MSU is offering this one-day class for novices and beginners interested in learning how to raise honey bees. The class covers how to purchase bees and assemble equipment, establish a new beehive, yearly hive maintenance, pest deterrence, honey harvest, and candle-making. A fun tasting of varietal honeys from around the world is included, and Western Bee Supply will set up a small trade show in the lobby. **Registrants will receive a ticket, a meeting schedule, a map to the facilities at MSU, and parking instructions.**

Workshop fee per person: $ 35.00 (non-refundable after Feb 16th)
Registration deadline is Wednesday February 11th

**MORNING SESSION:**
8:00 – 8:30 Check-in (coffee, tea, cookies)
8:30 – 9:30 Opening remarks
   Kevin Wanner, MSU Crop Entomologist: “Introduction to Honey Bee Biology”
10:15 – 10:30 MORNING BREAK
10:30– 11:30 Rick Molenda, Owner, Western Bee Supply, Polson MT*: “How to Order Supplies and Assemble a Hive”

**ONE HOUR LUNCH BREAK:** Lunch not provided (can be purchased on-campus, or at nearby restaurants)

12:30 – 2:00 AFTERNOON BREAKOUT SESSIONS (group splits into two sessions and switches at mid-point):
   o Ruth O’Neill: “Varroa Mites and Other Common Problems”
   o David Baumbauer, MSU Plant Growth Center Manager, Wax Harvest and Candle-making Demonstration

2:00 – 2:30
   Kevin O’Neill, MSU Professor of Entomology: “Honey Bee Communication”

3:00 – 3:45
   Honey tasting (varietal honeys on bread and butter), chit-chat