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Information: The season of training will provide new/novice beekeepers real hands-on experience working and managing hives with direction from an experienced beekeeper with Train the Trainer Certification from the Ontario Beekeepers Assn. Attendees require their own bee suit/ppe, hive tool and smoker. It is preferred if you have already completed some form of introductory beekeeping course. The training is ideal for new/novice beekeepers that have or are planning to have bees and are in their first couple of years of beekeeping. Rain dates for sessions are the next day Sunday. Training location is at our home Apiary in Fenwick, but may include a session at our other Niagara Apiaries in St. Ann or Wainfleet.

Contact: willowbeeapiary@gmail.com or mobile 289-241-8880 with any questions or to reserve



A Season of Hands-On Beekeeping Training in Niagara

Beekeeper Tony Van Oostrom

April 22, 1-4 pm Introduction

Beekeeping basics review, hive equipment, hive location, maintaining records, pest management, overwintering hive setup, opening a colony, hive strength

May 6, 1-3 pm Hands On...

Hive inspections, starting swarm control measures, adding space, final changes from winter configuration

May 27, 1-3 pm Spring Management

Hands On Hive inspections, spring hive management, specialized swarm control and preparations, how to install a <u>Nuc</u>, sustainable apiary considerations

June 10, 10 am-noon Nectar Flow

Hands On Hive inspections, continued swarm control, preparing for the nectar flow, when to add supers, how to get frames drawn

July 8, 10 am-noon First Harvest

Hands On Hive inspections, harvest first deeps and supers of honey, adding space

July 29, 10 am-noon Extracting honey

Hive inspections, pest management extracting honey

Sept 9, 1-4 pm Year End Preparations

Hive Inspections, final honey harvest, bottling and labeling your honey crop, winter preparations, year end pest management