

What's the Buzz?

with DeeZ L'Town Beez

Hello friends and fellow keepers!

Spring Check List - Part 1

In Southern Maryland, spring beekeeping activities focus on preparing hives for the season by checking for disease, food stores, queen health, feeding bees (if needed). Here are a few early spring beekeeping activities:

- ✓ **Anybody Home?** Bees flying in and out of the hive indicate a healthy colony.
- ✓ **You Good Girl?** Make sure the queen is present and healthy. A productive queen is vital for colony growth.
- ✓ **What's for Dinner?** Check for adequate food stores (honey and pollen) to maintain the colony through the spring, especially if the weather turns cold again.
- ✓ **Ya'll Feeling OK?** Look for signs of disease, such as Varroa mites, tracheal mites, nosema, chalkbrood & foulbrood. Treat as appropriate.
- ✓ **Spring Cleaning** Remove debris and clean the bottom board to foster a healthy hive environment.
- ✓ **Easy Access** Remove winter wraps to improve airflow.

Deez Apprentice Spotlight

ap-pren-tice-ship (noun) - A system where individuals learn a trade or profession through a combination of on-the-job training and related instruction.

At **Deez L'town Beez**, Diane offers hands-on training with experienced beekeepers, providing practical knowledge and skills in bee colony management and honey production. This season's apprentices share why they got into beekeeping...

Tracy Scott - "I've wanted to keep bees for many years, I just never got around to doing it as other priorities often took precedence. This year I decided it was now or never, so I pulled out the Flow Hive I purchased 7 years ago and reached out to Diane for guidance! I look forward to learning and growing with each of you as we embark on this sweet new adventure."

Jena Hatfield - "My husband and I decided to get into bees because of my desire to connect with nature (and I thought he would say no to getting a few cows!). We also want to teach our 8-year-old to appreciate this Earth and have a love for nature. When I brought up the idea of bees my husband Charlie was 100% onboard. We jumped right in and took a class to learn all we could. And here we go... We look forward to a Beautiful season!"

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STUFF YOU'RE GOING TO WANT TO KNOW



Beekeeper for a Day Class

You pick a day, we will build a class to fit your needs.



Installing Spring Packages

Class April 8th and 20th, 3:30-5:30pm - DeeZ' Apiary

TIME MAY VARY



Your First Inspection Class

May 4th, 3-5pm - DeeZ' Apiary



Beekeepers pictured:
Tracy, Jena,
Charlie, Mike,
Todd and
Christian

Happy Keeping!