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## Beekeeping Basics at Winterthur

A special course taught by beekeepers Chris Biondi & Charles Karat

### WHO THIS COURSE IS FOR

This course is designed for people who want to become beekeepers and can be a refresher for novice beekeepers.

### ABOUT THE INSTRUCTORS

Chris Biondi is a ten-year beekeeper, currently maintaining 25 hives at five apiary sites. In addition to Chris' production hives, he also runs a queen rearing operation that supplies local stock to other area beekeepers. Charles (Charlie) Karat is a veteran beekeeper of twenty years. He brings extensive background and presentation skills to the art and science of beekeeping.

### OBJECTIVES

- Teach students how to start, maintain and care for honey bees.
- Present the history of beekeeping in America.
- Provide information on where to purchase honey bees, equipment and where to place hives (site selection).
- Learn honey bee biology, including life cycle and diseases.
- Discuss Integrated Pest Management schemes.
- Discuss the benefits of honey as a food source and a medicine.
- Demonstrate how to install a "package" of honey bees at the Winterthur Apiary (proper beekeeping attire required—*not provided*).
- Learn how to manage swarming behavior.
- Present the benefits of native versus non-native plantings for attracting honey bees and native bees.

### COURSE DETAILS

Location: Brown Horticulture Learning Center at Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library, Winterthur, Delaware.

Dates: 2/2, 2/9, and 2/16 (Saturdays) for lectures and either 4/7 or 4/14 (Sunday) for "package" installation demonstration. Saturday, 2/23 will be substituted if an earlier lecture day is cancelled due to inclement weather.

Time: 9:00 am for a 9:30 am start. Finish at 11:30 am for a 12:00 pm departure.

Fee: \$100; \$85 for Winterthur members.

### REGISTRATION DETAILS

To register, please call Winterthur's Information and Tours office at 302.888.4600 or toll free at 1.800.448.3883.

### ABOUT WINTERTHUR

Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library is the former home of Henry Francis du Pont, a prominent collector of American decorative art, passionate dairy farmer, and lifelong horticulturist. With a 60-acre historic garden surrounded by nearly 1,000 acres of pristine natural areas, all set among Delaware's beautiful Brandywine River Valley, Winterthur appeals to a wide audience of tourists, culture-seekers, and horticulturists of all ages.

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