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Beekeeping Workshop Series

Raising bees is a fascinating, fun and rewarding endeavor that many enjoy in their own backyards. However, it requires planning, knowledge and a modest investment of time and money to be successful and safe. The University of California Cooperative Extension in San Diego is excited to offer a new workshop series on honey bees and beekeeping. This is a 3-session workshop series providing information and hands-on exercises on how to become a beekeeper.

Workshop 1 - Honey Bee and Beekeeping Basics
Saturday, June 25, 2016 ***Registration Now Closed***
9:00 AM - 3:30 PM
Mira Costa College - 1 Barnard Drive - Building 3601, Oceanside, CA 92056

Topics include honey bee biology, Africanized honey bee concerns, beekeeping equipment, starting and managing your colony, best management practices, laws and policies, live hive demonstration and more.

Workshop 2 - Healthy Colonies and Hands-On Training
Saturday, August 20, 2016
9:00 AM - 3:30 PM *(schedule is tentative)*

Locations: Lecture - Mira Costa College; Field Training - To be announced

Planned topics include advanced bee colony management and pesticide issues relating to honey bees. This session will be half day lectures and half day hands-on training working with bees and hives.

Workshop 3 - Expanding Beekeeping
Saturday, December 3, 2016
9:00 AM - 3:30 PM *(schedule is tentative)*

Locations: To be announced

Planned topics include bee-friendly gardening, extracting honey and other hive by products, processing honey and safety, building beekeeping into a business and expanding beekeeping knowledge and beekeepers in San Diego County. This session will be half day lectures and half day field tours.

Speakers during this series include Elina L. Niño, Ph.D. | Apiculture Research and Extension Specialist, UC Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources; Bernardo Niño | E.L. Niño Lab-UC Davis; Shannon Mueller, Ph.D. | UC Cooperative Extension; Joshua R. Kohn, Ph.D. | Professor, Division of Biological Sciences, UC San Diego; and other Statewide and local honey bee and beekeeping experts.

Who Should Attend
This series is perfect for those who have little or no beekeeping experience and would like to obtain more knowledge and practical skills to move on to the next step of owning and caring for their own honey bee colonies.

Cost: $60/person for each session

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