

Gene Brady

Warrenton Bee Guru

Want to learn more about beekeeping?
Join Gene Brady for a beginners beekeeping course.
Learn how to set up and maintain a hive, introduce the bees, as well as pest management tips.

Gene Brady has been keeping bees for 35 years. He is self-taught, relying on books and other beekeepers to learn the art. Gene is generous with his knowledge and advice, so bring him your questions about bees and honey.

Currently, Gene has a dozen hives, which will provide him with a 300 gallon harvest - he is quick to point out that he is not so much "harvesting" as he is "robbing" - but the bees are left with plenty of honey for themselves. Gene uses about 3 gallons a year personally, mostly in iced tea; the rest is sold or given as gifts. The pale May honeys, like Tulip Poplar and White Clover are his favorites. Late summer honeys, like Russian Olive, Red Maple and Chokecherry, are dark and strong. All are good, and good for you.

When you visit the Warrenton CFC Farm & Home Center to purchase your start-up beekeeping equipment, Gene will make sure you have everything you need for the first year. He can also order bee swarms, which arrive mid-March, be sure to have your plans made and hives in place.

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Interested persons should contact Sara, slawler@cfcfarmhome.com



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