

2018

Hands-on Class 3: Queen Rearing for Hobbyists. The WSBA queen rearing class in 2018 will focus on the process of queen rearing for the hobby beekeeper who has but a couple of hives. This class will consist of 12 sessions focusing on the practical aspects of queen rearing from a hands-on approach. Both a grafting and non-grafting method of growing queens will be covered. Over the course of a month, students will be making up walk away splits, swarm boxes, and grafting bee larva to produce queen cells for the purpose of growing queens. As a final class project, a cloak board hive will be set up to support an attempt growing a large number of queen cells to be ready on the third Tuesday of June. Students will be encouraged to bring in desirable larva to graft from this final project. Due to the repetitive learning process being used, students will not miss much content if some of the sessions cannot be attended. Students will be provided with a nuc box so they can follow the class steps in their apiary at home to produce 2 queens following the same process as the class. Individual classes will be from 1 to 2 hours in length. Below are the primary topics of each meeting.

Dates: Class prep dates for instructor and assistants:

- Sat May12 noon : split/swarmbox test setup
- Tues May15 5pm : pollen trap install, grafting practice

Dates: Class dates for students:

- Thur May 17 6pm : Class overview presentation, handouts, homework assignments
- Sat May 19 11am: walkaway 1 setup / Swarm box 1 setup
- Tues May 22 5pm: walkaway 1 and swarmbox1 check / grafting practice (0-1) (m31)
- Sat May 26 11am: Grafting for Swarmbox1 / nuc box 1 final adjustments
- Tues May 29 5pm: walkaway 2 setup / Swarmbox2 setup and graft (j7), assess swarmbox1
- Sat June 2 11am: walkaway 3 setup / Swarmbox3 setup and grafting / check 2 boxes (j11)
- Tues June 5 5pm: cloak hive setup, assess swarmbox2 results
- Sat June 9 11am: cloak hive reconfigure
- Sun June 10 11am: cloak hive grafting (j19), assess warmbox3 results
- Tue June 12 5pm: graft check
- Sat June 16 11am: graft check, class assessment,
- Tues June 19 5pm ripe queen cell harvest from cloak hive.

Website at http://westsoundbees.org/news_event.htm.

PRE-REGISTRATION FOR THE COURSE IS Required.

-----Enrollment is limited to 16 students----

****PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO WSBA****

Name(s):

Mailing Address:

Phone:

Email:

Class Cost \$100.00

Only available to WSBA members. Add \$20 for your current year WSBA membership if you have not renewed for this year)

Total:

Mail this form along with your check to: Robert Finley, WSBA Treasurer
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