

Beekeeping Classes 2016

Hosted by Kirsten & Michael Traynor of Flickerwood Apiary

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Starting out Right: An Introduction to Simple, Smart Beekeeping

Saturday March 19th, 2016

9:30 am – 4 pm

Beekeeping should be easy, fun, and enjoyable. Figuring out what's right, what's necessary, and how to keep your bees alive is often difficult when starting out and sifting through contradictory information. This 1 day intensive course starts you off on the right foot providing the crucial information you need to succeed as a new beekeeper.

This classroom course covers:

- How to start your colony
- What equipment you need and what you can skip
- First visit to the hive
- Monitoring colony health
- Essential rules for healthy hives
- Building your colony up strong that first year

Cost is \$99 per person.

Hive Inspection: What am I really seeing?

Sunday June 12th, 2016

9 am – 5 pm at Fox Haven Farm, 3630 Poffenberger Rd, Jefferson, MD 21755

You have a hive, you've opened the box, but making sense of the jumble of bees inside isn't easy. This is one of the hardest things for beekeepers to learn. How do you recognize if your hive is healthy or needs some help? What do you actually do during a hive inspection? How do you work an apiary?

This classroom course walks you through the essentials, teaching you to read your hive.

- Recognize the different larval stages
- Learn to understand and manage the brood nest
- See how to find and handle a queen to keep her safe
- Encourage honey production
- Monitor for varroa mites
- Learn simple tricks for saving time in the apiary

Cost is \$125 per person.

Winter Ready: Prepare your Colonies for Survival

Saturday August 13th, 2016

9 am – 5 pm at Fox Haven Farm, 3630 Poffenberger Rd, Jefferson, MD 21755

The best time to prepare your colonies for winter is late summer. Don't lose colonies through beekeeper error. Learn how to make sure your colony enters the winter strong and healthy, so it winters well and builds up rapidly in the spring.

This classroom course walks you through prepping your colonies for winter:

- Monitor and treat for varroa mites
- How to rear strong winter bees that can survive a long winter
- When to combine colonies
- How to evaluate colony strength and health

Cost is \$125 per person.

Special Offer:

Attend all 3 classes for \$300 (\$49 savings)
and receive a signed copy of our book
Simple, Smart Beekeeping



BEEKEEPING CLASS REGISTRATION FORM

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

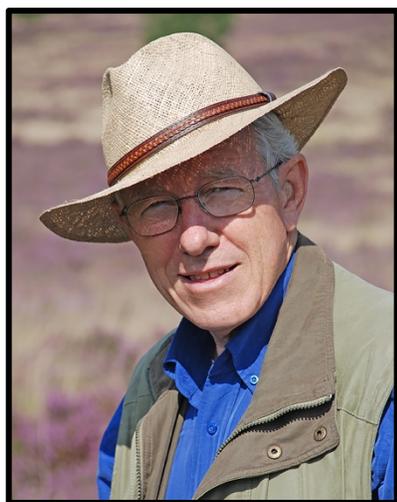
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- Hive Inspection: What am I really seeing? \$125
- Winter Ready: Prepare your Colonies for Survival \$125
- All 3 courses + *Simple, Smart Beekeeping* \$300

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Background of the Instructors:

Kirsten S. Traynor, PhD

In 2006-2007, Kirsten received a German Chancellor Fellowship and with her husband drove over 50,000 miles throughout Western Europe to study the differences between European and American beekeeping. She reported her findings through 50+ published articles. Fascinated with the social complexity of a honey bee hive, she earned her PhD in biology from Arizona State University with Dr. Robert Page. While a grad student, she spent almost a year in Avignon, France in the lab of Dr. Yves Le Conte as a Fulbright Fellow. She currently investigates how pesticides impact honey bee health in the lab of Dr. Dennis vanEngelsdorp and was just appointed editor of *Bee World*, the beekeeping magazine published by the International Bee Research Association. She is the author of *Two Million Blossoms: Discovering the Medicinal Benefits of Honey* and co-wrote the book *Simple, Smart Beekeeping* with Michael J. Traynor. Together they manage a boutique organic apiary producing top quality nucs and Maryland reared queens. Using the biology of the bee against the biology of the varroa mite, they keep their colonies healthy without synthetic chemicals.



Michael J. Traynor

Michael is a commercial and fine art photographer, whose work has appeared in national and international magazines. The head of *National Geographic's* photography lab asked him to teach their photographers how he achieved his photographic excellence and developed imaging techniques not taught in any books. His incredible macro images of bees and flowers bring the world of beekeeping to life. Combining his skills in beekeeping with photography, he documented the life of bee breeders, beekeepers and bee scientists. A small selection of his work is available online at www.flowerslovebees.com and www.idfineart.com. Together with Kirsten, he runs Flickerwood Apiary, a 24 acre farm and organic beekeeping operation in Middletown, MD. He is an acclaimed speaker and an excellent teacher, incorporating his beautiful images into his classes. His Irish sense of humor and vivid anecdotes enliven his talks.