



SPRING BEEKEEPING CLASS FOR BEGINNERS BOZEMAN • SATURDAY, 21 FEBRUARY 2015



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:

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| 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” |
| 9:30 – 10:15 | Ruth O’Neill, MSU Research Associate Entomologist: “A Year in the Hive” |
| 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)

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| 12:30 – 2:00 | AFTERNOON BREAKOUT SESSIONS (group splits into two sessions and switches at mid-point): <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Ruth O’Neill: “Varroa Mites and Other Common Problems”○ 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 |