

# HoneybeeLives.org

## *A Naturalist's Approach to Beekeeping*

### *Hudson Valley and New York City*



HoneybeeLives is an organization, based in the Hudson Valley, practicing Natural/Organic Beekeeping with a Biodynamic influence. Chris Harp and Grai Rice are dedicated to encouraging a strong Honeybee population thru education and outreach to the general public and beekeepers. HoneybeeLives teaches an intensive two-day beekeeping workshop in the winter in the Hudson Valley and Brooklyn, and seasonal hands-on classes in the New Paltz apiary in spring and late summer. HoneybeeLives also provides a wide-range of apiary services to CSA farms and private estates in NY and CT.

Chris Harp is a natural / organic beekeeper and Bee Doctor with 24 years of experience. Harp and Co-Founder Grai Rice's work comes from a deep caring and concern for the fragility of the Honeybee population, and a profound respect for the structure of their collective lives and their impact on the health of Mother Earth. HoneybeeLives' goals are focused on the wellbeing of the colonies they nurture, and through teaching others raise the awareness of and caring for these amazing creatures.

### **SEASONAL CLASS OFFERINGS**

#### **INTRO LECTURE ON BEES AND BEEKEEPING**

Learn about the lives of honeybees, the current plight of honeybee colonies, and the intrinsic value of nurturing these amazing creatures. **(Through out the year)**

#### **GARDENING FOR HONEYBEES**

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#### **INTRO TO ORGANIC BEEKEEPING: PLANNING A NEW HIVE FOR SPRING**

Learn about the basic requirements and responsibilities for first-time beekeepers. Understand the mechanics of the hive and the tools involved, elements of site selection, and how to hear your bees' needs. **(Winter Class - Saturday)**

#### **UNDERSTANDING AND CARING FOR YOUR BEES (ADVANCED CLASS)**

Topics will include: Hive congruency and design to benefit the colony; Bee health and disease management the natural way; Seasonal concerns and methods; as well as imparting the values of respecting the lives and needs of your bees. **(Winter Class - Sunday)**

#### **HOW TO INSPECT, AND MAINTAIN, A HEALTHY HIVE.**

Hands-on work in the hive: cleaning burr comb, recognizing healthy brood patterns as well as signs of problems, mite treatments, watching and preparing for swarm season, and general overview of hives during main nectar flow. **(Spring and Early Summer)**

#### **HIVE MAINTAINANCE – FALL / WINTER PREP**

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. Learn how to clean up hives, and look for problems that might weaken your bees. 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. **(Late Summer/Early Fall)**

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