

Ohio Queen Project
Maumee Valley Region

2009 Queen Rearing Classes

In 2007 the Ohio State Beekeepers Association started the Ohio Queen Project to improve the quality of queens used by Ohio beekeepers and to reduce dependence on queens and bees from the southern states. In addition to identifying superior stock and breeding to improve the stock, the program was setup to teach beekeepers how to raise their own queens for themselves and others. For more information on the Ohio Queen Project see www.ohiostatebeekeepers.org

This is a hands on class. In addition to receiving class instruction, students will be participating in setting up the cell builder and grafting larvae. Please bring your veil and suit on Friday as we will be opening hives. A manual and all other supplies (grafting tools, frames, etc.) will be supplied for the class. Students will have the opportunity to graft larvae from instrumentally inseminated breeder queens and can pick up the finished cells for placement in their own mating nucs. Students may also leave their nucs at our yards to mate with our drone population.

Any beekeeper interested in queen rearing is encouraged to attend. You do not need to have a large number of hives to take this class or to raise a queen. Beekeepers with as few as 1 hive have taken this class in the past. Only a desire to learn about how queens are raised is required.

- When:** June 5th @5:00PM – 7:30PM
June 6th @9:30AM – approximately 3:00PM
- Location:** 23151 Road A
Continental, Ohio 45831
- Cost:** \$50 for members of the Ohio State Beekeepers Association
\$70 for non-members (Includes membership to OSBA)
- Sign Up:** Call Tim Arheit at 419-371-1742. Class space is limited.

- Agenda:** Friday
Sign in, Introductions, Setting up a cell builder.
- Saturday
Breakfast – Donuts, coffee and orange juice will be provided.
Morning – The Ohio Queen Project overview, Queen rearing theory, breeding basics.
Lunch – On your own.
Afternoon – Equipment, Tips & tricks for Ohio weather, Grafting.

For more information, or to sign up contact the Maumee Valley Region district coordinator Tim Arheit at 419-371-1742 or tarheit@honeyrunapiaries.com If you cannot make our class see www.ohiostatebeekeepers.org for information on classes given by other coordinators.

Directions:

