



Welcome to Beekeeping | Workshop Series

In this hands-on workshop series you will learn the basics of starting and managing a home apiary with Burleigh Sunflower & Cliff Sunflower. Burleigh is co-owner of Erskine's and a beekeeper with 30 years of beekeeping experience. Cliff Sunflower is a Certified Master Beekeeper (and Burleigh's father), with over 30 years of experience! Burleigh & Cliff will introduce participants to the world of bees, the hive they live in and the tools needed to care for them throughout the year. The course meets over six sessions.

Who should take this class?

- * Never ever beekeepers and beginner beekeepers.
- * Ages 8 and up: ages 8-14 must be accompanied by a paying adult, ages 15 and up may attend without a chaperone.

Where: Split between Erskine's/Chester Town Hall and Burleigh's Apiary at Treehog Farm. (Lower Bartonsville Rd., Chester, VT. 5 miles south of Erskine's). All workshops, with the exception of #1, take place outdoors in the apiary with the bees with discussion prior to and/or following the time in the bees.

When:

- * **April 13 (Sunday), 1 – 4pm**, Indoors at Chester Town Hall.
Introduction to the honeybee lifecycle and beekeeping equipment.
- * **April 27 (Sunday), 10am – 12pm** at Treehog Farm.
Hiving Package Bees. You've got a 3 lb box of bees... now what?! Demonstration of how to establish your bees in their new home.
- * **May 18 (Sunday) 9am – 12pm** at Treehog Farm.
Spring in the hive!
- * **July 20 (Sunday) 9am – 12pm** at Treehog Farm.
Varroa mite management and treatments.
- * **September 14 (Sunday) 9am – 12pm** at Treehog Farm. Pulling Honey; one of the many rewards of keeping bees.
- * **October 19 (Sunday) 10am – 1pm** at Treehog Farm. Preparing your hives for winter.

Please note these dates are dependent on favorable weather for beekeeping and may change. As much advance notice as possible will be given if we need to reschedule a class. We appreciate your understanding.

Cost: \$215 per person (add a second person from your household and save \$30). Payment is due upon signup to secure your spot!

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