

# BEEKEEPING AND MORE

## February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019

At Fond du Lac Tribal and Community  
College



Interested in learning more about beekeeping? Or maybe you want to learn more about our native pollinators? If so, join us for our 4<sup>th</sup> annual Beekeeping and More symposium on February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and listen to talks given by expert speakers including NEMBA, Bee Atlas, and the Bee Squad. There will also be prizes, a Q&A session, vendors, and hands-on activities.

*Whether you're a beginner or an experienced beekeeper, we have something for everyone at the Beekeepers and More Symposium!*

- Day long event 8:30 a.m. - 3:30p.m. at FDLTCC
- Registration: \$20 Bee Association Members, \$25 non-members. Preregister online at <https://www.signmeup.com/reg/form/129043/registration> or register with cash or check on the 16<sup>th</sup>
- Learn about pollinators, practical applications for beekeeping, tips for beginners, and more!

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# Beekeeping and More: Agenda

At Fond du Lac Tribal & Community College, 2101 14<sup>th</sup> St., Cloquet, MN

**9:00**

## **Opening Ceremony (Commons Area)**

Arrival, at the door registration, registration for prizes, vendor tables, opening ceremony.

**9:30 - 11:30**

## **Beginning Beekeeping with Guy Degerstedt (Room 195, Overflow Room 258)**

Equipment needed, timeline for beekeeping, troubleshooting, and getting stung.

**9:30 – 10:30**

## **Meet the Insects Using Your Bee Hotel with Britt Forsberg (Room 230)**

Bee hotels, bee boxes, insect condos;. No matter what you call them, providing man-made habitat for native bees has become popular among gardeners and conservationists. Pinterest is full of plans for DIY bee homes of all different sizes and materials. You also may have seen them used for research projects like the Minnesota Bee Atlas. But do you know which critters may call your nest "home"? In this session, we will learn about several different species of bees and wasps that are commonly found in artificial nests. By learning about the size, seasonality, and appearance of nests, participants will be prepared to identify the bees and wasps using and visiting bee hotels.

**10:30-11:30**

## **Pheromones: Understanding Colony Communication with Jessica Helgen (Room 230)**

No, your bees are not baking banana bread! Learn how honey bees communicate through pheromones and how paying attention to hive scents like banana and lemon can make you a better, more effective beekeeper.

**11:30-12:30**

## **Lunch (Commons Area)**

Visit with Vendors.

**12:30 – 2:00**

## **Mighty Mites vs. Mightier Beekeepers: Updates from the Mite Fighting Front With Rebecca Masterman (Room 195, Overflow Room 258)**

It is hard to discuss honey bees without talking about Varroa destructor. The Bee Squad has been tracking these mites through management of up to 500 urban, suburban and rural colonies across the Twin Cities in Minnesota. This talk will share updated data from this program as well as updates from the Mite Check program, a national collaborative, beekeeper citizen science project.

**2:00 – 2:30**

## **Break Time**

Visit with speakers and vendors.

**2:30 – 4:00**

## **Potions, Lotion, and Wax (Room 186)**

NEMBA Members demonstrate how to create a variety of bee related products, such as salve, lotion, and cough syrup out of materials from your hive.

Doors Close at 4:00 p.m.



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