

What's the Buzz?

with Deez L'Town Beez

Fun Facts

ABOUT DEEZ...

- I've recently been voted in as the President of the ASMB. Club members keep an eye out for your invitation to the Meet and Greet we're planning for February.
- I am a new mentor for the wonderful [Mission Beelieve](#) program! The goal of this non-profit is to bring therapeutic beekeeping mentorship to the military, first responders, and EMS in Southern Maryland.

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ABOUT BEEZ...

Pheromones drive most of the communication for the honey bee colony. Chemical scent receptors and depositors on the bees' feet, abdomens, and antennae help them sense smells and deliver pheromone signals. For example, the Nasonov gland on the tail end of the honey bee delivers scent signals to bring the bees home. Guard bees on the front porch tell other bees that the Queen is inside by flexing their abdomen and exposing the Nasonov gland at the tip, then fanning the scent with their wings. Many bees line up to do this for a stronger effect in numbers.

Feed the Bees!

Keep feeding your bees! This is the time of year when colonies starve to death. They will start ramping up brood production and building up colony size to have a full foraging force come spring. Make sure that on warm days you are assessing the need for food. Add dry sugar on top or candy bars (10lb dry white sugar and 1 cup water, 1 tsp vinegar) and mix till it feels like wet sand. Pour into a flat tray, plate, or cookie sheet, and let dry overnight till hard. Place directly on the top bars using a shim or lift the inner cover above an empty honey super used as a feed surround.




STUFF YOU'RE GOING TO WANT TO KNOW ABOUT



Anmarie Sculpture Gardens
Indoor/Outdoor Maker's Market
Valentine's Day Event
February 11 (snow day, the 12th)
9-2pm



MSBA Meeting
February 11
9-4pm (doors open at 8:30am)



ASMB Meeting at the Charlotte
Hall Library
March 11, 9-12pm



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



Class Dates at Deez's Apiary

- Building your Equipment 3/12
- Beekeeper for a Day 3/26
- Installing Spring Packages 4/16
- Your First Inspection 4/30
- 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

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