HoneybeeLives.org

MAINTAINING A HEALTHY HIVE: INSPECTING A HIVE & FALL/WINTER PREP



HoneybeeLives Apiary 133 Plains Road, New Paltz, NY

We are combining the spring and late summer classes to provide hands-on experience for interacting with your hives, as well as the critical tasks of assessing the strength of your hives as we head towards the end of the bee season.

The mid-summer is a critical time to tend our hives. It is important that our colonies are strong, as we head towards colder months. The earlier we address weaknesses the better we can help the bees rally for the winter. Learn how to clean up hives, and look for problems that might weaken your bees.

Varroa mite season will be in full swing, just when the winter brood is being reared, so vigilance is important. It may be necessary to treat your hives for these parasites. Understand the options available for dealing with these pests in non-toxic ways, and if "treating" is necessary, so a hive doesn't completely crash, learn about treating hives with organic-based acids.

Learn about the life in the hive during this transitional time. Understand what you are looking at, and how to judge the strength of a hive. Prepare for fall and winter, to best nurture the bees and boost their immune systems. Let us help you think thru your autumn tasks of fortifying your hives, and answer your questions. We also cover tightening and winterizing hives.

\$80 per person for this 5-hour class. <u>Please note there is a 6 student minimum and 10 student maximum</u> for social distancing, so not all classes will run, and others fill up quickly. <u>Please sign-up early, and</u> secure your spot with payment in advance. Bring snacks, since we will work thru lunch time.

Sunday, August 1, 10am - 3pm Monday, August 2, 10am - 3pm Sunday, August 15, 10am - 3pm Sunday, August 22, 1pm - 6pm

> Pre-registration is required, and pre-payment is appreciated. Email: <u>HoneybeeLives@Yahoo.com</u>, or call 845-255-6113. Please visit our website <u>HoneybeeLives.org</u> for further info and directions.