



Natural Topbar Beekeeping Workshop

with Les Crowder

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Learn the basics of keeping bees without chemicals, antibiotics and miticides in a low-cost, easy to make hive. Produce your own honey and beeswax in your backyard and kitchen with little expense, and learn how to keep this wonderful insect healthy and happy.

This workshop will cover:

- Basic Honeybee Biology
- How to Make Your Own Hive
- Obtaining Bees
- How to Manage Bees in a Topbar System
- How to Harvest Honey
- How to Refine Beeswax at Home
- Landscaping for Bees

Downtown Goleta

Saturday & Sunday March 20th and 21st

10am - 5pm both days

Cost - \$175

Couples may attend for \$200

Limited scholarships available.

Drinks will be provided, but bring yourself a bag lunch.

Wear light-colored clothing and closed-toe shoes, and bring a veil and smoker if you have them.

For more information contact Don Cole @ 805-681-0312



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Backyard Beekeeping (Classes for the hobbyist)

These classes are designed for small home operations. They may be taken either individually or as a series. The series will be taught in both Albuquerque, NM and Rio Lucio, NM.

Introduction to Beekeeping: This class will include instruction on obtaining bees, building a hive and understanding basic bee biology.

Spring Hive Maintenance: This class is for students who already have bees and would like to understand how to suppress swarming, manage combs as the hive is growing and recognize signs of a healthy queen and brood nest.

Summer Hive Maintenance: This class will spend detailed time in hives, looking at comb maintenance, troubleshooting problems and understanding hive development. Making divides and raising queens will also be covered in this class.

Fall Hive Maintenance: This class will look at how to harvest and process honey, combine weak hives, evaluate winter stores of honey, and prepare the hives for the cold season.

Making Wax Products: This class will teach students how to make their own solar wax melter, refine wax, and make salves, candles and soap.

The Backyard Beekeeping classes will be held on the following Sundays from 10am - 5pm.

Rio Lucio, NM:

May 9 - Introduction to Beekeeping

June 6 - Spring Hive Maintenance

August 8 - Summer Hive Maintenance

Sept. 5 - Fall Hive Maintenance

Sept. 26 - Making Wax Products

Albuquerque, NM:

April 11 - Introduction to Beekeeping

April 18 - Spring Hive Maintenance

May 23 - Summer Hive Maintenance

August 15 - Fall Hive Maintenance

September 19 - Making Wax Products

Cost of Backyard Beekeeping Classes - \$100 per class or \$425 for the series.
If you would like to take the full series, a \$100 non-refundable deposit is due by April 1st.

For more information or to register, go to www.fortheloveofbees.com

or send a check to Les Crowder, PO Box 444, Dixon NM, 87527

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