



Franklin County Beekeeper Association of Pennsylvania is a non-profit organization that enables beekeepers with a variety of programs to enhance their techniques and skills. We also educate the public of the importance of the honey bees in our environment and how they can be a part of helping save the Honey Bees.



Our organization brings beekeepers together. The seasoned beekeepers' experience joins with the new beekeepers' thirst for knowledge. The shared enthusiasm and the simple joy of enabling honey bees, gives us a purpose of keeping them happy, healthy and productive. If it's pollination, making mead or cosmetics, having your own honey on the table or studying the intricacy of Apitherapy and the fascinating world of the honey bee, we have something for you.



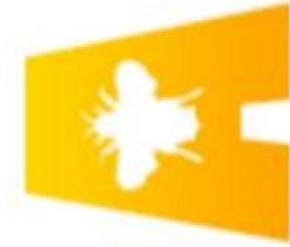
## Our Website

**FCBAPA.org or FCBAPA.com**

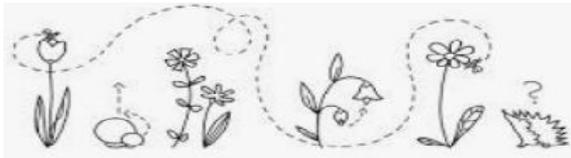
Please check out our "Meetings and Events" tab. All meetings, events, seminars and workshop are free and open to the public, with exception of our 'Beginner Basic Beekeeping class'. Children regardless of age are always welcome to accompany you. Our "Resource Center" tab has lots of valuable information for beekeepers.

## FCBA Outreach Programs

Our programs are made up of volunteer beekeepers that enjoy educating others about honey bees. We are available to speak at events or even set up a display booth for both indoor and outdoor events. Please contact a FCBA board member or email us at [info@fcbapa.com](mailto:info@fcbapa.com). Board member phone numbers and contact information is available on our web site [fcbapa.com](http://fcbapa.com) under the "about us" tab. Or message us on our facebook page 'Franklin County (PA) Beekeepers Association'.



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## “Do You Want To Be a Beekeeper”

Did you ever wonder if you could be a beekeeper? What are the costs? What do you need? Where do you get bees? If you think you may be interested in becoming a beekeeper, we have a free annual seminar. Come out and get your first taste of what it takes to join the beekeeping world. Watch our website and Facebook page for “Do You Want to be a Beekeeper” seminar date, time and location.

Topics:

1. Reasons to keep bees
2. Woodenware - types and cost
3. Tools & protection - types and cost
4. Bee yard needs - location and setup. Neighbors, fence, water, legal
5. Buying bees
6. Feeding and treating bees
7. Extracting honey
8. Managing your bees
9. Expected outcomes - honey production, loss of colonies, splits

## Beginner Beekeeping Basics Classes



Each year in March

FCBA offers a Beginner Beekeeping Basics class. This four week, two hours per week, class covers an introduction of the Honey Bee, buying bees, installing bees, setting up a bee yard, protective gear, hive management, and pest and malady issues. As part of the training is a field day in the apiary for hands on training. We follow up on your progress, offer mentors, continuing education, seminars, workshops and meetings. A support system and first year membership to FCBA are all included in the course; as well as the fall club banquet. Watch FCBAPA.com for announced dates.

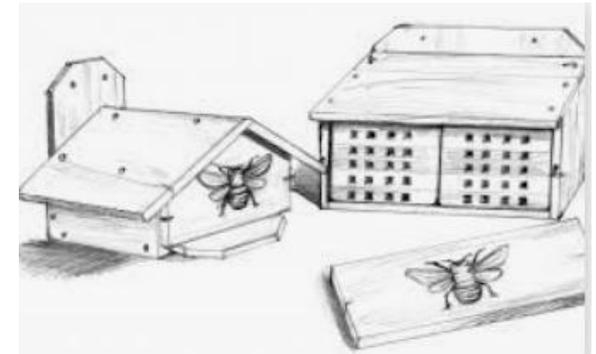
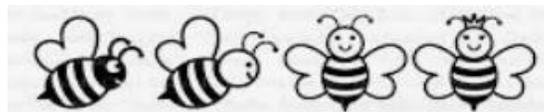
Week one - Introduction

Week two - protective ware, tools and equipment

Week three - buying bees, yard work, hive maintenance and management

Week four - Pests and Diseases

Field Day - there will be a field day to get hands on experience.



## Mason Bees are Pollinators Too

Mason bees are a type of native bee that's quite common throughout most of the U.S. They are usually a little smaller than a honeybee, and typically metallic blue or blue-black in color. They get their name from their habit of nest-building, which is to seal off the cells where they lay their eggs, with a mortar-like application of mud.

Unlike honey bees or bumblebees, *Mason bees* are solitary; every female is fertile and makes her own nest, and no worker bees for this species exist.

Solitary bees produce neither honey nor beeswax.

Mason bees are very effective pollinators. Just two or three females can pollinate a mature apple tree! Mason bees will also work in cool or rainy weather when honeybees are more likely to take the day off.