

Secrets of Beekeeping

With Peter and Ben Eichorn



Country Flat Farm, Big Sur, CA

When: March 17, May 5, June 23, August 4

9am-1pm, followed by a light lunch from the farm

Where: Country Flat Farm in Palo Colorado Canyon, Big Sur

Cost: \$100 per class or \$300 for all four classes

Sign Up: Call (831) 624-2894 or email Peter at peterreichorn@earthlink.net

Please bring your own bee suit, veil and solid shoes if you would like to go into the apiaries with us. Each class will begin in a lecture format and be followed by a hands-on session with our bees.

Schedule:

March 17- Getting Started

- I. Background of bees and beekeeping
- II. Overview of equipment, tools, and materials
- III. Spring beekeeping tips: dividing hives, catching swarms, feeding, placement of hives, building stands for the hives, etc.

May 5 – Managing Hives during the Honey Flow

- I. How to appropriately “super up” your hives in the spring
- II. Pest management
- III. How to adequately monitor the health of your colonies throughout the spring

June 23 – Honey Extraction

- I. Timing the harvest for optimal colony health and productivity
- II. Selecting a harvesting method of appropriate scale for you apiary
- III. Wax processing: building a “solar melter”

August 4 – Preparing for Winter

- I. Pest control
- II. Reducing space: dividing hives, removing material, etc.
- III. Cleaning, organizing, and storing hives and equipment