



## Queen Rearing Class – Saturday, May 5, 2018

A class for beekeepers interested in learning more about the development and sale of queen bees will be held in the Executive Auditorium of the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center in Abingdon, Virginia on Saturday, May 5, 2018. The class will start at 8:30 a.m. with registration and end by 3:00 p.m. Instruction will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. by Virginia State Apiarist Keith Tignor and Dr. James Wilson, VT Extension Apiculturist, and will include an afternoon hands-on grafting workshop.

Topics covered in the class include:

- ✚ Honeybee queen biology, development and mating
- ✚ Conditions needed to rear queens
- ✚ How to create cell builders
- ✚ The Doolittle method of grafting
- ✚ How to transfer grafted larvae, pull ripe cells, and place cells in mating nucs
- ✚ Troubleshooting during the queen-rearing process
- ✚ Other grafting methods
- ✚ Other types of cell builders
- ✚ Honeybee queen biology, development and mating
- ✚ Practice of grafting using quinoa and other props

The cost of the class is \$35 and is limited to 100 participants. Pre-register at [HighlandsBeekeepers.com](http://HighlandsBeekeepers.com) or by sending a check for \$35 payable to the **Highlands Beekeepers Association** to the Washington County Extension Office, 234 W. Valley St., Suite B, Abingdon, VA 24210. Participants will be given a queen-rearing manual and PowerPoint handout, a certificate of completion, and a one year membership in the Highlands Beekeepers Association.

The class is sponsored by the Washington County Extension Office and the Highlands Beekeepers Association.

Call the Extension Office at (276) 676-6309 if you have questions or email [piplinda@embarqmail.com](mailto:piplinda@embarqmail.com).

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### Mail-in registration form for the QUEEN REARING CLASS – May 5, 2018

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

I plan to attend hands-on grafting workshop as well as indoor morning presentation.

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently a beekeeper?  
\_\_\_\_\_ No      \_\_\_\_\_ Yes - no. of colonies \_\_\_\_\_

Mail with check for \$35.00 payable to  
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