



Organic Beekeeping: Principles and Practices

April 24, 2009, 4:30 pm to 9 pm (optional beginners' session at 2 pm)

April 25, 2009, 9 am to 6 pm

Tuition: \$185 (or \$225 with optional beginners' session)

at The Pfeiffer Center, Chestnut Ridge, NY

Presenters: Ross Conrad, Chris Harp, and Mac Mead

This workshop covers topics suitable for all beekeepers, from novice to expert, with a focus on intermediate and advanced techniques. An optional Friday afternoon session for beginners demonstrates hive construction and the basics of handling bees.* The rest of the workshop – Friday evening and all day Saturday – presents a balanced view of natural beekeeping topics not ordinarily covered in lectures and articles, including: swarming as an expression of the bees' vitality; working with swarms and making splits; the importance of wax production; and acid treatments for Varroa mites. Weather permitting, the day is punctuated with visits to the hives, where techniques for handling bees are demonstrated.

Ross Conrad has been a beekeeper in Vermont since the late 1980s. He is the author of *Natural Beekeeping: Organic Approaches to Modern Apiculture* (Chelsea Green, 2007).

Chris Harp is a beekeeper and educator based in New Paltz, NY, with a special interest in natural hive management techniques, which he has practiced and taught for more than 18 years.

Mac Mead is director of the Pfeiffer Center for Biodynamics and the Environment. He has been a Biodynamic farmer for more than 30 years.

*Beginners are strongly advised to take a one-day introductory workshop before attending, if possible. The Pfeiffer Center offers an *Introduction to Organic Beekeeping* on February 21.

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The Pfeiffer Center, 260 Hungry Hollow Rd., Chestnut Ridge, NY 10977

Your cancelled check is your receipt. A reminder will be sent out via email the week before the workshop.

Housing arrangements are the responsibility of the participants. Go to www.sunbridge.edu ⇨ Student Services ⇨ Housing, or contact the dormitory manager: holderhouse@threefold.org / 845-352-9660.

CANCELLATION POLICY: No refunds for cancellations one week or less before the workshop. Earlier cancellations will receive credit towards a future workshop or course.

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