

# What's the Buzz?

with Deez L'Town Beez

## "It's Not You, It's Me" - The Bees

*"The busy bee has no time for sorrow - William Blake*

I recently had a conversation with a beekeeper and she told me how sad she was that her bees just up and left her. Unfortunately, swarm season is here. The good news is that if your bees made it through winter then they are strong and healthy. The bad news is that they will likely want to make more of themselves and swarm. Don't take it personally, it's what they do.

### Here are some tips to try to keep your bees in your apiary

We always start with inspections.

- Are there a lot of drone cells laid out?
- How about queen cells?
- Do they have a larva in them?

If you answered yes to these questions, then it's time to split. When bees are swarming it's fun catching them after the fact, but it is much easier to do as a split before they leave the hive.

If they have already swarmed:

- Prepare a new hive location, stand, and get equipment on it.
- Capture the swarm (a bucket on a stick works great).
- Find the queen(s) and Clip or Cage her.
- Dump gently or allow them to walk calmly into the new hive. If you clip or cage your queen in the step above this is a lot easier. Set her inside the new hive, and the others will follow.
- Add 1:1 sugar water feed and close them up.

Give them a week or two to settle in. Remember to give them plenty of space to feel like they swarmed into a big enough house. You want them to stay.

## 10 Benefits of Honey

1. CONTAINS A VARIETY OF NUTRIENTS
2. RICH IN ANTIOXIDANTS
3. BETTER FOR BLOOD SUGAR LEVELS THAN REGULAR SUGAR
4. MAY IMPROVE HEART HEALTH
5. PROMOTES BURN AND WOUND HEALING
6. HELPS SUPPRESS COUGHING
7. DIABETES MANAGEMENT
8. PROMOTES FOOD DIGESTION AND ABSORPTION
9. HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT IN KIDS
10. NOURISHES SKIN AND FACE

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## STUFF YOU'RE GOING TO WANT TO KNOW ABOUT



Annmarie Sculpture Gardens  
Outdoor Maker's Market  
*Mother's Day Event*  
**May 13, 9-2pm**



**ASMB** Meeting at Shlagel Farm  
*Deep Hive Dive*  
Dress for bee keeping and bring a sack lunch.  
**May 13, 4pm**



**ASMB** Meeting at Mechanicsville  
VFD with guest speaker Mark Dykes of the UMD Bee Squad  
**July 17, 6:30pm**



**Spring Nucs for Sale**  
Over wintered colony - Proven Queen+5 frames of bees - brood and resources - Pick up in Leonardtown/Waldorf - 50% Deposit due @ time of order  
Spring delivery available +(fee)  
**\$180 \*CALL FOR WAITLIST**



### Class Dates at Deez's Apiary

- Your First Inspection 5/06
- Beekeeper for a Day 5/18
- Making Nucs and Splits 5/21
- Honey Extraction TBD
- Splits for Varroa Control 7/09
- I Know it's Hot Out There 7/30
- Building My Apiary 8/13
- Scaling Back for the Winter 10/15
- Making Products from My Hive 11/12