



Four Seasons to Food Independence:
*Creative strategies for self-reliance through growing,
harvesting and preserving your own food*

**A continuation of Wolfe's Neck Farm's "Do It Yourself" Series
Beekeeping 2009-10**

Beekeeping 101: Thursday, Oct. 29th 6:30-8:30pm

Are you thinking about taking up beekeeping? This two hour workshop will introduce you to the realities and wonders of providing a home for these fascinating creatures! Master Beekeeper Erin MacGregor-Forbes will present a comprehensive look at the Bee's year (and the beekeeper's year) with a particular focus on small scale and urban/suburban beekeeping.

Fee: \$20. Work trade option available. Instructor: Erin MacGregor-Forbes

Bee School at Wolfe's Neck Farm: The Road to Successful Beekeeping

November - March: second Saturday of each month - Nov. 14, Dec. 12, Jan. 9, Feb. 13, Mar. 13; 9:30am-12:00pm

This class will walk participants step by step through the process of starting your own hives! For those seriously considering beekeeping – by the end of this class you will be prepared with in-depth knowledge to receive your bees in the mail and begin. This class will cover:

- Obtaining bees: How, When and Where
- Beekeeping Equipment - choosing a home for your bees
- Tools and protective clothing - what you need and what you may want
- Honeybee biology and behavior
- Starting out with bees
- Summertime with your bees
- Predators and Pests of bees (and the medications and remedies we use to treat for them)
- Particular emphasis on organic and "soft" chemical Honey Harvesting!
- Wax, Propolis, and other products of the hive
- Wintering your bees - doing all you can to help your colony survive the Maine Winter.

Reading material will be assigned for the following class.

Fee: \$100/series of 5 classes. Work trade option available. Instructor: Erin MacGregor-Forbes

To register:

Please call the Wolfe's Neck Farm Education Office at (207) 865-4363 or email hforan@wolfesneckfarm.org