



# HONEY GUIDES

The Newsletter of the  
Pikes Peak Beekeepers Association

[www.pikespeakbeekeepers.org](http://www.pikespeakbeekeepers.org)

January 2024

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING INFORMATION

The PPBA meets from 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm on the third Thursday of the months of January, April, July and October. We are looking for a permanent location for our meeting but in the meantime, please be aware that the meeting locations may change from meeting to meeting.



The January 2024 meeting will be at the Gold Hills Police Station, 955 West Moreno Avenue in Colorado Springs, in their Community Room, just inside the entry Doors of the building.

The first half hour (6:30-7:00) of the PPBA General Membership meetings is reserved for socializing and general questions with mentors and other PPBA members. The formal portion of the meeting will start promptly at 7:00 pm and will include association business and the presentations for that meeting. There will be time for questions during or after the formal portion of the meeting, but those questions should be limited to the topics being discussed.

## Thursday, January 18th, 6:30pm: GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The speaker at our January meeting will be fellow beekeeper Scott Tanner, who will be talking about mentoring.

The January General Membership Meeting is also the Election of Officers. See below.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

It is time for our annual elections, which were postponed from the October meeting. The offices to be voted on are President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and one Board Member position. Note: Mike Halby and Sandy Halby will not be running for President and Secretary as they are stepping down from those positions.

Please consider running for office or Board Member. If you are interested in running, please contact Sandy Halby, current PPBA Secretary, at [mandshalby@comcast.net](mailto:mandshalby@comcast.net) or call 719-528-5483 by 8pm on January 17<sup>th</sup> or announce your intention at the meeting on January 18<sup>th</sup>.

## 2024 MEETING AND EVENT DATES

# 2024

January 18 <sup>th</sup>	General Membership Meeting
March 16 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup>	PPBA Bee School
April 18 <sup>th</sup>	General Membership Meeting
July 18 <sup>th</sup>	General Membership Meeting
October 17 <sup>th</sup>	General Membership Meeting





**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](http://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](http://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.

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**PPBA OFFICERS**

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Office	Name	Tele Number Area Code (719)	E-mail
President	Mike Halby	719-528-5483	mandshalby@comcast.net
Vice President	Dave Stang	719-520-5942	dstang@centurylink.net
Past President	Bruno Mattedi	719-687-8792	brunom95_8@msn.com
Secretary	Sandy Halby	719-528-5483	mandshalby@comcast.net
Treasurer	Ione Friedly	719-332-2884	drjandifriedly@sprintmail.com
Board Members	Amy Ogden (elected 2023; serves 2023 to complete Engelhardt's term)	970-371-8755	amyogden90@gmail.com
	Barb Harper (elected 2022; serves 2022 – 2024)	719-201-3577	flyinbarb@aol.com
	Mike Daetwyler (elected 2023; serves 2023 – 2025)	719-594-4990	DaetwylerFamily@gmail.com
Extractor Rental	Tim Urbany	719-963-8892 719-360-2495	tjudtb@gmail.com
Bee School Coordinator	Randy Ott	719-598-2560	randall@ott-us.com
Webmasters	Mike & Sandy Halby	719-528-5483	mandshalby@comcast.net
Swarm Coord	Lazarus Fields	765-425-1940	lff@fieldsofnaturalhoney.com
Meeting Programs	Rob Dalzell	719-332-8176	rdalzell55@gmail.com
Library	Samantha Stang	719-520-5942	sstang@centurylink.net

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**BEES ON THE INTERNET**

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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](http://www.pikespeakbeekeepers.org)



Colorado State Beekeepers Assn (CSBA): [www.coloradobeekeepers.org](http://www.coloradobeekeepers.org)

Colorado Professional Beekeeping Association (CPBA): [www.coloradoprobeekeeping.org](http://www.coloradoprobeekeeping.org)

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

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**BEES ON THE INTERNET (continued)**

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The Honey Locator: [www.honeylocator.com](http://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.beeculture.com](http://www.beeculture.com) and Bee Journal magazine is: [www.dadant.com/journal](http://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](http://www.scientificbeekeeping.com)

And general information for beekeepers is: [www.beesource.com](http://www.beesource.com)



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**BEES IN THE NEWS**

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Jan 4, 2024: [Why are bees making less honey? Study reveals clues from five decades of data \(phys.org\)](https://phys.org)

Jan 4, 2024: [New York Enacts Nation-Leading Law to Protect Bees, Birds, and People \(nrdc.org\)](https://nrdc.org)

Oct 18, 2023: [Bees can now get their hives renovated — and it could save their lives | CBC News](https://cbcnews.com)

Pollinator Week 2024: [Pollinator Week | Pollinator.org](https://pollinator.org)

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**PIKES PEAK BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

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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

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# Announcing the 2024 Beekeepers School

hosted by the

**Pikes Peak Beekeepers Association**

[www.pikespeakbeekeepers.org](http://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: March 16 - 17 (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/2024-ppba-beekeeping-class-tickets-786565868687?aff=oddtcreator>

(If you cannot use Eventbrite or have trouble with this link, please contact Randy Ott 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 Randy Ott  
Phone 719-337-4839, or e-mail to: [Randall@ott-US.com](mailto:Randall@ott-US.com) or [BeeClass@ott-US.com](mailto:BeeClass@ott-US.com)

**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.