

# McDowell Honey Bees 2018 Buzz on Beekeeping Agenda

## February 3 - Day 1

- 8:15 – 8:30 - Registration and Coffee
- 8:30 – 8:45 - Welcome, Introductions, Review of printed materials and reference list, housekeeping
- 8:45 – 9:30 - McDowell Honey Bees, Farm Bureau, NCSBA, Beekeeper Certification – Ed Speer
- 9:30 – 9:45 - Break
- 9:45– 11:45 - Honey Bee Overview – Karen Speer
  - Races
  - Castes
  - Life Cycle (Video)
  - Duties
  - Basic Anatomy
- Colony Activities
  - Communication
  - Foraging behavior
- 11:45 – 12:45 – Lunch
- 12:45 – 1:55 – Your First Spring - Ed Speer
  - Establishing your First Hive
    - What is needed to get started
    - Woodenware
    - Other tools
  - Hive Location
- 1:55 – 2:15 - How/ Where to Acquire Bees - Darren Orr
- 2:15 – 2:30 - Break
- 2:30 – 4:15 - Summer, Fall and Winter– Ray Revis (To be confirmed)
  - Hive Inspection/ Supering
  - Honey Production
  - Feeding your bees
  - Hive Life Cycle - a year in the life of a bee
- 4:15 – 4:30 – Door Prizes, Review of Day 1 / Planning for Day 2 – Karen Speer

## February 10 - Day 2

*Silent Auction will run all day and will conclude when session 5 starts at 3:05 after the last break of the day. Any bids placed after that time will not be accepted. Any disputes will be settled by the MHB Board.*

- 8:30 – 8:45 – Welcome, Housekeeping, Signup to take Certification Exam
- 8:45 – 9:20 - Disease and Pest Management - Karen Speer
- 9:20 – 9:40 – First Year as a Beekeeper – Russell Schmidt
- 9:40 – 10:00 - Workshop Assignments/Break

		Ask a Beekeeper	Honey Extraction/ Honey Tasting	Frame/ Super Construction	Installing a Package	Mite Checks
Session 1	<b>10:00 - 10:50</b>	<b>Group A</b>	<b>Group B</b>	<b>Group C</b>	<b>Group D</b>	<b>Group E</b>
Session 2	<b>11:00 - 11:50</b>	<b>Group B</b>	<b>Group C</b>	<b>Group D</b>	<b>Group E</b>	<b>Group A</b>
Lunch	<b>Session 3 will start at 1pm so please return promptly</b>					
Session 3	<b>1 - 1:50</b>	<b>Group C</b>	<b>Group D</b>	<b>Group E</b>	<b>Group A</b>	<b>Group B</b>
Session 4	<b>2 - 2:50</b>	<b>Group D</b>	<b>Group E</b>	<b>Group A</b>	<b>Group B</b>	<b>Group C</b>
Break	<b>Silent Auction ends when session 5 starts at 3:05</b>					
Session 5	<b>3:05 – 3:55</b>	<b>Group E</b>	<b>Group A</b>	<b>Group B</b>	<b>Group C</b>	<b>Group D</b>

4:00 – 4:30 - Silent Auction Results, Door Prizes, Wrap-up

### **February 17 – Day 3**

- 8:30 – 9:00      Review of Day 1 & 2 – Ed Speer
- 9:00 – 11:00-    Managing your hive month by month - Edd Buchanan
- 11:00 – 11:15 - Break
- 11:15 – 11:40 - Bee Forage Plants – Ed Speer
- 11:40 – 12:00 - First Year as a Beekeeper – Stephanie Wild
- 12:00 – 1:00 – Lunch
- 1:00 – 1:30 - Re-queening – Why, When and How – Ray Revis (To be confirmed)
- 1:30 – 2:15 - Products of the Hive – Packaging and Selling – Karen Speer
- 2:15 – 2:30 – Wrap Up
- 2:45 – 3:45 – Certification Exam

### **April 14 – Field Day – 11am – 3pm**

Sweet Betsy Farm, 3947 Mudcut Road, Marion

Open to anyone who has taken bee school or is a member of the club. Hotdogs, chips, drinks available for \$5/ adult. Kids eat free.

Notices and updates will be sent to the email you registered under so if it is not correct, please update with the club secretary.

The practical exam will not be administered at this time due to new regulations by NCSBA requiring a minimum of 4 months of beekeeping experience. Practical exam sessions will be scheduled at a later date.