

Organic Beekeeping Class

May 14th, 2016

9 am to 5 pm

Hosted by Dr. Kirsten Traynor & Michael Traynor of Flickerwood Apiary

www.mdbee.com

Location: Lucy School (www.lucyschool.com)

[9117 Frostown Road, Middletown, Maryland 21769.](#)

1 Day Class that covers:

- An overview of organic honey bee hive management
- How to keep hives healthy
- Read the brood nest
- Monitor for varroa mites
- Reduce swarm drive
- Organic varroa management
- Prepare colonies for winter
- Prep colonies in spring for honey flow

Classroom course with hands-on session for varroa control

Cost is \$125 per person. Please bring your own lunch.

Both Kirsten & Michael welcome you to attend their Organic Beekeeping Class, where they will share the secrets and management techniques they learned on their beekeeping adventures around the world. Please bring any beekeeping questions as we will strive to answer them during the day long class. Attendants will leave the class with renewed confidence in their beekeeping management techniques, learning how to reduce colony losses and keep healthy bees.

Testimonials from past participants:

I want to let you know that your (organic beekeeping) course I took Sept. 5 and the time spent talking to Michael the day I picked up my nucs last year completely changed my beekeeping. Yes I said beeKEEPING. ALL my hives came out of winter healthy and strong. I'm the only keeper among the few I know with 100% survival. Simple actually. I can not thank you enough for the knowledge.

*My regards,
JT*

I just wanted you to know how much I got from your class. There were numerous "takeaways" for me.

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First I wanted to let you know how much (we) enjoyed your Organic Beekeeping Class. It was informative and fun! Following your techniques our 2 hives are thriving and fully prepared to make it through the winter.

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MAY 14TH ORGANIC BEEKEEPING CLASS REGISTRATION FORM

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

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Phone: _____

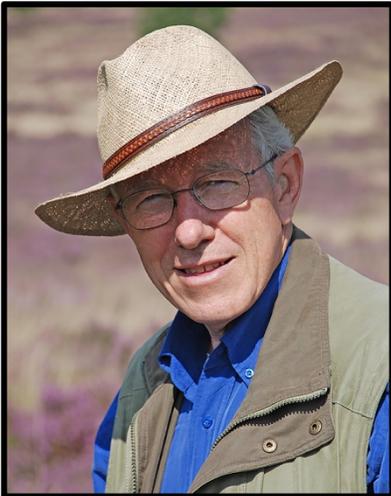
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Please make out checks to: Flickerwood Apiary, PO Box 652, Middletown, MD 21769

Background of the Instructors:

Dr. Kirsten S. Traynor

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.