

## 2026 First Year Bee Yard Schedule (12/2/2025)

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February ??	Organizational meeting for delegation of support activities of Mentors
Wed., Apr 1 6:00	First Year Bee Yard, 2501 Carmack Road, 43210
Wed., Apr 8 6	First Year Bee Yard - Organizational: pass out calendars, rules, sign up for Bee Yard, clean shed, inventory shed. <b>Paint hives. Bring brushes.</b>
Tues., April 14 6	First Year Bee Yard: Check Bees, answer questions, work on area.
Sat., Apr. 18 2:00 - ?	First Year Bee Yard - Install bees into hives. Clean up area, trim Mulberry tree, remove Locust sprouts. <b>Come at noon if you can for cleanup. West of 2501 Carmack Rd., 43210</b>
Wed., Apr 22 6	First Year Bee Yard – First inspection of Hives. Demonstrate inspection, then inspect hives, release Queen if needed, feed. Topic: Hive set-up configurations.
Sat., Apr 25 10	Rich Herman Workshop, Build Frames
Tues., Apr 28 6	First Year Bee Yard – Inspect hives, feed. Demo inspection. Hive Inspection – what to look for, when to add the next box. Inspect and feed. <b>Topic:</b> Types of Bees, Advantages and Disadvantages.
Wed., Apr 29 6p	Easton Apiary – Vets and COBA members, flora and forage discussions
Wed., May 6 6	First Year Bee Yard – Inspect hives, feed. <b>Mint Day</b> - Topic: <b>Gale Martin of <i>Natives In Harmony</i></b> to talk about bee plants. Plants available for sale.
Wed., May 13 6	First Year Bee Yard – Inspect hives, feed. Topic: What to expect from Bee Inspector
Tues., May 19 6	First Year Bee Yard
Wed., May 27 6	First Year Bee Yard – Inspect hives. Topic: Swarming prevention, capturing swarms, tools to capture
Wed., June 3 6	First Year Bee Yard – Inspect hives. Topic:
Wed., June 10 6	First Year Bee Yard – Inspect hives. Topic: Mites
Mon., June 15 8pm	Rich Herman/ Honey Extraction workshop
Wed., June 17 6	First Year Bee Yard – Inspect hives. Topic: Ventilation
Wed., June 24 6	First Year Bee Yard – Inspect hives.
Wed., July 1 6	First Year Bee Yard – Inspect hives. Topic: Open topic
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ed., July 22 6	First Year Bee Yard – Inspect hives. Topic: Diseases and Treatment
Wed., July 29 6	First Year Bee Yard – Inspect hives. Topic: Winter Preparation
Wed., Aug. 5 6	First Year Bee Yard – Inspect hives. Topic: Winter Blanket Boxes
Wed., Aug. 12 6	First Year Bee Yard – Inspect Hives. Topic: <b>Mike Hatter</b> : Winter windbreaks
Thurs., Aug. 13 6:30	Scotts Lawn Apiary
Tues., Aug. 18 6	Franklin Park Apiary
Tues., Aug 18 6	First Year Bee Yard – Inspect hives. Topic: Apitherapy and all products of the hive
Wed., Aug. 26 6	First Year Bee Yard – Inspect hives. Topic: Closing down hives for winter, mouse guards, robbing, removing honey from hives Topic: Home hive assessment? treat? for autumn, treat Bee Yard hives, winter feeding
Thurs., Aug 27 6:30	Scotts Lawn Apiary
Wed., Sept 2 6	First Year Bee Yard – Inspect hives. Topic: Moving hives, planning if, when, where.
Wed., Sept 9 6	First Year Bee Yard – Inspect hives. Topic: Winter feeds, storing frames and supers
Tues., Sept. 15 6	First Year Bee Yard – Inspect hives. Topic: Review prep for winter, winter feed.
Wed., Sept 23 6	First Year Bee Yard - Last day to pick up sold hives
Wed., Sept 30 6	Bee Yard – last meeting, set up for winter, all hives are gone. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Chili and Corn bread cookoff

**Note: Hives do not leave at night. They may be closed up in the evening and then moved the next day. Possible combinations are: close Wednesday evening, move Thursday. Or close Friday evening, move Saturday. Help is available as well as the use of the two-person hive mover.**