Beekeeping: A Bibliography of Audiovisual Resources in the Erwin Library, Wayne Community College

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All audiovisual items are listed in alphabetical order by author, and occasionally by title if there is no one author listed in the DVD credits. Annotations for these entries in the bibliography are culled from the sites that offer the videos for purchase, product notes, or review resources, and will aid those members who are choosing materials for interlibrary loan requests.

For a more comprehensive bibliography, which includes internet resources and books about beekeeping available in the Erwin Library collections please take a look at the Beekeeping: A Bibliography of Resources in the Erwin Library, Wayne Community College.

Audiovisuals:

A Look at Queen and Package Bee Production. Moravian Falls, N.C.: Brushy Mountain Bee Farm; S.l.: Dauenhauer Productions [production company], 1991. 1 DVD (60 min.) Call Number: SF523 .L66 1991

“This one hour presentation gives an excellent look at artificial insemination, grafting queen cells, and the basics of the Jenter queen rearing system.”


“Introductory guide for persons considering keeping bees. Experts explain how to obtain bees and equipment, what protective clothing and essential tools are needed, how to collect honey from hives and what beekeeping entails over the course of a year.”

Atchison, Calvin. Setting up a Package Swarm. [S.I.]: The Image Foundry, 2000. 1 DVD (40 min.) Call Number: SF523 .S48 2000

“Segments include: The modern beehive; Assembling your hives; Selecting your site; What to wear; The big day; Four to five days later; Two to three weeks later.”


“This DVD explores a comprehensive and holistic beekeeping method using the top bar hive. It demonstrates the practical steps to setting up and maintaining your own top bar hive.”

“Rancher Ron takes the viewer through an entire year of beginning beekeeping. He covers the basics: what kind of gear is necessary, how to install a package of bees, and how to harvest the honey.”


“In Greece, eleven-year-old Dimitris is fascinated by bees. He has already decided that he wants to be a bee-keeper like his father, and spends his free mornings watching him work, showing us how they live. He’s overjoyed when he is given a little bee-hive for his birthday.”

Comb Honey Production. Moravian Falls, N.C.: Brushy Mountain Bee Farm, 2010. 1 DVD (56 min.) Call Number: SF523 .C66 2010

“Ed Buchanan has been raising bees a long time and producing comb honey just as long. Enjoy the conversation between Ed and Shane Gebauer as they explore the topic of producing and packaging comb honey. They cover numerous tips and tricks to get your hive to create a beautiful comb honey and then the best method of packaging it for sale or gifts.”

Commercial Queen Breeding. [Ocilla Ga.]: H & L Bee Farm, 2010. 1 DVD (132 min.) Call Number: SF523 .C666. 2010


“Examines handling of a bee colony, and how to correct several of the problems which can occur. Segments include: Program 1. A look at overwintered colonies, and Program 2. Colonies with problems.”


“Vermont beekeeper, Ross Conrad, proposes a program of selective breeding and natural hive management. The video presents a comprehensive survey of natural beekeeping methods and challenges.”

“A hands-on workshop in the field from master beekeeper Les Crowder, focusing on how to manage bees naturally using the innovative top-bar hive system ... which allows bees to naturally construct their own wax combs rather than relying on prefabricated frames and plastic cells. This low-stress method is being used to raise healthy bees organically, without the use of antibiotics, miticides, or other chemical inputs.”

Delaplane, Keith S. **Honey Bees and Beekeeping: A Year in the Life of an Apiary.** [Athens, Ga.]: University of Georgia, Georgia Center for Continuing Education, Cooperative Extension Service, 2011. 1 DVD (215 mins.) Call Number: SF523 .H664 2011

In eight half-hour long segments “Dr. Keith Delaplane demonstrates the basics of how to start, manage, and maintain productive honeybee colonies through an entire year of beekeeping.”

Demers, Jocelyn. **Saving the Life Keepers.** [N.p.]: Monde Films, 2013. 1 DVD (62 min.) Call Number: SF523 .S28 2013

"From the semi deciduous forest of Mexico to the farm lands and cities of North America, learn how successful beekeepers overcome challenges and develop sustainable practices to improve the quality and quantity of bee populations. This documentary offers several practical solutions. These include: utilizing the biodiversity of plants, mass plantings of protein rich flowers, Queen bee mating yards, how to fight bee parasites and diseases without chemicals and antibiotics and finally, how beekeepers work successfully with productive and resistant Africanized bees. Saving the Life Keepers is a visual delight for the eyes and reveals how local citizens, farmers, small and large businesses as well as beekeepers can help protect and preserve bee populations throughout the world. A humanistic adventure based on the extraordinary realities of the present, this documentary marks the way to sustain the future for generations of people and bees yet to come.”


Segments include: Nine swarms; Feral colony; After the catch; Bee removal; Equipment; Bonus video

Ellis, Jamie [et al.]. **New Frontiers in Beekeeping.** [S.I.]: Zamani Productions, 2010. 2 DVDs (270 min.) Call Number: SF523 .N49 2010

Presenting “cutting-edge perspectives from four of the field’s premier experts” this DVD set records a seminar held on Saturday, November 13, 2010 at the Folk Art Center in Asheville, N.C., sponsored by the Western North Carolina Center for Honeybee Research. It features Jamie Ellis, head of Extension research for the state of Florida, Debbie Delancey, a researcher on the genetic diversity of bees at the University of Delaware, Jay Evans, also a research scientist focusing on possible links between viruses and CCD, and Maria Spivak, a renowned Entomologist at the University of Minnesota.

“This DVD was created from a VHS.”

Extracting Honey. Moravian Falls, N.C.: Brushy Mountain Bee Farm, 2010. 1 DVD (80 min.) Call Number: SF523 .E98 2010

“We extract last year’s Spring honey crop with our Compact Deluxe (basket style), 9 Frame Hand Radial, and our 20 Frame Deluxe extractor. Uncapping is done with a cold knife, hot electric knife, uncapping plane, and our sideline uncapper. We even explain and use a capping scratcher. Don't understand extracting? You will!”

Eyre, David. Queen Rearing. Orillia, Ont.: Bee Works, 2005. 1 DVD (90 min.) Call Number: SF523 .Q44 2005

“Apiarist David Eyre takes you through the steps of raising quality queens using one of three different methods, from simple basic splits to full-fledged grafting.”


“Bee-lining, harvesting a bee tree, and trapping bees out of houses are covered in this 77 minute DVD. Learn how to get bees for FREE!”


“Contains Brushy Mountain Bee Farm’s online Beginner’s Class, which is broken into four recorded webinar sessions. In addition, there are several PDF files included: PowerPoint slides, Brood Inspection sheet, Inspection sheet from Hive Tracts, Summary table of medications, Transporting and installing a package of bees, Nosema information, and Varroa mite information. Windows Media Player is required for viewing the recordings.”


“Investigates how beekeepers are coping with the disappearances and deaths of entire honeybee colonies due to Colony Collapse Disorder.”


“Nicotine Bees gets to the truth about why the honeybees of the world are in big trouble, and why our food supply is in trouble with them. The answers are clear—and have been for several years. We filmed on 3 continents to find out the real reasons why bees are in catastrophic decline—and why many people don’t want the real story to be told. ... Using evidence from Europe, India, Canada, and dozens of U.S. states, this documentary systematically rules out possible causes of the massive dieoff to find one underlying explanation.”

Hester, Terry. Getting Started with Bees. [Ocilla Ga.]: H & L Bee Farm, 2008. 1 DVD (38 min.) Call Number: SF523 .G488 2008

“You will learn about top beekeeping tools ... [including] ... Two different ways of hiving package bees; Introducing the queen without removing a frame; Feeding the bees; The simple way to light and use the smoker; The first inspection; Balancing the hives and having your bees ready for the
honey. [Observe the] ... South Georgia style of professional beekeeper Terry Hester, of H&L Bee Farm as he helps his friend Marty get started with ... [introducing] ... eight new packages of bees into some old used hives on four-way pallets. In 2005 Terry Hester stirred up a hornet’s nest with an NBC news broadcast ... [about] ... Africanized Honey Bees. We have included the actual footage from this broadcast at the end of this DVD.”

Hoffman, Charles S. *The World of Bees*. Minneapolis, Minn.: Little blossom Enterprises, 2014. 1 DVD (52 min.) Call Number: SF523.W67 2014


*Just Add Honey*. Millerton, Pa.: Draper's Super Bee Apiaries, Inc., 2007. 1 DVD (23 min.) Call Number: TX767.H7 2007

“How to cook with honey–plus some great recipes.”


“This beginners' DVD gives you almost 2-1/2 hours of instruction. It covers assembly, basic management, tools, feeding, bee biology, and much, much more.”


"Honeybees have been mysteriously disappearing across the planet, literally vanishing from their hives. Known as Colony Collapse Disorder, this phenomenon threatens the loss of much more than honey as we depend on honeybees to pollinate one third of the food on our tables. *Vanishing of the Bees* chronicles the innermost thoughts and feelings of beekeepers and scientists as they fight to preserve the honeybee and make it through another day. Featuring experts like author Michael Pollan, the film also presents a platform of solutions, encouraging audiences to be the change they want to see in the world."


“We’ll show you a newly captured swarm being requeened. The old queen will be removed and a new Buckfast queen will be installed to replace her. After a graphic review of important facts to remember about requeening we will return to the apiary to remove the queen cages and check on the new queen’s progress. The video is interesting, informative and easy to understand! A must have for the beginning beekeeper and the old hand alike! Requeening is a must know operation for all beekeepers in order to keep colonies strong and healthy, but if not done properly colony losses can be devastating.”


“This ... DVD teaches you how to look at your colonies three dimensionally. It shows you how to do a more complete inspection in less time and with less work, giving you more time to enjoy your
bees. Back to the basics takes you through an entire colony inspection from top to bottom. Once you've learned to do a complete basic inspection with this easy to follow video you'll be surprised how your colonies will flourish. A Graphic Review of important things to remember about inspections is included in this video.”


“Takes a look at the benefits of beekeeping, covering the equipment required and how to use it, how to locate hives, hiving bees, entering a hive, harvesting, honey, wintering, and swarm prevention. Provides a glimpse of the entire beekeeping season from building equipment in winter and spring to the fall harvest, with an entire section on resources and research.”


“*Medications and Pesticides* is ... designed to show you how to properly mix and dispense the medications and pesticides used in honey bee colonies. It demonstrates the proper techniques using the manufacturer’s instructions, so as to help reduce and retard resistance build up. With all the new and exotic pests honey bees have to face today, this video is a must!”


“*Package Bees: The Easy Way* ... is just packed with information for the beginning beekeeper as well as some get back to the basics hints for the old hand. Watch as our on-camera beekeeper installs two packages of bees. Each of the two packages is installed in a different manner. We’ll show you different ways to install the bees, the queen, and the use of different feeders. After you’ve seen the actual installations we’ll take you through a review of what we did and why we did it. Then you’ll go back to the colony for a three day inspection to make sure the bees have released the queen, and to remove the queen cage.”


“Two For One Splits & Divides is ... geared to save you money, increase the number of colonies you own, thus increasing your yield of hive products, all without buying another expensive package of bees. Why buy more expensive package bees when you have a good strong colony that can be split or divided? This video will show you the easiest and best way to make a split. After showing you how to make a split and a graphic review of important facts to remember when making splits, we’ll take you back to the apiary to check on the progress of the colonies. You’ll be amazed at just how easy and inexpensive it is to double or even triple the number of colonies you own in just one season.”


“Turn your honey into wine. This DVD shows you how, takes you through the whole process step by step.”

"*The Quest for Local Honey* is an ambitious film, both in its form and content. A creative mix of narration, animation, traditional documentary footage, and captions, Meadows and Winders take us on a whimsical journey toward their better understanding of how to procure and secure local honey. Unlike many environmental films, it avoids the pitfalls of over-simplicity and the kind of “we’re sunk” mentality that leaves audiences hanging their heads in defeat."


“We tag along with Bill Owens, designer of the Owen’s Bee Vac, as he goes on a bee removal. Bill is a Master Beekeeper ... [who] ... has done hundreds of removals throughout Georgia. In this DVD he is removing a colony from a building before it is demolished, but the techniques are applicable to any removal.”


“Shane Gebauer explains all the best and needed techniques for installing package bees. You will see the entire operation from start to finish, up close and personal. Once you watch this DVD you will always look forward to installing packages.”


Queen of the Sun: *What are the Bees Telling Us?* Portland, Or.: Collective Eye, 2010. 1 DVD (82 min.) Call Number: SF538.5 CC65 Q84 2012

“A documentary on colony collapse disorder, a phenomenon involving the mass disappearance of honeybees from their hives.”


“Introduces bees and beekeeping, covering such aspects as pollination, the making of honey, and beekeeping equipment and practices. Segments include: Hive Splitting: Parent colonies; Queen care; Nucs; Disease prevention; Selecting the brood frames; Populating the nuc; Transfer to the hive body; Honey Extracting; Methods for removing bees from Honey Supers; Recommended equipment; Frame selection and de-capping; Extracting filtering and bottling; Winterizing and storing Supers.”

“Visit five commercial beekeepers and learn their methods and tricks for requeening and making splits.”


“[Searching] ... for a better formic acid treatment suitable for a commercial operation ... [Ruzicka] ... evaluated many existing methods of treatment and compiled a set of principles for successful treatment ... The formic acid treatment he developed is now used in Canada, [the] ... USA, New Zealand, Argentina and Europe.”

**Silence of the Bees.** Chicago, Ill.: Questar, 2008. 1 DVD (118 min.) Call Number: QL568 .A6 S55 2008

“Honeybees first appeared on earth around 80 million years ago, and from the beginning have played a key role in our survival. Most fruit trees and vegetable species are entirely dependent on bees to produce, and there is no commercially viable artificial replacement for natural pollination. In the past year, up to 80% of the honeybees in the US have vanished. The massive die-offs, first reported in November of 2006, are now the subject of emergency research around the globe as the devastation spreads and scientists race to discover the cause of this ecological disaster. Could it be a disease? Or is it caused by cellphones, pesticides, mites, fungi, or the stress that comes from increasingly industrialized beekeeping operations? Whatever is happening, we must solve the mystery soon, and correct the problem, or face consequences we hardly dare imagine.”


“The Honey Harvest DVD is a beautiful presentation of photography and dialog on a year in the life of an active beehive. It begins with spring and installation of a new swarm, and continues through the seasons and changes of a working hive.”


“Dr. Marla Spivak demonstrates how to rear queen bees.”


“The CD-ROM includes: Beekeeping classes 101 for Beginning Beekeepers, 201 for Intermediate Beekeepers, and 301 for Advanced Beekeepers ... It is three books on one CD-ROM, covering a full range of beekeeping topics. Topics range from "How do I keep bees?" to "How do I make money with bees?" It contains three short movies, a series of power point presentations ideal for bee meetings or review of subject material covered in the beekeeping lessons, two digitized bee books that have had an important impact on beekeeping in the past: Better Queens by Jay Smith, and Forty Years Among the Bees by Dr. C.C. Miller. The CD-ROM menu includes a search of
approximately 200 beekeeping topics including: queen rearing, honey production, disease identification, moving bees, small and large scale extracting, finding queens etc. Included on the menu is a dictionary of beekeeping terms and a way to print the lessons to hard copy if your learning style is enhanced by reading the printed word.”


“Segments include: Tour of the hive; Your beekeeper suit; Your beekeeper equipment and tools; Constructing your hive components, stand, frames, and supers; Assembling your hive components; Capturing your swarm; Populating your hive; Inspecting your hive; Populating your second hive; Managing space in your hive; Extracting your honey.”


“Just like fishing you can catch your own bees. Just like fishing you need to know the tricks and this 50 minute presentation shows them all!”


“Takes viewers inside a bee hive to learn more about bees, honey, and pollination, including the different types of bees and their various jobs within the bee community.”


“This series is comprised of 34 detailed training videos that address practical aspects of elementary beekeeping. The video clips are short, 3-9 minutes in length, but provide concise information on the subject matter. The videos may be used chronologically or independently. Additionally, slide presentations are provided as supplementary learning tools.”


“This virtual presentation originated from the Alabama Center Auditorium, and was delivered at the NCSBA-SCBA Spring Conference on Saturday, Feb. 7, 2015, 2:30-3:15 p.m.”


“Spend a year in this hive and experience life as a bee. Amazingly up-close footage filmed with specially developed macro lenses brings you the most intimate—and most spectacular—portrayal of a working bee colony ever filmed. It’s not frightening—it’s fascinating. See things you never imagined. Hear things only bees hear. Discover new found facts about the strange and complex life of bees. Did you know it takes nectar from 10 million flowers to create a single liter of honey?
No wonder they’re called worker bees! *Tales from the Hive* exposes a bee colony’s secret world—detailing such rarely seen events as the life-or-death battle between a pair of rival queens, a bee eater’s attack on the hive, a scout bee’s mysterious dance that shares special "nectar directions" with the rest of the hive. Also, watch the high-speed mid-air "wedding flight" of drone and queen. See the colony’s defense against a honey-loving bear. (Originally produced in 1998 and broadcast as a segment of *NOVA*, January 4, 2000)


“Takes a look at the benefits of beekeeping, covering the equipment required and how to use it, how to locate one's hive, hiving bees, entering a hive, harvesting, honey, wintering, and swarm prevention.”


Presented by the National Honey Board, this “educational video for intermediate students, grades 4-6, explains the role of honeybees in the hive, the importance of beekeeping for pollination, and the steps in honey production. [It] features child reporters who investigate pollination, honey bees, and honey for their newscast, "What’s Buzzin’.”