

# Steller Apiaries & Farms 2018 Alternative Bee Gathering Registration

When: Sunday May 20, 2018 Registration begins at 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Where: Steller Apiaries & Farms. 3342 Clinton Way Jackson, MI 49201

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Beekeeping is becoming a lost art. Our honey bee populations have been hurting for years. And almost everyone knows someone that *used* to be a beekeeper, but when it comes to ethical bee practices? To keep bees viably and ethically for modest harvested honey? Happy, healthy bees are what we are after! Take it into your hands and BE that someone that has that connection to Mother Nature! Have you considered beekeeping or agriculture but weren't sure where to begin? Given it a try and were met with loss and disappointment? Have you considered alternative hives only to feel more confused or overwhelmed than before? Perhaps you've been keeping bees and are simply wondering what comes next. We at Steller Apiaries know all too well about how readily available sustainable information is to the "natural" keeper, the sustainable keeper, the alternative keeper, the bee havers and the bee guardians. Come join us on our farm this spring, for our Sixth Annual Alternative Beekeepers Gathering where new and experienced keepers can learn, talk, and discuss! Bring a dish to pass and enjoy a beautiful afternoon in our apiary with hands-on experience, surrounded with other like-minded bee folk!

Many opportunities are available to learn how to keep bees commercially, massively, and for maximized production. We have worked hand in hand with many commercial keepers at most of Michigan's acclaimed bee schools, clubs, and meetings. We're here to tell you there *IS* an alternative and you can keep your bees ethically, happily, naturally and most of all, successfully. We will discuss top bar hive systems (Warré & horizontal TBH), feeding, medicating, honey harvesting, tending, observing and inspections in our classes; mainly the differences in principles between conventional and sustainable beekeeping. It is certainly long overdue to devote an entire day to a hands-on course on Alternative beekeeping!

May 20th at 10:00 am. Registration begins with coffee and light refreshments on the farm, then we will split into 2 groups -those that are new to alternatives and those that have experience and looking to know what happens next. Both groups will be in the hives working, so bring gear if you desire it. A wholesome Lunch will be provided at noon, with the request that you bring a dish to pass to enrich our gathering; and then back to the learning! This is only a one day only event and we want to share our 10+ years of knowledge! we are asking for \$60 per person or \$75 per family to attend this daylong event; children of all ages are welcome! Please dress for the weather and for spending the day out in the apiary and sun! (Please also consider bringing hydration, sunscreen and a camping chair, if convenient!) This is a pre-registered event so please accept our invite, and call or email to secure your place! Recently Slovenia and other European countries petitioned for a world recognized honey bee day, so we've moved our bee school to coincide with this wonderful day!! We look forward to seeing you all May 20!

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO KEITH OR JESSICA STELLER**

**Payment Methods:** We accept cash, money orders, check, PayPal, or debit/credit cards. Please **do not send cash with your order form**. Credit, debit, and PayPal payments can be made via PayPal on our website (under our 'Rescue a Colony' Tab) or via PayPal card-swipe on our phone (in-person.)

**\*\*Please note there is a 5% charge for all card or PayPal payments, a fee for using their services\*\***

Receipt Reference # \_\_\_\_\_ Received by: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send with your payment to: Keith or Jessica Steller/ SA Farms  
**\*please make checks payable to** 3342 Clinton Way  
**Keith or Jessica Steller\*** Jackson, MI 49201

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBERS ATTENDING: (Please include ages of children) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

DAYTIME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EVENING PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

(PLEASE CIRCLE)

**Individual                      Family                      Beginner Track      or      Intermediate Track**  
**\$60                                  \$75**

**PAYMENT METHOD:    CASH                      CHECK # \_\_\_\_\_                      CHARGE (NOTE: THERE WILL BE A 5% FEE ON ALL CARD CHARGES)**

**TOTAL:** \_\_\_\_\_

By signing below, I assume all risk on my part and myself and my family's' behalf associated with honey bees, stings, hives, hive building, and any dangers/threats associated with being in close proximity of any and all items previously listed. All minors should remain in the company of an adult and great care and respect of the honey bee should be taken by all while on the property of Steller Apiaries & SA Farms. Steller Apiaries takes every precaution to ensure safety and that adequate emergency services are provided should they be necessary. I acknowledge such risks and release Steller Apiaries, SA Farms, and Keith & Jessica Steller of any and all liability.

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Signature(s)

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Printed Name(s)

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Printed Name(s) of additional attendants

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