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Beekeeping 101 workshop – February 12, 2011

Delaware State University's Small Farms Program and the Delaware Department of Agriculture invite the public to a Beekeeping 101 workshop on February 12, 2011 from 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM. The workshop will be held at the Delaware State University Research and Outreach Center, 884 Smyrna-Leipsic Road, Smyrna, Delaware. Bee Keeping 101 will cover basic beekeeping concepts, such as equipment safety, biology, colony feeding and placement, disease identification, and more.

Workshop presenters include:

- Dean Burroughs, Eastern Apiculture Society; Certified Master Beekeeper
- Deborah Delaney PH.D., Professor of Entomology, University of Delaware, Department of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology
- Katherine Darger, Student University of Delaware Department of Entomology
- Susan Yost PH.D. Educator, Claude E. Phillips Herbarium, Delaware State University
- Robert Mitchell, State Apiarist, Delaware Department of Agriculture

A registration fee of \$25 covers instructional materials and lunch. The registration deadline is February 1, 2011. To register and for more information or special needs please contact John Clendaniel: Phone – 302.857.6425 or E-mail – jclendaniel@desu.edu.

In the event of a weather cancellation, a snow date of February 19 has been set.

Workshop Agenda

- 8:30 AM: Welcome and Orientation
- 8:40 – 9:15: Basic Equipment – An explanation of and available choices in woodenware components, sizes and material.
Presenter: Dean Burroughs
- 9:15 – 10:00: The First Year of Beekeeping – A calendar of beekeepers activities and expectations
Presenters: Dr. Deborah Delaney and Katherine Darger
- 10:00 – 10:15: Break
- 10:15 – 10:35: Basic Safety and Protective Equipment – Necessity of and choices available of veils, gloves, coveralls
Presenters: Dean Burroughs, Robert Mitchell
- 10:35 – 10:50: Smokers – Proper etiquette, use, fuel, care and safety issues: *when not to us a smoker*.
Presenter: Robert Mitchell

- 10:50 – 11:35: Honeybee Biology – a basic overview of Honey Bee Biology
Presenter: Dr. Deborah Dulaney
- 11:40 – 12:00: Feeding and placement of the new colony – The what/where/howmuch/when to stop feeding the new colony and where to put them.
- 12:00 – 1:00: Lunch
- 1:00 – 1:45: Honeybee Botany – Nectar bearing plants in our area, what plants are important to bee colonies, how they work together.
Presenter: Dr. Susan Yost
- 2:00 – 2:45: Identifying Honeybee Diseases/Pests/Parasites including pesticide damage.
Presenter: Robert Mitchell
- 2:45 – 3:30: Honeybee Integrated Pest Management and other “Best Management” Practices.
Presenter: Dean Burroughs
- 3:30 – 4:00: Questions and Answers

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