



The Bee Line

Newsletter of the Oregon State Beekeepers Association

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FUNDING THE FUTURE OF OUR INDUSTRY

Meet Project *Apis m.*, a non-profit that is making an industry-wide impact! OSBA officers recently met with Project *Apis m.* Executive Director Danielle Downey and Development Director Sara Brown to discuss how through ongoing support, the OSBA can play a part in the future of valuable honeybee research.

One of the most notable aspects of the work that is funded by Project *Apis m.* is their Seeds for Bees program, which increases bee habitat and forage available to growers. They also provide research grants that fuel research that has attainable, deliverable impact for bees and beekeepers.

They are working to prioritize research on the *Tropilaelaps* mite, giving our industry a fighting chance when this mite arrives in North America.

Project *Apis m.* has an incredible beekeeper resource library on its website that includes videos, best practice and management guides, research that was conducted in partnership with Oregon State University, and much more!

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Project *Apis m.*



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2024 ACTIVITIES OUTLOOK

Beekeepers are busy people and so when we get a chance to spend time together it's always a valuable experience. Here's a rundown of the big events coming up for OSBA in 2024. Please join in, you'll be glad you did.

We're kicking off the spring with Oregon AgFest, a very popular 2-day event celebrating agriculture at the Oregon state fairgrounds. We've participated for about 30 years and it is well worth our efforts. AgFest is April 27 & 28, and we need at least 10 volunteers to man the booth.

The Summer Picnic will be hosted by one of the many clubs that belong to OSBA. When and where is yet to be announced for 2024. Each year, a different club (or combination of clubs) will host the statewide picnic, with support from OSBA. Please have a group discussion about what year your club might host, and what could be on your event agenda for the picnickers. For instance, maybe have a camp out, a BBQ, plan a local tour, incorporate speakers or include a bee day. There is a lot of creative freedom for your club to host a fun and unique event.

The Oregon State Fair is our biggest public event of the year. It is August 23-September 2, 2024, eleven days of non-stop activities. Ours is the biggest and most popular booth in the Creative Living department. We will need 10-12 volunteers each day, plus help with set up and break down. Remember to enter your honey in the "Honey & Products from the Hive" competition, where you go up against beekeepers throughout the entire state of Oregon.



The 2024 OSBA Fall Conference date/location has not yet been announced, but please pencil it in, just the same! Not only will you have the great opportunity to hear speakers and meet people “in person” that may enhance your future beekeeping, you also get the chance to go up against fellow OSBA members in the Honey Show competition. It’s wonderful to visit with friends, new and old, and make memories to last a lifetime.

And More: We are looking for Host Families for traveling OSBA members. Whether it’s an event at the state fairgrounds or our main conference in the fall, it is often difficult for those coming from a great distance to attend due to lack of accommodations. We hope to include members from all corners of our state in activities, so if you can help give them a place to stay, or to park their camper/RV, please let me know. We’ll keep a list of

potential hosts for upcoming events.

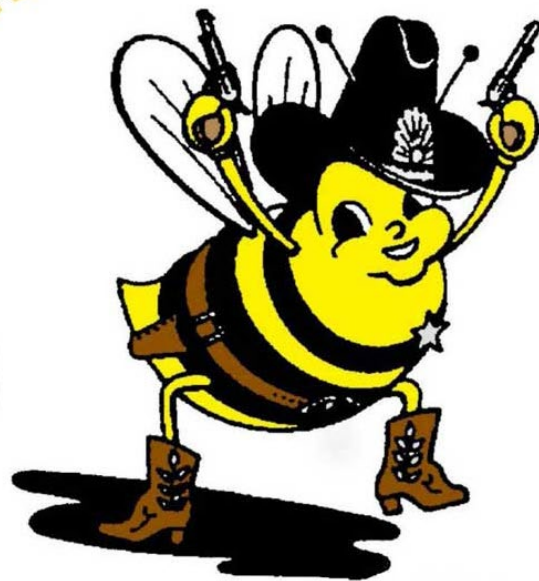
This year, please make a point of joining your fellow OSBA members at some (or all) of these upcoming activities. It’s important for us to know each other and develop an ever stronger community of Oregon beekeepers.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer for any events, please contact me (Bonnie King) at bonjking@gmail.com.



WESTERN BEE SUPPLIES

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FAVORITE BEE PLANT

Scientific name: Ficia faba; and Trifolium incarnatum L.

Common names: fava beans; crimson clover; cover crops

Portland-area bloom time: Apr, May, Jun

Seasoned gardeners and students of soil science will no doubt be aware of the multiple benefits of planting cover crops in garden beds (and acreage) that would otherwise be fallow. Most listings of the benefits of cover crops leave out the benefit these blooming plants have for honey bees and other pollinating insects, instead just focusing on all the good things happening underground, which are numerous. Both of these cover crops, fava beans and crimson clover, are legumes and are great “nitrogen fixers,” meaning that, with the help of soil bacteria, they can convert the nitrogen in the air and soil (unusable to plants) into a form of nitrogen readily usable by plants.

This nitrogen is produced on the roots and is visible as little nodules. (THAT, dear readers, is a very simplified description of one of the benefits of these legumes). To maximize the available nitrogen, we gardeners are keen to let the plants flower—but not form seed pods, because the seed-developing process would use up some of the nitrogen that we want to have available for whatever we will be planting after the cover crop comes out. But to beekeepers, the more flowers the better, and honey bees are very attracted to these plants. So, it’s a balancing act, and as both a gardener and a beekeeper, if I keep tabs on the blooms and cut down the plants just as the blooms are shrinking, I can have it both ways!

-[Glen Andresen](#), Beekeeper & OSU Master Gardener



About Glen Andresen:

Glen started keeping honey bees in 1991, the same year, coincidentally, he became an Oregon State University Master Gardener. He posts a monthly list and photos of Portland-area honey bee plants that are typically in bloom during the current month at <http://www.bridgetown-bees.com/whats-in-bloom>.

KEEPING BEES THIS MONTH

1. Do NOT unwrap your hives until the weather is consistently warm. It's tempting to unwrap but your bees will thank you for keeping their home warm.

2. Bee packages and NUC'S will begin arriving in Oregon in early April. Make sure you have everything ready to install your bees. New beekeepers may want to check in with their mentors with any questions or for tips and encouragement.

3. Keep feeding!!! Most hives that die from starvation perish just before the first nectar flow of the season. Your bees were busy raising brood in February and March. This activity burns through food stores very quickly. In April, the weather is often cold and wet and the bees will not be able to forage for food. Make sure you give your bees the best chance to build up strong. Since there are no supers on your hive yet, their intake of sugar syrup will not go into your honey product. If you determine that the colony doesn't have adequate food stores, feed 1:1 sugar syrup and pollen patties; the presence of pollen will encourage the queen to lay. When it's too cold for sugar syrup (daytime temperature below 57F), feed fondant. Lane County Beekeepers web site has excellent recipes (www.lcbaor.org) for winter feed. Once you start feeding, continue until the bees start bringing in nectar or the dandelions come out. Then, put on your supers and stop feeding. The bees will begin to collect nectar in the latter part of April from early flowering plants and trees like dandelion, maple, and willow. Once you put on honey supers, feeding must stop or you'll have sugar syrup mixed in with your honey. Not a good thing!

4. Hive openings should be clear so bees can get out for cleansing flights on warm days. Clear the entrance of dead bees. Remove the mouse guard/entrance reducer and scrape the dead bees away from the entrance with

a stick or your hive tool. You don't have to remove every single bee. Clearing the front entrance is good for hive ventilation.

5. On a warm day inspect the hive for food stores and brood pattern. If you don't see a solid brood pattern, consider replacing the queen with local survivor stock.

6. On a warm day, consider reversing the brood chambers but ONLY if doing so will not split the cluster. Splitting the cluster at this time of year could chill the (now two) clusters and be deadly for the colony. The single reason to reverse the brood boxes is to give the queen more room to lay – but again, only if it will not split the cluster. To reverse the brood chambers, take the top brood box and put it on top of the bottom board and put the one that was on the bottom on top.

7. Educate yourself on the different mite treatment options (cultural, non-chemical, and chemical) and know when and how to use them correctly. Order supplies to control mites ASAP. Don't let mites get the best of you and your bees this year.

- *Brian Fackler*, Cornell University Master Beekeeper, Washington State Master Beekeeper, and Oregon Master Beekeeper Journey Mentor



SOUTH COAST REGION

Elizabeth and her father, Mike Hewgill, of Pistol River Mushroom Farm, show their new wax-dipped cedar hive from Home Depot. Glass was added to the three openings. They will be using the same triangular top bars that work so well in their TBH. So, the view from the side will remain fairly open through most of the season.



My bees were showing off during all the warm days of February, even flying in the rain. Surprisingly, no one else in the club had seen that at their hives. This Memorial Day swarm from Brooking Harbor, the self-proclaimed banana belt, seems to have the nature of feral bees. They aren't overly defensive but seem very savvy. They harvest lots of pollen on sunny days but not during rainy foraging. Of course, we know why. It would melt!

- Mureen Walker



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CENTRAL OREGON BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

Typically, here in Central Oregon we get some almost balmy days in February and early March, allowing our bees to get out for a few cleansing flights and some quick beekeeper inspections to ensure our colonies have enough leftover stores to hold them over until spring officially arrives. Not this year. Repeated heavy snows and frigid temperatures have kept both

bees and beeks tightly clustered inside. Emergency feeding may be the order of the day if the weather does not break soon.

Speaking of emergencies, our club was recently called upon by our local community college to conduct a last-minute bee colony rescue. In the process of installing some new water lines the school had contracted with a local arborist to remove several trees from their property.

On the day logging was to commence, a feral colony of bees was suddenly discovered in a huge juniper tree. COBKA was urgently contacted, and a team quickly organized to work with the arborist to save the colony. The 30" diameter juniper was first topped just above the bee's cavity, then the butt section held vertically by a tractor and sawed free. The 10-foot-tall butt section was then strapped vertically onto a utility trailer and hauled thirty miles to a beekeeper's property for "planting." The arborist provided all labor and machinery at no cost, going well beyond the call of duty. When asked why they were being so generous, they said "We just wanted to save the bees." The event even made the local evening television newscast.

Our February club meeting featured master beekeeper Wayne Bailey's expertise on small-scale queen rearing. At the meeting's end Allen Engle was recognized and roasted for his many years as our club's president. Allen loves to travel so he received a bevy of gifts and gags for his next exotic adventures.

- Clyde Dildine



TILLAMOOK BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

March is very typical. Came in like a lion and now, mid-month, it feels like June. There are flowering fruit trees and pussy willows just about everywhere. The skunk cabbage is just starting to bloom and a few scotch brooms are appearing (darn it). Our bees that have overwintered are busy raising brood and bringing in pollen. We have nine hives that survived out of twelve at our TBA teaching apiary. We know it is a short reprieve from winter, but we will take what we can get.

We are all going through our bee supplies to see what we need or want to sell at the TBA Buy, Sell, Swap bee meet on Saturday, March 23rd. That will be held at our teaching apiary and we will be having a work day at the same time. We had a large water fountain donated to TBA and will finish installing it. Nonda Zwald's family made the donation in memory of their daughter, Sondie, who died in an accident several years ago.

At our March TBA meeting we had Fonta Molyneaux to teach us about raising queens. Fonta is the President of the Lane County Beekeepers and teaches many bee classes every year across the state and nationally. Fonta began with a queen raising method for individuals wanting to replace a failing queen and worked up to a method to produce many queen cells. There is so much information to be absorbed!

On the coast, we find that dates on the calendar do not work for deciding what to do with our bees. We have a very different climate from most of Oregon and we even have micro-climates within the county. Observing and recording bloom dates, drone population dates, and our own management practices will help write our own calendars of activity.

Nuc sales are underway and we will be receiving those in Mid-April.

Our Tillamook Creamery raffle hives are on display at the Tillamook Creamery Association Visitors' Center and at the TCCA Farm Store on Front Street. Tickets can be purchased online at the TBA website. The first drawing will be at the Tillamook Headlight Herald Home and Garden Show on April 20 and 21. Second and third prizes are gift certificates. The second drawing of the year will be at the Tillamook County Fair in August. All raffle tickets will be retained for the second drawing.

- Patsy Weber

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SOUTH WILLAMETTE VALLEY

The weather has been typical of Spring in Western Oregon. We've had morning lows of below 32 degrees, leaving a covering of frost on rooftops. However, a few days later, our daytime high was 73 degrees. These swings are normal, and the result is our honeybees have days when they can enjoy foraging and other days when they spend most of the daylight hours inside the hive.

When the bees are out, the crocus, grape hyacinth and forsythia are good sources of nectar and pollen on the valley floor. On the coast, the alder and willow are providing resources for the "beach bees."

The varying shades of violet tulips are attractive to local bees, likely due to bees seeing the ultraviolet rays their petals produce when reflected in the sun.

Some of our keepers are now feeding sugar syrup, favoring hive top feeders to avoid chilling the colony, and those at higher elevation are continuing with sugar patties as a supplement to available natural sources.

Dr. Garrett Slater was the virtual guest speaker at Lane County Beekeepers Association March 19 meeting. He presented "The Importance of Drones for Quality Queens." His very informative talk covered drone biology, and the causes of poor drones and the importance of drone genetics in cases of queen failure. An excellent presentation!

- Pam Leavitt

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PORTLAND METRO BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

I love spring and all the crazy weather it brings! As we are sloshing around our beautiful state, our eyes are upon new bulbs, buds and blossoms. Our bees are out on days with temperatures over 45 degrees and bringing in bright yellow pollen. With minimal forage we are all keeping an eye on hive food stores. I combined two weak hives last fall and am thrilled to see the girls flying on the warmer days. I realize there is as much an art as a science to this new hobby. A more diligent schedule of testing and treating for mites, insulating my hive cover, and providing an east wind break with straw bales seemed to help this year.

The garden is slightly bruised from our brief but intense ice storm. Plants in bloom are lesser celandine, hellebore, snowdrop, dandelion, alder, plum and cherry blossoms.

This time last year Andony's lecture reviewed strategies to reduce swarming. He reminds us that the change from winter bees to summer bees is quick! We must stay ahead of colony growth to decrease swarming; "timing is key." The PMBA swarm hotline is active and eager to take your phone call 1-877-739-2335 (877-PDX-BEEK).

In March, our Zoom guests were Eric and Joy McEwen from Diggin' Livin' Farm in Cave Junction, both Oregon State University alumni. Eric holds a Bachelor of Science degree in botany and plant pathology and Joy has two bachelor of science degrees, as well as a master's in environmental science from OSU. Their combined knowledge, passion for our planet and over 20 years in the beekeeping business has made an impact on what we can learn from their more natural and sustainable approach to beekeeping. Their recently released book *Raising Resilient Bees* is one that all beekeepers should add to their library. Their family farm supports a diverse business model of all bee related activities, pollination, honey production, candle making, building Natural-Nest hives and apitherapy. Lecture is available

on our website.

PMBA activity calendar begins March 30th as our club is participating for the first time at the "Hop into Spring" event at the Oregon Zoo. We anticipate an enthusiastic swarm of young minds and potential beekeepers to our booth once they see the observation hive, educational handouts and meet our club volunteers. This date also coincides with the Beekeeper Task Force Training, held at Green Anchors PDX and coordinated by OSU Bee Lab and Dewey Caron. Next is the Spring Garden Fair held at Clackamas County fairgrounds May 4-5th.

PMBA Bee Day is fast approaching on May 11th. The later date worked well for us last year with warm weather and an apiary buzzing with new and experienced beekeepers. This is our big fundraiser to support bee research and we are grateful to return to the Hansen's apiary at Foothills Honey Farm in Colton. Ellen Topitzhofer has returned to OSU and will speak on honey bee disease, and OSBA president Joe Maresh will speak to the basics of beekeeping. These two lectures are incorporated into a full day of honey bee related activities, including two sessions in the apiary, lunch, vendor visits and raffle. Attendees will accompany skilled beekeepers to the apiary to observe colony inspections, brood life-cycle and patterns, queen sighting, mite checks and beekeeping topics in a small group setting. Space is limited, so we recommend early registration, which is available on our website www.portland-metrobeekeepers.org

Lastly, a reminder (if you haven't already) to place your yellow jacket pheromone traps and capture those queens!

- *Sandi Collis*

PORTLAND METRO AREA

I'm beginning to think that beekeepers would be fantastic at riding roller coasters. 2024 so far has proven to be full of ups, downs, turns, and exhilarating thrills. And its only April!

The temperatures have finally allowed beekeepers in my area to open their hives and see where their bees are at. As expected, the mostly mild winter has allowed our bees to begin an early build up. The first major pollen flow of the year has passed and the maple nectar has begun.

My bees in Beaverton are slightly ahead of the ones I have in West Linn and Wilsonville, but not by much. I was delighted to see how much honey the majority of my colonies had leftover from last year. I placed 1:1 on my lighter colonies, as well as a pollen patty on a hive that had a touch of EFB.

Overall, my hives are looking great coming into the bee season and I am ready for it!

- Mandy Shaw



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UMPQUA VALLEY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

I absolutely love this time of year! With the longer more frequent visits from the sun, I find myself losing all sense of time while grinding down that "to-do" list. I've dusted off my ballistic vest, polished my tactical helmet and checked my welding gloves for holes as I prepare to reduce the terminator of plants, the blackberry, to a weeping stubble, as I daydream about having a bountiful garden. I noticed girls were wearing white pollen pants when observing orientation flights and hive activity the other day.

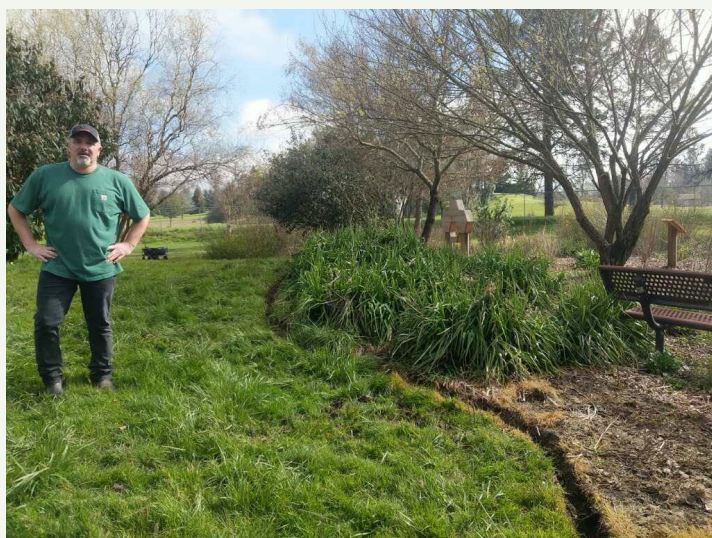
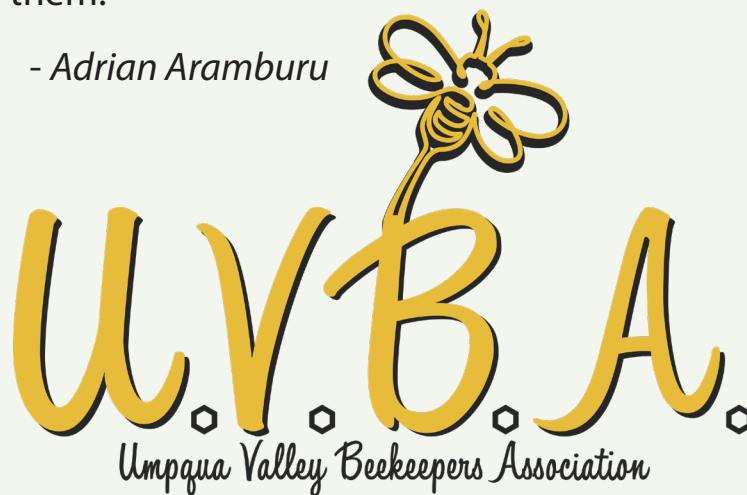
During our March Meeting our bee discussion was focused on swarms, the equipment that is typically needed to be successful, and how to set-up and site a bait hive. We also spoke about packages and nucs, the differences between the two, and some

of the advantages and disadvantages that can occur. We are using the GroupMe application to coordinate with our "Swarm Chasers."

We had our first beautification event at the butterfly garden we adopted last year. Working through the vision of the city's horticulturist, Hailey Malone, we've set some future dates and goals for the garden.

We have arrived on a decision for our club logo. We chose a couple different options to represent on our swag. We hope you like them!

- Adrian Aramburu



VOLUNTEER FOR THE 2024 AG FEST!



Spring has sprung! April 27-28 are two much anticipated days for Oregon kids and agriculture enthusiasts, and we're ready! The Oregon Ag Fest will bring more energy, education and memorable moments than you'll ever expect.

Please join us in the OSBA booth for a 3-hour shift, and if you can't do that, maybe you can help set up or break down the booth. Everything you can do is much appreciated.

Last year there were over 22,000 visitors at AgFest, and a great number of them visited our booth. The biggest attraction is always the live bees. Kids will stand in line for their chance to get up close (and get a honey stick!).

We hand out educational materials, show them products of the

hive and refer future beekeepers to local group meetings.

Oregon Ag Fest is held at the Oregon State Fairgrounds in Salem and though it's geared for kids, all ages enjoy this annual event. This two-day, hands-on, activity-filled festival celebrates Oregon Agriculture like no other.

We set up one day in advance of the event. We need you! If you can help with a 3-hour shift, or with set up/take down, please let me know. Mark your calendar for the last weekend in April. And please, BEE there!


Schedule LINK: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1h9R90VDjUGfaCMBIv_A3F-hFNqHWLTFcG9he8xznmIXI/edit?usp=sharing

Oregon Ag Fest: Saturday, April 27 (8:30 am-5 pm) and Sunday, April 28 (10 am-5 pm) at the Oregon State Fairgrounds (2330 17th St NE, Salem, OR 97301).

To volunteer or for other information, please contact me at bonjking@gmail.com, or 503-864-2100.

- Bonnie King, OSBA Fairs & Exhibits





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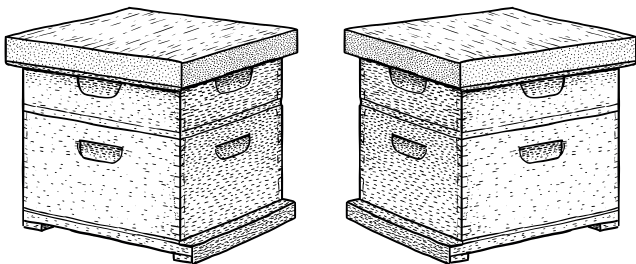


EVENTS

- TVBA Field Day - April 13th
- Oregon Ag Fest - April 27th - 28th
- Portland Metro Beekeepers Bee Day - May 11th
- EAS Conference - Aug 5th-9th
- Oregon State Fair - Aug 23rd - Sept 2nd
- WASBA PNW Beekeeping Conference - Sept 28th-29th
- OSBA Conference - Oct 2024

- Pollinator Week - June 17th-23rd
- World Bee Day - May 20th
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PREPARING FOR SWARM SEASON

As swarm season approaches, here are some best practices to keep in mind as you venture out into the community.

The beekeeper should represent our associations and our community in a professional manner and with the highest ethical standards. The beekeeper should follow these simple tenets in order to ensure a professional and courteous process to collecting swarms.

The safety of the caller and any bystander(s) is the first and most important consideration, followed by the beekeeper, and finally the bees themselves. The beekeeper will always treat the bees in a humane manner. When catching swarms, the beekeeper is a representative and steward of the beekeeping community. Throughout the encounter, the beekeeper should be professional, courteous, and an informative advocate for bees and all pollinators.

When taking swarm calls, the beekeeper should accept responsibility for a swarm only if they are capable of handling the situation and representing the beekeeping community in a professional manner.

The beekeeper should make every reasonable effort to respond to the location in an expeditious manner or they should not accept the swarm. The beekeeper should accept responsibility for a swarm call only if they can respond that day, usually within a couple hours, at the latest. If an arrangement has been made with the caller, or if it is late in the day (within two – three hours of sundown), it is defensible to allow the swarm to sit overnight if the beekeeper will be on site first thing in the morning.

The beekeeper will make every reasonable effort to retrieve the entire colony. This means leaving the swarm retrieval box until sundown and returning to collect it once the foragers and scouts have an opportunity to return to their colony. If the beekeeper leaves the swarm box in a public area, sufficient contact information should be left at the scene to notify the public or anyone who may come in contact with the box.

When making arrangements to meet the caller and retrieve the swarm, the beekeeper should explain accurately when help will be arriving, who will be meeting them and if there will be additional people involved. Other beekeepers should not arbitrarily show up at the site unless prior arrangements have been made with the first responder.

The beekeeper should make every effort to bring all the necessary equipment to the site and not rely or ask the caller to provide any equipment and materials.

- Adapted from Portland Urban Beekeepers "[Swarm Etiquette](#)"

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