

2018 Beekeeper Education Events:

Jan. 20, 2018. Eastern Kentucky Winter Bee School. Hazard Community and Technical College. Special Speaker: Dr. John Skinner, Swarms and The Grand Interactions: Bees, Plants, Growers, Beekeepers. Mail pre-registration to Perry County Cooperative Extension Office, 933 Perry Park Road, Hazard, KY 41701 by Jan. 12, 2018, **BUT** the School itself will be held at the **Hazard Community and Technical College**, One Community College Drive, (off Highway 15), Hazard, Ky. \$20 per adult by Jan. 12, 2018, \$25 at door. Lunch included, family rates available, vendors present. Doors open at 8:00 a.m., and the program concludes at 3:30 p.m. EST. Door prizes are available. Foundation for Appalachian Kentucky Perry County is our sponsor. **For questions about registration or event cancellation: Charles May, (606) 436-2044 or cmay@uky.edu**

Jan. 20, 2018. Greenup County Beginning Beekeeper School. 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. EST. Greenup County Extension Office, 35 Wurtland Avenue, Wurtland, KY 4114. Free. Includes lunch of soup beans and cornbread. Pre-register with Linda Hieneman, linda.hieneman@uky.edu. 606-836-0187.

Feb. 03, 2018. South Central Kentucky Bee School. Speaker: Dr Jeffery W Harris, Assistant Extension Research Professor at Mississippi State University. Location: Allen County Scottsville High School Science Wing, 1545 Bowling Green Road (Veterans Highway), Scottsville, Ky. Hosted by the Allen County Beekeepers Association Inc., the event will begin by 9:00 a.m. and conclude around 3:00 p.m. CST. Allen County Scottsville Arts Council will join in partnership that day for an art show & sale; free for the public with the theme of pollinators, flowers, and bees. On-going developments will be forth coming and contact information can be supplied by President Steve Meyer, 270-783-0059 or any Allen County Beekeepers Association Officer.

Feb. 10, 2018. South Eastern Kentucky Bee School. Speaker: Dr. Tammy Horn Potter, KDA Pollinator Protection app. McCreary Central High School in Stearns, K. Registration at 8:00, opening session at 9:00 EST, classes start at 10:00, closing session at 3:15. Registration 8 a.m. EST. \$20 for pre-registered attendees (by Feb. 4), \$25 at the door. \$30 for couples if pre-registered by Feb. 4; \$40 for couples at the door. Under-18s free. Lunch and refreshments included. Vendors present. Contact Greg Whitis, 606-376-2524 or email at gwhitis@uky.edu. Here is a PDF with the program: https://mccreary.ca.uky.edu/sites/mccreary.ca.uky.edu/files/bee_school_2018_program_1.pdf

Feb. 17, 2018. Nelson County Beekeepers will host a free Beginner bee school at the Nelson County Extension Office from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. EST! This will be an all-day event focusing on Beginner Beekeepers and everything they need to get them through the first year of beekeeping. Lunch will be provided, and door prizes will be drawn at the end. This event is free but limited to the first 50 who register. You must pre-register by February 12! Please call the Extension Office at [502-348-9204](tel:502-348-9204) to preregister.

Feb. 17, 2018. The Northern Kentucky Beekeepers Association (NKYBA) is hosting a free beginner school, “Introduction to Beekeeping”, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. EST. The school will be held at the Boone County Extension Office Enrichment Center, lower level, 6028 Camp Ernst Rd., Burlington KY 41005. Registration and school details will be posted on our website at <http://www.nkybeekeepers.com> and on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/nkybeekeepersassociation.

Feb. 17, 2018. Introduction to Beekeeping: (\$55)—Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill Beginner Basics. Participants will learn about the honeybee lifecycle, choosing hive equipment and assembly, hive site selection, pest management, the costs of beekeeping, how to establish your first hives and what to expect in your first year as a beekeeper. Practical instruction and a variety of guides and resources will be shared. Participants will also take home a beginner beekeeping book. This session is the first of a two-part series. Registration available at www.shakervillageky.org

Feb. 24 2018. Eastern Bluegrass Extension Bee School. Location: Clark County Cooperative Extension Service, 1400 Fortune Drive, Winchester, KY 40391. Speakers: Dr. Tom Webster from Kentucky State University, Dr. Ric Bessin from the University of Kentucky. Description: The Clark, Estill, Madison, Powell, and Nicholas County Extension Services are coordinating this Bee School to be held at the Clark County Cooperative Extension Office. A session geared for beginners is planned for 9 a.m. to noon EST. A session for more advanced beekeepers will be offered from 1 to 4 p.m. EST. Cost is \$12 to attend one or both sessions. Pre-registration will be preferred. Lunch will be included in the registration. Find out more by contacting David Davis, Clark County ANR Extension Agent, by email (david.davis@uky.edu) or by calling the Clark County Extension Service at 859-744-4682 or Lawrence Caudle at the Powell County Extension Office, 606-663-6405.

Feb. 24, 2018. Northeastern Kentucky Beekeeping School, Maysville Community and Technical College, 1755 U.S. Highway 68, Maysville. Registration 8:00 a.m. EST, school 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. All aspects of beekeeping. Our keynote speaker this year will be Dorothy Morgan, President of the Kentucky Queen Bee Breeders Association, Inc. \$20 for pre-registered adults (deadline Feb. 22), \$25 at the door, \$7.50 for 12s and under. Lunch included. Please check us out on Facebook for additional information and pre-registration form. Email questions to lickingriverba@gmail.com or call Bob Fore at 606-247-5817.

March 3, 2018. Audubon Beekeepers Bee School. Keynote Speaker: Former Kentucky State Apiarist Phil Craft. Henderson County Cooperative Extension Expo Center, 3341 Zion Road, Henderson, KY 42420. Preregistration \$15 for adults, \$5 for 12 years and younger. Registration at the door, \$20. Lunch included..

More information: Larry Stone, 270-339-7245 or Jan Powell, 270-860-2942; or visit www.audubonbeekeepersassociation.com.

March 10, 2018. Bluegrass Beekeepers School. Kentucky State University, Frankfort, KY 40601. Registration at 8 a.m. EST, opening session at 9 a.m., and school concludes at 3:30 p.m. Speaker: Dr. Jen O'Keefe, Morehead State University. Pre-registration is \$25.00 for adult, and \$10.00 for high school age and younger. Family rates are also available. Pre-registration forms must be post-marked March 2, 2018. Registration at the door will be \$35 per adult and \$15 per child. Lunch is included.

For registration form and forthcoming information, see the Bluegrass Beekeepers Association webpage, www.bluegrassbeekeepers.com.

March 10, 2018. Beyond Beginning Beekeeping. The Northern Kentucky Beekeepers Association (NKYBA) will be hosting an intermediate beekeeping school that will cover more advanced topics from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EST. Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m. The school will be held at the Boone County Extension Office Enrichment Center, lower level, 6028 Camp Ernst Rd., Burlington KY 41005. Former Kentucky State Apiarist Phil Craft will be the speaker. Cost is \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members, \$5 for children 12 and under. Includes lunch with Q&A during lunch. Registration and school details will be posted on our website at <http://www.nkybeekeepers.com> and on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/nkybeekeepersassociation.

March 24, 2018. The Washington County Beekeepers are hosting a dual track basic/intermediate beekeeping school from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. EDT on Saturday, March 24, 2018 at the Washington County Extension Office. \$30.00 (Includes lunch, reference materials and

handouts). For more information, contact Dennis Morgeson at the Washington County Extension Office, Springfield, KY 40069 or 859-336-7741 or email DL_CES_WASHINGTON@EMAIL.UKY.EDU.

Onsite registration will be available. **KSU Beehive Autoclave (sterilizes brood boxes, supers and frames) will be operating from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

April 5, 6, 7, 2018. Kent Williams Bee School. Sponsored by The Lake Barkley Beekeepers Association. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. CDT daily. 580 State Route 385 North, Wingo, Kentucky. No cost to attend. Lunch is provided by Lake Barkley Beekeepers Association for donations. Classes daily include: Basic Hive Inspection, Equipment Assembly, Pests and Diseases Queen Rearing (Beginning and Advanced). Other courses offered: Swarm Trapping, Dowsing for Bees, Value Added Products from the Hive, Nuc and Package Installation.

April 26, 27, 28 and 29. Kentucky Queen Bee Breeders Association Invitation-Only event. Insemination Festival, using Purdue stock. Time: 9 a.m. to 5p.m. EDT daily. Lavender Lane Farm, 544 West Farm Rd., Nancy KY 42544. Special guests: Krispn Given, Jamie Walters, and Zelma Boggess. Hosted by Dorothey Morgan, president of the Kentucky Queen Bee Breeders Association, Inc. *This is an opportunity to purchase a breeder queen that will be from 100% Purdue breeder stock. Purdue stock is known for its bees chewing on mites. Purdue bee lab queens will be inseminated with Purdue drone semen. You must reserve your queen ahead of time, stock is limited. This is not an open event, you must request an invitation. Please send an email request for more information and pricing to Lavenderlanefarms@gmail.com or call 606-871-7300.*

April 28, 2018. Hardin County Beekeeping Seminar & School sponsored by the Hardin County Beekeepers Association. The program will include presentations on the Kentucky Honey Certification Program, Kentucky Pollination Registration Program, Basic Beekeeping, Increasing Honey Production, plus other beekeeping presentations and demonstrations. Location: Hardin County Cooperative Extension Office, 201 Peterson Drive, Elizabethtown. Registration 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. EDT. Registration fee is \$10 plus \$5 for lunch. Program Introduction 8:30 - 9:00 a.m. Sessions from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Door Prize drawing 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. More details will be posted at <http://hardincountybeekeepers.org>.

May 12, 2018. Chris Renfrow (KSBA President Elect and director of Kentucky Queen Bee Breeders Association). One-day grafting workshop. *Waiting for information about time, place, fees, etc.*

May 18-19, 2018. Queen Grafting class. Dorothey Morgan, president of Kentucky Queen Bee Breeders Association, Inc. \$75.00. Pulaski County Cooperative Extension office, [28 Parkway Dr., Somerset, KY 42503](#).

May 19, 2018. Schoolhouse Bees Queen Management workshop, Visalia, Ky. Intermediate level. Finding, marking, replacing, evaluating queens. Tammy Horn Potter and Todd Kirchoff. Participants must bring their own jacket and veil. **We will** be in hives, so dress appropriately. **We will** be holding drones and queens. Limit: 25. There is a \$35.00 fee, with lunch provided and coffee and donuts in the morning. 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. EDT.

May 19, 2018. Intermediate Beekeeping: May 19, 2018 (\$60).

The Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill apiary will be a learning laboratory for sharing sustainable management practices for beekeepers. This session is appropriate for participants who already have at least one beehive, including first-year beekeepers. **Participants must bring their own and wear protective gloves, veils, long-sleeve shirts and pants, and closed-toed shoes to participate in the hands-on portions of this session.** Individuals with an allergy to bee stings should not attend. This session is the second of a two-part series. To participate in this session, it is strongly advised that participants first attend an introductory beekeeping course. Registration available at www.shakervillageky.org