

## Beekeeping Year 2 and Beyond

Prerequisites: Must have completed a short course in AABA or BUMBA or DC  
Should have had bees at least one bee season

Cost \$125 includes book: Honeybee Biology and Beekeeping Caron/Connor  
Ten classes, plus at least one field day. First class is an in-person class, then we may move to wholly zoom or do hybrid if we can get hybrid to work at Arlington Echo.

Class 1: book distribution in person Jan 10

Common language, Bee Math  
Reading a frame  
State Laws  
The ideal apiary  
Expectations

Class 2: Biology of honey bees (workers) Jan 24 (MLK Holiday 17)

Honey bee communications  
Summer versus winter bees  
Secretions of bees  
Stingers

Class 3: Biology of Queen and Drones Jan 31

Reproduction System  
Bee Genetics 101  
Laying patterns (BIP standards)  
Queen assessments

Class 4: Pests and Diseases Feb 7

Class 5: March - June (spring buildup through flow) Feb 14

Forage in AA and PG county  
Spring management

Class 6: Moving hives, Swarm Traps/Bait hives Feb 28 (Presidents day on 21)

Making splits

Class 7: Making Queens and Nucs (Mar 7)

Class 8: June- August [flow though dearth] (Mar 14)

Honeybee Products  
Summer management issues

Class 9 Sept-Nov Winter prep/building cluster (Mar 21)

Dec-Feb Winter management

Class 10 Wrap up(March 28)

Topics will be voted on but may include:

- Survey of Hive styles: pros and cons
- Record keeping/documenting issues
- Dealing with an aggressive hive, techniques
- Natural beekeeping (an intro)

- Native bees and their importance

Field day will be set in March depending on weather. March 19 is tentative

Register during the November AABA Meeting, bring your checkbook to pay. Otherwise to register, send email to Kim Mehalick at [kimmike89@verizon.net](mailto:kimmike89@verizon.net). Send your \$125 registration fee to Dennis Roundy the AABA treasurer. You will receive the address when you give intent to Kim via email.