

Berkshire Backyard Beekeepers

Tuesday, October 9, 2018 - 6pm - Berkshire Botanical Garden

Group Hive Check-in: Open Q&A amongst beekeepers

Making Creamed Honey with Anne Shatas

Upcoming beekeeping workshops and events:

- October 13th, 10am-noon – Winter Preparations at State Apiary, UMass Agricultural Learning Center (ALC) Farm 911 North Pleasant St. Amherst.
- November 1 at 7pm: What are Bees Saying? presentation by Dr. Dewey Caron at Williams College Lawrence Hall room 231. Sponsored by NBBA, BCBC, and Williams College. Free and open to the public.

October beekeeping activities:

- Continue to monitor for pests/diseases: treat as necessary. Consider scheduling a apiary inspection through MDAR (maximum of 2 per year).
- Combine any weak hives with strong hives.
- Begin feeding if necessary so each hive has 70-100 pounds of honey. If feeding sugar, feed 2:1 sugar:water ratio or slightly watered down honey.
- Reduce entrances and add mouse guards.

Select Notable Nectar Sources in October: Some goldenrod (*Solidago spp.*) and asters (*Symphyotrichum spp.*), various clovers (*Trifolium spp.*). **Nectar sources are dwindling in October, especially when frosts begin.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 13 at 6pm