

What's the Buzz?

with DeeZ L'Town Beez

Hello friends and fellow keepers!

Swarming..We Love You But We Can't Stay

If you're lucky and your bees lived through the winter, you've probably been doing cartwheels. With 50% over-winter loss rates nationwide, you deserve to pat yourself on the back. Now, before we get too crazy and go from cartwheels to the balance beam it's important for you to start reading up and understanding basic Bee Behavior 101 which says, "If bees live through the winter, they will want to swarm come spring." It's the natural inclination of a honey bee to want to leave the house they've created behind for a future generation and go make a new house with half of the colony. Virgin swarms are a thing, especially with the mild winters that we experience in Southern Maryland. When they swarm they leave way too many Queen cells behind-no one needs 15 colonies from 1..you've got to go manage those cells..Cut down all but the two largest queen cells on the same frame in the hive. You might have to go back in three days later and cut down everything again until there's no young larva available for them to make new queen cells. Dealing with swarming can be frustrating. The way I combat that is by splitting my bees fairly hard. Three frames of bees with a queen cell can build a new colony. If you get stuck and want to learn more, sign up for our nucs and splits class coming up.

Apprentice Spotlight



Cheryl had been wanting to become a beekeeper for a long time and life kept getting in the way. She was finally able to take the plunge and step into the yard as an apprentice to learn what she can before bringing home her own bees. She's doing a fantastic job and has been a tremendous help.

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STUFF YOU'RE DEFINITELY GOING TO WANT TO KNOW ABOUT



ASMB Meeting

Hughesville Fire Department
May 6th, 6:30-9pm



Annmarie Sculpture Gardens Maker's Market

Mother's Day / Rose Soiree Event
May 11th, 9-12pm / 2-7pm



ASMB Members Only Deep Hive Dive at Shlagel Farm,

12850 Shlagel Rd, Waldorf, MD
May 11th, 4:30-7pm



Nucs and Splits Class at DeeZ Apiary - RAIN DATE

Weather Permitting
May 26th, 3:30-5:30pm



Honey Harvest - Part 1 Class at DeeZ Apiary

Weather Permitting
June 9th, 9:30-12:30pm



Honey Harvest - Part 2 Class at DeeZ Apiary

Weather Permitting
June 9th, 2-5pm



RECYCLE & REUSE

Bring back your whipped honey jar and get \$1 off your next jar.



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Yours. Happy Keeping!