

## Beginner's Beekeeping Course

Calgary & District Beekeepers Association (CDBA) is pleased to present a Beginner's Beekeeping Course. This course covers topics that you need to know to start beekeeping and become a hobby beekeeper in your own backyard or a small commercial beekeeper. It is designed to provide the knowledge you will need for the entire beekeeping year.

**Course content** will include, as a minimum:

- Bee biology and colony behaviour;
- Bee purchase options;
- Beekeeping equipment and tools;
- Hive Management (spring, summer, fall management plus overwintering bees);
- Pest and disease management;
- Harvesting and extracting honey; and,
- Beekeeping regulations in Alberta and City of Calgary Guidelines.

**Date:** Classroom instruction: Saturday, October 24 and Sunday, October 25 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Apiary visit: Saturday, October 31 at noon and 2:00 pm (weather permitting)

**Location:** Parkdale Nifty Fifties Seniors Association (3512 5 Avenue NW, Calgary)

**Instructors:** A minimum of 4 CDBA members with combined experience of over 95 years

Ron Miksha – Beekeeper for about 40 years, first as a commercial beekeeper in Saskatchewan and now as a hobby beekeeper; Author of "*Bad Beekeeping*"; former President of CDBA

Bert Blouin – First kept bees with his family; became a full time beekeeper in 2000 and keeps about 30 hives in Airdrie, Bears paw and his backyard in Silver Springs; President of CDBA

Neil Bertram – Raised on a commercial bee farm in Manitoba; now operates a bee business consisting of about 300 hives located north of Calgary; Neil has been working bees for over 30 years; Treasurer of CDBA

Liz Goldie – Beekeeping for 5 years with hives located in her backyard in Scenic Acres and near Pincher Creek; Secretary of CDBA

**Registration Fee:** \$250 including "Beekeeping in Western Canada" manual, handouts, lunches and refreshments during breaks

**For questions** regarding the course, please email [calgarybeekeepers@gmail.ca](mailto:calgarybeekeepers@gmail.ca) or [liz.goldie@shaw.ca](mailto:liz.goldie@shaw.ca).

**REGISTRATION**  
**Calgary & District Beekeepers Association**  
**Beginners Beekeeping Course**  
**Saturday October 24 & Sunday October 25, 2015**

**Course Fee: \$250.00**

**Participant Name & Address**

**Email:**

**Phone**

**Preferred method and time to contact you:**

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**Registrar for this event is Bruce Aitken**

**Payment may be made by cheque payable to  
"Calgary & District Beekeepers Association"**

**You may mail your registration form and cheque to:**

**Bruce Aitken  
5315 Grove Hill Road SW  
Calgary, AB T3E 4G7**

**Payment confirms your registration.**

**There is a limit to the class size.**

**Payment and registrations received after the class is full will be return to the  
address you provide on this form.**