

Foundations of Biodynamic Beekeeping

with presenter Alex Tuchman
March 5, 2020- August 27, 2020

7-9:00pm ET, 6-8:00 CT, 4-6:00 PT

Date	Course Title	Description / Topics Covered
Thursday, March 5	Getting Started	<u>Introduction</u> : Attitude and approach, the relationship of the bees and the beekeeper, how to get started, and tools and equipment; Reading: Bees by R. Steiner; Prelude Towards Saving the Honeybee by G. Hauk; Introduction
Thursday, April 9	Swarming and Natural Queens	This lecture will delve into the details of the breeding and reproduction of honeybees—sharing beekeeping practices that are based on enhancing the wisdom inherent in the bees’ natural instincts. Reading: TSTHB by G. Hauk; Chapter 4 and review queen from pg. 39-47, and Chapter 5
Thursday, April 30	Hive as an Organism	The natural creation and organization of workers, drones, queen, and wax comb within each hive is central to the understanding of a hive as an organism, each ‘organ’ playing a vitally important role in the health, vitality, and wholeness of the colony. Reading: Bees by R. Steiner; Lecture 1 TSTHB by G. Hauk; Chapters 1-3
Thursday, May 28	Spring and Summer Beekeeping	This lecture will start from an understanding of the life of the colony in the spring and summer months, and cover the important tasks of the beekeeper during this time. Honeybee plants and forage throughout the season will be discussed.
Thursday, June 11	Discussion 1	Reflection and Synthesis Developing and Sharing Questions
Thursday, July 16	Expansion and Contraction	The biggest change of the season, from expansion to contraction begins after the sun reaches its height on the summer solstice. This time of the year is most important for the beekeeper to properly manage the wax comb and set the hive in the right place to deal with the increased pest pressure and other health challenges that come at this time.
Thursday, July 30	Discussion 2	Troubleshooting Problems—Scenarios and Group Work

Thursday, August 20	Fall and Winter Beekeeping	This lecture will start from an understanding of the life of the colony in the fall and winter months, and cover the important tasks of the beekeeper from this time until April.
Thursday, August 27	Final Discussion	Final Reflection and Synthesis