

Class sessions are led by experienced beekeepers and include lecture and field experience. The textbook for the class is The Beekeeper's Handbook by Diana Sammataro and Alphonse Avitabile. The course will be held in five Saturday sessions: once each month January thru May to follow hive activity in the spring. Each session is 3 and a half hours long. Students will be guided in how to order and construct their own beekeeping equipment.

Instructors will be Christi Baughman and others from Trinity Valley Beekeepers Association.

Class Content:

Session One – January “Getting Started”

Topics will include: a brief history of beekeeping, bee anatomy, bee castes and the honeybees' life and work and how to set up a new honeybee colony. You will also learn about woodenware; Langstroth and alternative hives, the tools of the trade and personal protective equipment.

Students will be guided in how to order equipment, bees, and woodenware at this session.

Session Two – February “Potential Set-backs”

Honey bees, other bees, and other stinging insects. What about bee stings? What's happening to the bees?

Information will be presented on CCD, bee diseases and

parasites; and how to manage your hives for healthy bees. The use of essential oils and other methods of disease and parasite control.

Session Three – March “Products of the Hive”

Class focus is on how bees make honey, pollen, wax, propolis and cause plant pollination. How to produce comb honey and extract honey. Honey extracting equipment will be demonstrated. Beekeeping calendar of year round activities will be covered as well as information on swarming and supersedure.

Session Four – April “What to look for in a hive”

Students will learn what to look for inside a hive. We will perform routine spring hive inspections. You will learn to evaluate hive food stores, honey flow, the amount of brood, the location of the queen, and general health of the colony.

Session Five – May “Review in the Bee Yard”

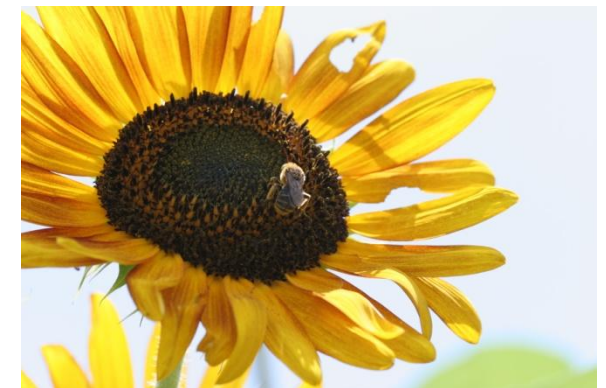
By now most students should have their bees, so our final session is an optional review in the bee yard after they have had experience with their bees. We will practice finding the queen and inspecting a hive for brood, honey flow, numbers of bees and general health of the colony.

Instructors:

Christi Baughman

Owner of **beegirl.biz llc** of Garland, Texas, Christi is past president of the Trinity Valley Beekeeper's Association, a North Texas Master Naturalist, active member of the Trinity Valley Beekeepers Association of Dallas, TX and a beekeeper since 2005. She acquired her love of plants, beekeeping and the great outdoors as a result of growing up on a farm in eastern North Dakota. Beekeeping goes back to her farming roots. Since moving to Texas she has re-educated herself in horticulture and plants for pollinators in the Texas climate.

Other instructors will be beekeepers from the Trinity Valley Beekeepers Association.



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Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

First Family Member \$235

Additional family member \$150

Name _____

Early registration discount (before Jan 10, 2015) - \$20

Additional Books \$30

Class fees Total _____

Do you have hives? How many? _____

How long have you been beekeeping? _____

Are you interested in buying Nuc's _____

Send registration form and make payment to: **beegirl.biz**

Christi Baughman 2612 Harris Dr. Garland, TX 75041 or thru

PayPal at www.beegirl.biz **Please register in advance.**

Limited seating. Registration due by Jan 10, 2015.

Schedule

- January 17 1:30 am -5 pm
- February 21 1:30 am -5 pm
- March 21 1:30 am -5 pm
- April 18 1:30 am -5 pm
- May 2 1:30 am -5 pm

Included with the registration:

- Five class sessions
- Beekeeping handbook (one per family)
- One year's family membership in the East Texas Arboretum, Athens, Texas

The Cost

- \$235 for one person
- \$150 for additional family members
- \$30 for each additional handbook (one included per family)
- \$20 discount if registered before Jan 10, 2015

Location:

The East Texas Arboretum, Women's Building

1601 Patterson Rd. Athens, TX 75751

(Hwy 175 inside Loop 7)

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The Art of Beekeeping

Beekeeping Class 2015



The Art of Beekeeping is an introductory course in beekeeping. The class content will focus on how to get started keeping bees. You will learn about basic bee biology, bee equipment and honey production. Hands on experience in the hive will launch you in getting started.