



Beekeeping

Bees are an integral part of our environment and play a key role in BC's agricultural industry. This exciting program is offered in partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture, and has been designed for those with or without experience. Learn the basics of good beekeeping management for those planning to keep bees, or for people who are just fascinated by pollinating insects!

Introductory Beekeeping

Learn beekeeping management, bee biology and behaviour, crop pollination and management of bee diseases and pests. Emphasis will be placed on disease identification and control, including lab instruction. This 21-hour course includes a "hands-on" field visit. Other bees, including Bumble Bees and solitary bees will be discussed. Reference materials provided. Document of Professional Studies will be issued at the end of this course. (Bunse/van Westendorp) \$160

6 eve - Wednesdays. Apr 12, 19:00-22:00 (Field visit – Sa. May 14, 10:00-13:00)

Instructors

Jaquie Bunse is the Apiary Inspector of the Fraser Valley for the BC Ministry of Agriculture & Lands. Jaquie's longtime involvement with bees has not been limited to inspections but also involved international beekeeping conferences, presentation of seminars and courses on beekeeping management, diseases, mead making and marketing. Jaquie is currently serving as President of the BC Honey Producers Association, which represents beekeepers across British Columbia.

Paul van Westendorp has been Provincial Apiculturist and Manager of the Apiculture Program of the BC Ministry of Agriculture & Lands for the past 16 years. Paul has been involved with bees since his youth, graduated from UBC in Agricultural Sciences and acquired experience in apicultural research in northern Alberta and apicultural development assistance in Uganda and Kenya.

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