

**Three Rivers Beekeepers  
Queen Rearing Class; May 20, 2017**

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- 8:30 – 9:00**     Registration
- 9:00 - 9:30:**     Basics of queen rearing, terminology, necessary equipment
- 9:30 - 11:00:**     Grafting Preparation
- Preparing and setting up a cell-builder/starter hive
  - Preparing a "queen-mother" colony to graft from 6 days after the preparation;
  - "Non-grafting" method for raising a few queens
  - Quantity of queens produced
    - Using starter/finisher cell-builders
    - Separate starters and finishers
- 11:00 - 12:30:**     Queen Cells
- Creating cell-starters, cell-finishers
  - Creating a cell-builder from "shook" bees
  - Introduction to grafting
- 12:30 - 1:15:**     Lunch
- 1:15 - 3:15:**     Hands-on Grafting;
- Choosing and "aging" larvae to graft
  - Two methods for installing graft into cell-builder
  - Timetable for moving from starter to finisher
- 3:15 - close:**     Related Topics
- Mating nucs
  - Drone yards
  - Troubleshooting