

Berkshire Backyard Beekeepers

Tuesday, November 13, 2018 - 6pm - Berkshire Botanical Garden

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

Mead Sharing: Group members who make mead are welcome to bring their homemade mead to share with group members. Techniques will be discussed.

Upcoming beekeeping workshops and events:

- Creating a Varroa Management Plan with Hannah Whitehead, Honey Bee Extension Educator
 - Saturday, March 9, 10am-noon at Berkshire Botanical Garden
- Utilizing Natural Queens and Making Nucs with Jack Rath, Betterbee
 - Saturday, February 16, 10 am - noon at Berkshire Botanical Garden
- Beekeeping 101: An Introduction to Beekeeping
 - Saturday, March 16, 9 am - 4 pm at Berkshire Botanical Garden

Selected November beekeeping activities:

- Bees are starting to form their winter cluster.
- 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. Avoid large feeders as the bees cannot warm it up to drink it down.
- Add mouse guards.
- Treating for mites with oxalic acid can be done once all brood has hatched.

Select Notable Nectar Sources in November: Some *Hamamelis Virginiana* (common, fall-blooming witch hazel) is blooming, but not enough to fully feed your bees if they are low on food. Feed your bees if they need it!

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 15 at 6pm (NO MEETING IN DECEMBER)