you bring a snack &/or beverage, and notebook.

This complete series of classes will be taught by:

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This complete series of classes will help guide you through the steps necessary to begin, keep and maintain healthy bees. For those who have signed up for the full course, you will receive all of the necessary start-up equipment and your first colony of bees. Everyone participating in the course will receive their textbook "Beekeeping for Dummies", membership into the Monadnock Beekeeper's Association and of course these fun and informative classes.

CLASS SCHEDULE

MARCH – INTRODUCTION & HIVE BUILDING

- Introduction & Overview
- Tools, Equipment & Clothing
- Purchasing Used Equipment
- Apiary Location Requirements
- Hive Building
- Predators & Loss Prevention
- Keeping a Notebook
- Late Winter & Spring Management

APRIL – SPRING MANAGEMENT & INSTALLING BEES

- Smokers & Fuels
- Apiary Site Discussion
- Installing your Package of Bees
- Feeding
- Maintaining Healthy Bees/Medication
- Re-Queening
- Opening & Inspection of Hives
- Spring Management Summary

BEES ARRIVE: Saturday, April ____ - The earliest possibly delivery date – Information to follow

MAY – SUMMER MANAGEMENT & SUPERING

- Adding Honey Supers
- Reversing Hive Bodies
- Swarms
- Summer Management Summary

JUNE – HARVESTING & VISITING BEE YARDS

- Harvesting Honey - procedures
- Visiting Bee Yards
- Fall Management Expectations
- Alumni & Beekeepers Pot Luck

JULY – WINTER MANAGEMENT & EXTRACTION

- Proper use of Honey Extractor
- Bottling & Winter Preparation
- Cheshire Fair – July/August
- Fall & Winter Management

Starter Kits will be distributed at the first class in March. This kit will include your veil and gloves. You should also bring along or wear light-colored loose fitting clothing with a long sleeved shirt, long pants and socks that can be pulled over your pant legs. BOOTS RECOMMENDED - No open-toed shoes, shorts or short socks please.

We look forward to meeting you and learning more about your interests as a beekeeper!

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