

Beekeeper Brainstorm

Question 2

What activities, workshops or hands on training would you like HABA to offer throughout the year?

- disease prevention
- building your own hives
- information from academic research on bees
- dealing with pesticide exposure
- how to move a hive (hives)
- mite treatment methods
- disease ID
- honey extraction methods & bottling
- marketing honey & prices
- a workshop on making (or bringing products already done) a variety of things which are products of the hive - creams/ointments, honey as medicine
- building a give (from scratch) + parts — include cutting, measuring, stapling, staining, & painting
- box maintenance
- marking queens
- beekeeper tools - suits, hive tools, etc
- photography
- hive inspections
- what a hive setup for winter should look like (how many boxes, where everyone should be)
- mites mites mites
- queens
- where are the best queens coming from?
- mites

- queen raising
- small nucs
- feeding bees
- harvesting honey
- checking a hive
- painting a hive when brood is inside
- how to find the queen
- pull out a frame and evaluate
- building hives (top to bottom)
- feeding - when, how much, what kind
- opening hives without damaging equipment
- opening hive without damaging queen
- early summer, mid-summer, & late summer hive inspections
- help with disease identification
- what to do with wax
- splitting hives in spring
- catching new swarms
- raising queens
- new-bees really need to see frames - eggs - honey - pollen - etc
- open a hive & look for the queen
- open a hive & look at stores
- open a hive & look for disease
- more live hands on
- If *this* happens....then what do you do?

- honey without an extractor
- identify different kinds of honey
- activity: a what's in bloom now - share site via the Facebook or website with photos
- photo workshop to take pics of bees/hives
- winter prep - examples & tricks / tools / techniques
- an activity day only for kids & teenagers
- maybe a scholarship a year that HABA gives out—helping a young person get started in beekeeping (ad in newspaper, website)
- hive inspection demo - proper process, tips, tricks
- activities using hive products: mead making, candle making, render wax
- hands on training queen rearing, split hives
- how to set up and advertise a business related to beekeeping (selling nucs, products or the hive, etc)
- instruction classes like those that are offered
- queen rearing
- honey harvest
- May, June, July, August hive inspection
- workshop on hive location & manipulation
- bee beard instruction (by Barry!)
- pollen collection
- coaching on site
- visit different house of beekeeper on site & share experiences
- workshop - notching frames for queens
- cleaning wax
- varroa control - demonstration sugar shake and/or alcohol test, bottom board inspections + how to various treatments

- locating queens
- performing a split
- opening hives and “what do you see?”

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