



## Practical Beekeeping for Beginners 2020 Classes Virginia Beekeeping Teaching Consortium (VBTC)

The Virginia Beekeeping Teaching Consortium (VBTA) is offering ***Practical Beekeeping for Beginners***. The class is intensive, most meet once a week for approximately 2 months and are designed primarily for people who want to keep bees. Class size is limited and registration usually fills up early. Classes are open to adults and children (age 10 + accompanied by a paying adult). Books include: Diana Sammataro, *The Beekeepers Handbook (4th ed.)*, Mid Atlantic Apiculture (MAAREC) *Beekeeping Basics & Honey Bee Parasite, Pests, Predators & Diseases* as well as handouts & membership in a local beekeeping association for club affiliated classes. Classes are taught by experienced beekeepers and include information on buying equipment & obtaining bees to start honeybee colonies. Price set by each association. **PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.** *All who are registered with any Consortium Bee School are welcome to make up classes in advance or arrears at any association.*

### **Ashland Beekeepers Association (ABA) (Hanover, Henrico, Caroline, King William)**

Class will meet on Jan 11, Jan 25, Feb 8, & Feb 15 starting at 9 a.m. at First Baptist Church in Ashland. Visit <http://ashlandvabeekeepers.org/> for registration information. Contact Ronnie Bolton at [class@ashlandvabeekeepers.org](mailto:class@ashlandvabeekeepers.org) (804) 651-3504

### **Botetourt and Blue Ridge Beekeepers Associations**

Class will meet on Saturdays on Feb 8 & 22 and March 7 & 21, 2020, 1 -5 p.m. with a field day on April 4. Meet at Virginia DEQ Office, 901 Russell Drive, Salem, Virginia. Mailing pre registration by Jan 25 saves you money and helps us plan. For more information see Facebook: Botetourt and Blue Ridge Beekeeping Course or email [rudytaylor1952@gmail.com](mailto:rudytaylor1952@gmail.com)

### **Beekeepers of Northern Shenandoah (BONS) (Clarke, Frederick, Warren, Fauquier)**

Classes Start mid-February 2019 and there will be several class sessions in various locations. Meeting nights and location TBD. Contact <http://www.valleybees.org> or email [johnlewis702@comcast.net](mailto:johnlewis702@comcast.net)

**Fairfax Area Beekeepers** Class starts Wed., Feb. 5th at South Lakes High School. Contact <http://www.fairfaxbees.org>

### **Gateway Beekeepers (King George, Caroline, Westmoreland)**

Classes meet Tuesday evenings and starts February 4th going through April 7<sup>th</sup> 2020 6:30-9:00 pm at the King George Community Center. Teachers are Mike Church, Doug Hancock. Contact Doug Hancock (540) 850-7018 or [doughancock1973@gmail.com](mailto:doughancock1973@gmail.com) or Kathy Lehman at [katlehman49@verizon.net](mailto:katlehman49@verizon.net) See also: [www.gatewaybeekeepers.org](http://www.gatewaybeekeepers.org)

**Huguenot Beekeepers (HBA)**

Classes start February 15<sup>th</sup> and meet at the Powhatan Village Building Auditorium 3910 Old Buckingham Road Powhatan, VA 23139 every other Saturday through March 28th. Contact John Davis at 804-314-5073 or [johnDavisiv29@gmail.com](mailto:johnDavisiv29@gmail.com) see also <https://huguenotbeekeepers.org/> for more info and sign up.

**Loudoun Beekeepers Association (LBA) (Loudoun)**

Classes are either Friday evening 7-9pm or Saturday mornings 8-10am at Patrick Henry College, Purcellville beginning mid-February, 2020. Visit <http://www.loudounbee.org/>

**Northern Neck Beekeepers Club (Northumberland, Lancaster, Richmond, Essex, Westmoreland)**

Class Monday evenings starting Monday Feb 10, 2020. See: [www.nnbeekeepers.com](http://www.nnbeekeepers.com) Contact Fran King at [queenking@grovemount.net](mailto:queenking@grovemount.net) (225) 788- 2799

**Northern Piedmont Beekeepers Association (NPBA) (Culpeper, Rappahannock, Orange, Madison, Fauquier)**

Verdun Adventure Bound, 17044 Adventure Bound Trail, Rixeyville, VA. Pre-Registration required. "Meet-and-Greet" Sun. Feb. 2, 2020 from 2-4 pm. Classes begin Tue. Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Instructor: Ann Harman. Contact Karen Hunt (540-937-4792) or [kahu9@juno.com](mailto:kahu9@juno.com) or [www.npbee.org](http://www.npbee.org)

**Peaks of Otter Beekeepers (POB -- Greater Bedford Area)**

Classes will be on Tuesdays (not consecutive) starting Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020. 7:00-9:00pm at Bedford County Cooperative Ext/Park Rec, 1257 County Farm Rd. Bedford. Contact Ann Zudekoff at 434-660-6063 or [annbeezee@gmail.com](mailto:annbeezee@gmail.com)

**Piedmont Beekeepers Association (PBA -- Greater Lynchburg Area)**

Classes will be on Thursdays (not consecutive) starting Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020. 7:00-9:00pm Lynchburg Public Works, 1700 Memorial Avenue, Lynchburg. Contact Ann Zudekoff at 434-660-6063 or [annbeezee@gmail.com](mailto:annbeezee@gmail.com)

**Prince William Regional Beekeepers Association (PWRBA) (Prince William, Fauquier, Stafford)**

Classes Thursday evenings 7-9 pm at the Manassas Church of the Brethren, 10047 Nokesville Road (Rt. 28), Manassas, VA starting mid-January, 2020. Class applications: <http://pwrbeekeepers.com/> Contact Chris Mayes, PWRBA Bee School Principal at 703-851-8830 or Tracy Williamson, registrar via email at [BeeSchool@PWRBeekeepers.com](mailto:BeeSchool@PWRBeekeepers.com)

**Rappahannock Area Beekeepers Association (RABA) (Spotsylvania, Stafford)** Class starts Thursday, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at the Ray Simms Conference Room, 8800 Courthouse Road Spotsylvania, VA. Instructor: Kim Fraser. Contact Kim Fraser [ubbuny@aol.com](mailto:ubbuny@aol.com) See: <https://rbahoneybees.wixsite.com/rappahannockbees>

**Rockwood Park Backyard Beekeepers Association (RPBBA)**

Classes start Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> and meet every other Saturday through April 4th at the Rockwood Park Nature Center, Richmond, VA. See <https://rockwoodbeekeepers.com/> for registration and sign up. Contact John Davis at 804-314-5073 or [johndavisiv29@gmail.com](mailto:johndavisiv29@gmail.com) for more info.

**Shenandoah County Beekeepers (Woodstock)**

Classes start in Feb., 2020 at 222 North Water Street, Woodstock, VA. Contact: Brenda Kiessling at 703-938-9389 or 571-213-5006. Email: [brendakiessling@yahoo.com](mailto:brendakiessling@yahoo.com)