

THE MARIN BEEK NEWS

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 Join Us Thursday, 10/1/26 – Marin Beekeepers Meeting

 American Legion Log Cabin, 20 Veterans Place, San Anselmo, CA 94960

Schedule:

- 6:00 PM – Dugout Bar opens for drinks and socializing
- 6:30 PM – Meet and greet with fellow beekeepers
- 7:00 PM – Lecture begins
- 8:00 PM – Lecture concludes, with time to stay afterward for questions and discussion

This month, Jennifer Radtke will be joining us to share her knowledge and experience with us. It should be another great evening of learning and talking bees.

Come out, meet some fellow beekeepers, and bring your questions!

Hope to see everyone Thursday night.

CLUB NEWS

General - Jim Lawson

We hope your bees are doing well this fall. Things should be slowing down as your hives prepare for winter.

We're seeing something similar for this edition of the newsletter.

Club Equipment - David Peterson

The club has electric extractors for harvesting your honey. Each extractor comes with an extraction kit that includes uncapping bin, electric knife, and a scratcher.

David Peterson, in Ross, manages six and 12 frame extractors. He also has a hand crank two frame extractor for those who need the exercise. Mary and Neil Nordquist, in Novato, manage six, 12 and 20 frame extractors.

The six and 12 frame extractors can generally fit into an SUV, station wagon or minivan. The 20

frame extractor requires a pick up truck or something equivalent.

You can schedule a request for use by contacting them at:

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OTHER EVENTS

Learn from the Bees Classes - Jennifer Radtke

Learn from the Bees Bee Behavior & Biology Course - Live on Zoom!

Wednesday evenings at 6pm: Nov. 11th & 18th, Dec. 2th & 9th, Jan. 6th, 13th & 20th

Sliding scale: \$125-\$175

RECORDINGS: You will get both video and audio recordings after the class, so you can rewatch in months to come.

This course will give you a solid foundation in bee biology & behavior with an emphasis on practical applications for San Francisco Bay Area urban beekeeping.

We'll cover everything bee: anatomy, communication in the hive, behavior from robbing to making queens, genetics, intelligence, nutrition, the yearly pattern of growth & decline of the hive, and much more!

[Click here to see more details & to register!](#)

Instructor: Jennifer Radtke has been keeping bees in her backyard for 20+ years, and has developed the beekeeping education program at the Urban Farm Oasis. She has a group bee mentorship program on Bay Area Urban Backyard Beekeeping.

INTRO TO BACKYARD BEEKEEPING CLASS

Sundays, Nov. 8 & 15, 9am - 10:30am, \$50

Learn what you need to know to feel ready to have a Langstroth backyard beehive – how to get bees, what equipment you need, where to put the hive, what the bees need, and what you need to learn/do to keep your bees healthy.

Class is live on Zoom & includes the recordings.

[Click here](#) to register!

Jennifer Radtke

LearnFromTheBees.com

Bee Teacher @ Urban Farm Oasis (formerly BioFuel Oasis)

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Membership Dues are now \$25.00 for the year for single members, \$40.00 for families.

We need to hear from you. Please renew your membership Online at www.marinbeekeepers.org. There are many benefits from being a member, aside our monthly meetings, where you can chat with guest speakers from all over the beekeeping world:

- Use of the Club's extractors, electric uncapping knives, wax-melter, hive carrier, embedding tool, and other beekeeping equipment;
- Free subscription to the Marin Beekeepers Newsletter (11 issues a year). Back issues on the website are available for background information and beekeeping tips;
- Preferred registration for beekeeping workshops (usually 4 or 5 per year) and special events;
- We have a great library that includes books, magazines and catalogs on everything from starting your first hive or baking with honey to raising your own queens.
- Free admission to our monthly meetings, where we have speakers among the foremost bee experts in the world (normally a \$10 donation);
- Subscription to our "BUZZ" email listserv which is where we converse online about beekeeping in Marin;
- Subscription to our "SWARMS" email listserv which is where we notify members of any swarms that need hiving;
- Subscription to our "Event List" email listserv which is our general notification list of events and workshops.

The best and easiest way to pay your 2026-2027 dues is online at www.marinbeekeepers.org. You do not need to sign in or use a password. Just click on "become a member", fill out the form and submit. Be sure to complete the payment section at the end, which is via PayPal. You do not need to have a PayPal account to pay using a credit card. There is a small transaction fee added to your dues that is assessed by PayPal.

ABOUT THE MARIN BEEKEEPERS CLUB

We are people who share an avid interest in honey and native bees. We are a mix of hobbyists as well as professional beekeepers. We have a wide range of interests, covering bee biology,

pollination, sustainable bee breeding, health aspects of bee products, international beekeeping, and other bee-related topics. We welcome you to attend our meetings and to become a member:

<https://marinbeekeepers.org/become-a-member/>

Monthly meetings are typically on the first Thursday of the month and usually feature a knowledgeable speaker and/or project and includes informal sharing of information by members throughout the meeting (\$10 donation for non-members). Meetings are a good way to learn about beekeeping. Please consider becoming a member whether you have bees or not.