



## AN INTRODUCTION TO BEEKEEPING



If you've ever wondered what it takes to raise honey bees and whether this fascinating hobby is one you'd like to pursue (or simply learn more about) this is your class. Join us as we lead you through a year in the life of a hobby beekeeper. We show you what life is like inside the hive, where and when to purchase bees and supplies, and share our fifty years of beekeeping knowledge to help assure your success as a beekeeper in western Wisconsin. A short list of the topics we'll cover include:

- things to consider when deciding if this hobby is right for you
- what, when, where and how to purchase bees and beekeeping equipment
- the life cycle of honey bees and the workings of a healthy hive
- an overview of hive components and the different types of hives
- installing your bees into a hive
- honey bee nutrition and feeding
- diseases, pests and how to keep your bees happy and healthy
- hive inspections – how often and what to look for
- how and when to harvest your honey
- lots of other things as well as time for questions

Instructors: Jerome Rodewald, beekeeper for over 40 years and Dr. Brad Mogen, Biology Professor at UW-River Falls and beekeeper for over 10 years.

When: Saturday Feb 3, 2018 Registration 9-9:30 AM Class End 4:30 PM

Where: Hammond WI. Town Hall. Take Cty T North, go Right (East) on Cty E

Bring: Sack Lunch - Water and Coffee will be provided.

Cost: \$75 per person, \$25 for each additional family member. Students \$25

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