Community Education—Spring 2024



BEEKEPING

Beekeeping 101

Keeping honeybees is fascinating. Bees will pollinate your garden and provide a sweet crop of honey. In this class, you will learn where to start as a keeper of bees. We'll cover bee biology, modern beekeeping techniques, construction of hives, and how to acquire bees. Keep bees for the fun of it, as a sideline job, or to help your garden and orchard.

Fee: \$59				Larry Krengel
In person # <u>6950</u> Remote	W	2/7–2/28	7–9:30 p.m.	Shah Center
# <u>6951</u>	W	2/7–2/28	7–9:30 p.m.	Remote

7 Ways To Raise A Queen

The number of small-scale beekeepers is increasing, and the demand for locally raised queen bees is growing. Purchased queens are often raised in areas of Africanized honeybees or come from migratory bee operations where dangerous viruses are exchanged. Gain information and learn seven simple methods of raising healthy honeybee queens. With a few insights and a small amount of equipment, the backyard beekeeper can raise locally adapted queens from bee stock with a great record of winter survival, good temperament, and excellent honey production.

Fee: \$25				Larry Krengel
In person # <u>6952</u>	W	3/6	7–9:30 p.m.	Shah Center
Remote # <u>6953</u>	W	3/6	7–9:30 p.m.	Remote

Comb Honey

Comb honey is old fashioned honey harvested in the bees own wax case. A hundred years ago honey was removed from the hive and eaten in the comb. Today, extracted honey (honey in the jar) is the norm. This course is an opportunity to return to the old (and some contend the healthiest) way of harvesting honey. Producing honey in the comb is a beekeeping challenge, an old fashioned challenge explored in this class.

Fee: \$25				Larry Krengel
In person		0.440		
# <u>6958</u> Remote	W	3/13	7–9:30 p.m.	Shah Center
# <u>6959</u>	W	3/13	7–9:30 p.m.	Remote

Beekeeping Field Study

This short course will provide practical, hands-on instruction for installing, manipulating, and inspecting colonies of bees. The class will meet in a bee yard, so appropriate clothing and bee equipment will be necessary. Spring is the time to start with bees, and this course will walk you through it step by step. Learn what you need to know to start out right with your bees.

Fee: \$59				Larry Krengel
# <u>6960</u>	Sa	4/6, 4/13	10 a.m.–Noon	MCC
# <u>6961</u>	Sa	4/6, 4/13	1–3 p.m.	MCC





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