

BeeKeeping 101

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The Great Falls Public Library is hosting Brian Rodger of the Wanna-Beekeeping Club presenting BeeKeeping 101 on Thursday, **January 31, 7:00 pm**. This program is free and open to the public.

Keeping bees isn't something you just jump into without doing your homework, but even the best books and websites can fall short of one-on-one advice from people who know the trade inside and out. The Wanna-Bee Beekeeping Club was founded by beekeeper Brian Rogers of Great Falls to make it easier for beekeepers to find each other and collaborate.

People turn to beekeeping for different reasons, but the current economy and the recent development of Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD) are both driving people to consider keeping honey bees. Honey bees are critical to the nation's agricultural industry, which is partly why CCD has gotten so much media attention in recent years. But honey is also a valuable crop, and bees don't take up the amount of space needed to raise livestock or grow produce, so many recently-unemployed individuals turn to beekeeping as a means to make ends meet.

The Wanna-Bee Beekeeping Club will help new beekeepers connect with more experienced keepers, share resources, collaborate, and just enjoy a common interest in bees.

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