



HONEY GUIDES

The Newsletter of the
Pikes Peak Beekeepers Association

www.pikespeakbeekeepers.org

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING INFORMATION



The PPBA generally meets on the third Thursday of the months of January, April, July and October. Due to Covid-19 Coronavirus restrictions and lack of available meeting locations, we will be using Zoom to meet in January. The January Zoom meeting link will be listed in this newsletter as well as emailed out to all current PPBA members.

Thursday, January 20th, 7pm: GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Zoom meeting room will be open at 6:45pm – with the formal meeting starting promptly at 7pm. Please ensure you are in the Zoom room by 7pm!

Here's the Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81197600050?pwd=RFZJcTNpbEE5aGI2RW90eGk0VkQ3dz09>

Meeting ID: 811 9760 0050

Passcode: 454839

The main topics for January are: Hive Management during this crazy weather we are having this year; ordering your bees – nucs or packages, what should you order?; best practices for starting spring hives and spring feeding. This meeting will be open discussion led primarily by our more senior beekeepers. *Bring your questions!* The January Meeting is also Election of Officers – see Page 2 of this newsletter for more information!

2022 MEETING AND EVENT DATES



Jan 20 th	General Membership Meeting
April 2 - 3	PPBA Bee School
Apr 21 st	General Membership Meeting
June	Bee Yard Visit
July 21 st	General Membership Meeting
August	Bee Yard Visit
August	PPBA Picnic
October 20 th	General Membership Meeting

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN – DUES ARE DUE!

PPBA MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2022! PPBA annual dues are \$15.00 per family (non-prorated, payable by cash or check by March 31st each year). Please send Sandy your dues by mailing them to her at the address on the last page of this newsletter. If you have any question as to whether your dues are due, contact Sandy.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

It is time for our annual elections, which are scheduled to be held at the January General Membership Meeting. Due to Covid-19, we will be holding the January General Membership meeting on January 20th over Zoom and conducting the elections by majority vote/count.

The offices to be voted on are President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and One Board Member. If you are interested in running for an office in PPBA, please contact Sandy Halby, PPBA Secretary, at mandshalby@comcast.net or call 719-528-5483 by 8pm on January 19th.

HELP OUT PPBA – VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

We need volunteers to help with the following PPBA activities and projects!

MENTORING!! *We need mentors!* If you've been a beekeeper for a while and would like to be a mentor, contact Sandy to update the roster and get hooked up with a beekeeper who may need some help!

PPBA Meeting Program Assistance. Would you be interested in getting guest speakers for our General Membership Meetings? We need a program coordinator! If you have ideas and are willing to contact professional beekeepers (writers, speakers and researchers) and assist in arranging dates (and transportation and lodging, if necessary), please contact Mike Halby (719-528-5483 or mandshalby@comcast.net)



PPBA Guest Speakers. PPBA gets lots of requests for guest speakers at schools, service organizations and local expos or events. Most speaker requests are just for a one-hour long presentation on beekeeping. If you could speak about beekeeping to a school or group, please contact Sandy at 719-528-5483 or e-mail mandshalby@comcast.net.

WHAT'S THE BUZZ?

HOSTING BEEHIVES! If you want to put a hive on someone's property – we have people who want bees but don't want to be the beekeeper! Some are in town (Colorado Springs) and some are east. Contact Sandy at mandshalby@comcast.net for more info!



PPBA ON FACEBOOK! Pikes Peak Beekeepers actually has two Facebook pages. The first – called Pikes Peak Beekeepers – has people who are beekeepers but not necessarily members of PPBA. The second FB page for our group is called **PPBA** and is strictly limited to **current PPBA members only**. If you'd like to join either or both groups, search them on FB. If you cannot find them, contact Sandy at mandshalby@comcast.net for a direct link.

WATCH WHERE YOU ARE GETTING YOUR BEES AND QUEENS FROM!! PPBA members - just a reminder: please use caution when ordering queens and bees ... please ensure they are NOT from the southern tier of states (including Texas, southern California, Arizona, New Mexico, and Florida). There have been reports of "hot" queens (Africanized) coming out of those states. As one queen producer states on their website: "Inter-breeding with feral Africanized bees does undoubtedly continue but we take measures to minimize their influence." They try to make sure their mating yards are primarily "safe" drones, but as you can imagine, there's no guarantee that Africanized drones are not present and are not mating with their queens. We want to prevent importing **any** Africanized bees into Colorado. **Be sure you know where your bee supplier is getting those bees from!!**



INTEGRATED HIVE MANAGEMENT FOR COLORADO BEEKEEPERS. This booklet is published by Colorado State University and just become available on-line! The sub-title is "Strategies for Identifying and Mitigating Pests and Diseases Affecting Colorado's Honey Bees" and it covers everything from mice to mites! Check it out on this link. BTW - We also have two hardcopies in the PPBA library for check-out. Here's the direct link to the updated version of the booklet: [CO-IHM-Book-for-Print-2020.pdf \(colostate.edu\)](https://colostate.edu/~ihtm/CO-IHM-Book-for-Print-2020.pdf)



BEAR DAMAGE!! If you have bear or wildlife damage to your hive, contact the Colorado Division of Wildlife at [Colorado Parks & Wildlife - Game Damage \(state.co.us\)](http://Colorado Parks & Wildlife - Game Damage (state.co.us)) for information about filing a claim.

DRIFTWATCH: FYI, there's a website out there called Driftwatch.org. According to their website: "DriftWatch™ is a tool for identifying specialty crop sites and to further enhance communications between producers of specialty crops and pesticide applicators that promote awareness and stewardship activities to help prevent and manage drift effects that sometimes occur from spray operations." You can register your beehive location and they will notify you before any pesticides are applied (in rural areas; not intended for sites less than ½ acre).

EXTRACTOR RENTAL: To rent one of the PPBA extractors (we have three manual extractors and most of the other extractor equipment you'll need), visit www.pikespeakbeekeepers.org, select the "Extractor Rental Info" tab and follow the instructions there. **Remember, the extractor and equipment will be clean when you pick it up and it will need to be cleaned prior to return or you will forfeit your deposit.** Hot water and soap at the coin operated car wash is the quickest and easiest method for initial cleaning. Then, thoroughly rinse with clean water at home. There's also a link on the website to a video about cleaning the extractor.



PPBA WEB SITE!! Please visit www.pikespeakbeekeepers.org to see our website. The web-site features meeting information and calendar, newsletters, and beekeeping links. There's also a page for members to advertise "For Sale" or "Wanted" beekeeping equipment and beekeeping items. If you have a favorite beekeeping link, please let Mike or Sandy know about it so they can include a link from our website.



PPBA OFFICERS

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Library	Samantha Stang	719-520-5942	sstang@centurylink.net
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BEES ON THE INTERNET



Here's some links to websites that contain information or entertainment about bees, beekeeping, and honey. There are more links on our own webpage, www.pikespeakbeekeepers.org

Colorado State Beekeepers Assn (CSBA): www.coloradobeekeepers.org

Colorado Professional Beekeeping Association (CPBA): www.coloradoprobeekeeping.org

The National Honey Board: <http://www.honey.com>

The Honey Locator: www.honeylocator.com. The Honey Locator is a service provided by the National Honey Board. It's a database-driven Web site which allows you to search for honey and honey suppliers in many different ways.

Bee Culture magazine is at www.beeeculture.com and Bee Journal magazine is: www.dadant.com/journal

University of Minnesota Bee Lab: <https://www.beelab.umn.edu/> Dr. Marla Spivak and Gary Reuter have a great website, full of super links, on-line courses and information.

Randy Oliver's website is: www.scientificbeekeeping.com

And general information for beekeepers is: www.beesource.com

BEES IN THE NEWS

Click on these links for complete articles -

[Paris Leads Urban Honey Push as Beekeeping Goes Corporate - Bloomberg](#) – (January 6, 2022) That Buzz on City Rooftops? Beekeeping Is Going Corporate, Urban hives are helping companies burnish their green credentials, but there are only so many city flowers to go around.

From Australia: [Growth in amateur beekeeping contributing \\$173.5 million per year to the sector - ABC News](#) (Dec 3, 2021)

PIKES PEAK BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

e-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Annual dues - \$15 (Please make check payable to: Pikes Peak Beekeepers Association.)

Mail to: Sandy Halby, PPBA Treasurer
6066 Del Rey Drive
Colorado Springs, CO 80918-1758

Phone: 719-528-5483
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Announcing the 2022 Beekeepers School

hosted by the

Pikes Peak Beekeepers Association

www.pikespeakbeekeepers.org

This two-day course covers all aspects of beekeeping in the Pikes Peak region. You will learn how to acquire bees and the necessary equipment to keep them. Bee biology and the skills to manage your bees through the four seasons, including disease management, will be covered. We will also demonstrate equipment assembly and honey extraction. All lectures are presented by local beekeepers with years of collective knowledge.

Whether you are interested in keeping your own colonies, or simply wanting to know more about these fascinating and necessary creatures and their wonderful product - honey - this easy-to-follow course will open a new door into the natural world for you.

When: April 2 - 3, 2022 (Class will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis)
Class times: Saturday, 8:30am until 3:45pm and Sunday, 8:30am until approx 3:45pm

Where: Bear Creek Nature Center
245 Bear Creek Road
Colorado Springs, CO 80922

Cost: \$65.00 per person via Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ppba-bee-school-tickets-244792680497>

(If you cannot use Eventbrite or have trouble with this link, please contact Sandy Halby directly.)

Includes the book First Lessons in Beekeeping (or equivalent)

- For first-time Bee School students only - an additional \$10 buys one year of PPBA membership; a savings of 33% over regular membership price.
NOTE: Our membership is by FAMILY or ADDRESS - not individual! If you are a couple or family attending Bee School, please only purchase one membership!
- No children under 12 years old, please. Also, children 12-16 years old will be not allowed to attend Bee School unless accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Questions: Contact Mike or Sandy Halby: Phone 719-528-5483, 719-651-5207 or e-mail to: mandshalby@comcast.net

Register early - there is limited seating!

Note: PPBA reserves the right to cancel as necessary due to unavoidable circumstances, such as weather, Covid-19 restrictions, or facility unavailability. If circumstances arise and PPBA cancels Bee School, full class tuition (\$65 per person) will be refunded.