

# Raleigh County Beekeepers Cooperative Association

## Raise Your Own Queens



**Dates:** Friday, May 19, 2023 & Saturday, May 20, 2023

**Time:** Friday, May 19, 2023 6:00PM to 8:00PM  
Saturday, May 20, 2023 11:00AM to 2:00PM

**Location:** **Friday, May 19, 2023**, Raleigh County Schools Central Office, Munson Hal, 105 Adair Street, Beckley, WV 25801  
**Saturday, May 20, 2023**, Raleigh County Schools Apiary Yard, Cool Ridge, WV

The Queen Rearing course is being offered by the Raleigh County Beekeepers Cooperative Association. Space is limited to 10 participants.

**Course Prerequisite:** Beekeeping experience greater than two years

**Recommended:** Previous Intermediate/Advanced beekeeping course or equivalent beekeeping experience greater than two years

**Course Instructor:** Mark Lilly is the current President of the Raleigh County Beekeepers Cooperative Association. Mr. Lilly is also a West Virginia Master Beekeepers and an EAS Master Beekeeper. He is currently a beekeeper/educator for the Appalachian Beekeeping Collective, managing over 800 colonies.

This course will consist of a Friday evening and a Saturday session. The first session will be Friday, May 19, 2023 and will consist of an instructional course on queen rearing. Participants will be provided a handout for notes and as a reference guide. The second session will be Saturday, May 20, 2023 and will be a hands-on session in which participants will graft queens. Participants will be provided their own grafting tool, cell bar, and (15) queen cell cups but must bring their own medium or deep frame. The first class will run from 6:00PM to 8:00PM on Friday, May 19, 2023 and will be held at the Raleigh County Board of Education Central Office located at 105 Adair Street, Beckley, WV 25801. The second class will run from 11:00AM to 2:00PM on Saturday, May 20, 2023 at the Raleigh County School Apiary Yard in Cool Ridge, WV. In case of inclement weather, the Saturday class would be rescheduled for another Saturday and participants would be notified via email.

Note: Participants would be able to pick up larvae cells on Sunday, May 21, 2023 (time to be determined) or Pick up capped cells on Thursday, May 25, 2023 (time to be determined). All unclaimed cells become property of the Raleigh County Beekeepers Cooperative Association.

### Course fees are as follows:

- \$85 per student for non-members pre-registered (Pre-registration January 20, 2023 to May 10, 2023)
- \$70 per student for RCBCA members, pre-registered
- \$80 per student for RCBCA members, non pre-registered
- \$90 per student non-pre-registered

## Interested in becoming a member of the Raleigh County Beekeepers Cooperative Association?

### Benefits of RCBCA Membership

- Membership is for entire immediate family (\$14 goes to the RCBCA & \$6 goes for membership in the WV Beekeepers Association)
- Monthly meeting with education programming
- Reduced product costs through cost-sharing opportunities with the RCBCA
- Reduced honey extraction fees for extractions through the Raleigh County Schools Extraction Center
- Hands-on beekeeping workshops at the Raleigh County Schools Apiary Yard
- Collaborative partnerships with local community groups
- Opportunity to sell honey in the annual Beckley Honey Festival
- Mentorship from other RCBCA members
- Honey and beekeeping supplies sales opportunities
- Fellowship with local beekeepers
- Discounts at RCBCA classes and WVBA conferences
- Discounted Extraction fees at the Raleigh County Schools Extraction Center

To register for the Intermediate/Advanced course and/or become a member of the RCBCA complete the form below:

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please select a registration/membership option below:

#### Class Registration:

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| _____ | \$85 | Non-member, student pre-registered (January 20 to May 10, 2023) |
| _____ | \$70 | RCBCA Member, student pre-registered                            |
| _____ | \$80 | RCBCA Member non-pre-registered                                 |
| _____ | \$90 | Non-member, non-pre-registered                                  |

#### Membership:

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| _____ | \$20 | 2023 Raleigh County Beekeepers Cooperative Association Annual Membership |
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**Total enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

#### Please make checks payable to:

Raleigh County Beekeepers Cooperative Association

#### Registration/Membership Form and fees can be mailed to:

Raleigh County Beekeepers Cooperative Association

251 Vista Drive

Mount Hope, WV 25880

Questions can be emailed to [raleighcobees@gmail.com](mailto:raleighcobees@gmail.com) or you may call (304)890-0731.