

## **Bowie-Upper Marlboro** **Beekeepers Association**

Have you always wanted to 'keep' bees, but never knew where to start?

**BUMBA** is dedicated to promoting beekeeping, and knowledge about bees and their importance to our food and environment.

We invite anyone interested in bees and the environment to join our meetings, whether or not you have bees. Our meetings are always open to the public. Our beekeeping club is made up of people of all ages who come together to talk about all things related to bees and beekeeping.

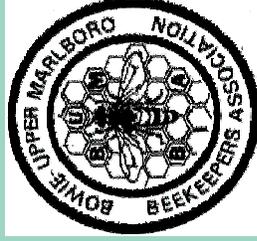
We encourage new beekeepers through mentoring, celebrating the beekeeping successes, solving problems and reviews of the latest research.

Guest speakers, promotional events and hands-on experiences make our meetings worth the time investment.



## **Bowie-Upper Marlboro** **Beekeepers Association Officers:**

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## **Bowie-Upper Marlboro Beekeepers**

Visit these internet sites to learn more about beekeeping in Maryland:

BUMBA club site  
<http://iaa.umd.edu/mdbee/subClubs/clubsBUMBA.html>

BUMBA discussion group  
[http://pets.groups.yahoo.com/group/bumba\\_bee/](http://pets.groups.yahoo.com/group/bumba_bee/)

Maryland State Beekeepers' Association  
<http://iaa.umd.edu/mdbee/main/home.html>

# **Beekeeping**

**Beekeeping is for everyone**



**MAKE FRIENDS & LEARN  
ABOUT BEES &  
BEEKEEPING IN MARYLAND**



## BEE FEVER

Beekeeping is a fantastic hobby. Those who get into beekeeping often get what is called “bee fever.” This is a hobby with many facets and gives almost anyone an opportunity to learn more about nature and the role of the productive honey bee.

Did you know?

- It takes 8 to 10 pounds of nectar to make a pound of honey.
- It takes 8 to 10 pounds of honey to make a pound of beeswax.
- To produce a pound of honey, bees travel about 55,000 miles and visit some 2 million flowers.
- Each bee produces on average 1/12 of a teaspoon of honey in its short and industrious life.
- The Queen bee lays up to 3,000 eggs a day (sometimes more).



Honey bees are dying by the millions in the U.S. If you think that doesn't affect you, think about what your diet would be like without apples, cherries, plums, pears, berries, pumpkins and other fresh fruit and vegetables – not to mention honey.

## BUMBA SHORT COURSE

BUMBA offers a Short Course on Bee Biology and Beekeeping Basics each spring in March. Learn how to set up your own backyard hive, manage bees, how to harvest honey and pollen, and learn about basic bee behavior and their importance to the world we live in.

Experienced club members answer your questions and field days give hands-on training—putting together a hive, installing a package of bees, and maintaining the bee colony. Club members volunteer to mentor new beekeepers, helping throughout the year to ensure you have the support to make beekeeping a fun and enjoyable hobby.

Classes include text books for students to keep, refreshments, and door prizes. A new hive is the Grand Prize to a raffle winner.

For further information contact:

Beekeeping Class

(301) 868-2086

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## CLUB MEMBERSHIP

If you are interested in BUMBA's beekeeping meetings, you can contact any of the BUMBA officers for additional information and schedules.

\_\_\_\_ Yes, I want to become a member of BUMBA. Enclosed is \$15 for my annual membership. (Membership includes a bi-monthly newsletter, club field days, mentoring and club meetings.)

\_\_\_\_ Please send me registration details for the BUMBA beekeeping short course. (Registration includes classes, text, field days, 1 year membership in BUMBA and the newsletter.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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