Queen Rearing Short Course  
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June 19 – 21, 2014

This is a course designed for those who want to learn the art of queen rearing using the grafting method. The 2 1/2 day course will be at the Purdue Bee Lab and will finish on the day of the ISBA summer meeting at the same location. The fee for the course is $100 and will include a queen rearing manual (Spivak and Reuter). Pre-registration is required.

To register, please send email to Krispn Given (kgiven@purdue.edu). Please do not send money. Registration fees will be collected on site. We recommend you to bring your own suit and veil.

Prerequisite:
At least a year of previous beekeeping experience.

You will learn:
Introduction to queen rearing systems  
Preparing starter and finisher colonies  
Biology of queens and drones  
Methods for selecting winter-hardy mite-resistant bees  
Queen mating  
Equipment used  
How to prepare a swarm box and queenless cell starter hive  
Hands on grafting hands  
Alternative methods  
Marking queens  
Queen mating in nucs

Agenda

Thursday - June 19 (note: bring your veil and suit)
8:30 Registration
9:00 Class
12:00 Lunch (provided)
1:00 Hive manipulations
4:00 Adjourn

Friday – June 21
9:00 Class
12:00 Lunch (provided)
1:00 Hive manipulations and Grafting (putting cells in cell starter colony)
4:00 Adjourn

Saturday – June 22
9:00 Discussion, question and answer
11:00 Check cells for acceptance, class adjourned.
Stay and enjoy the ISBA events here at the Purdue Bee Lab