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Honey Bee Workshop Coming to Auburn

The art of beekeeping is becoming a rare thing. Unless you learned the basics from your grandfather or neighbor, most folks would not know how to get started in this fascinating hobby or farm enterprise. Well, if you have ever considered getting a hive of bees so that you can enjoy your own fresh honey or just for the pollination the bees provide to your garden, now is your chance to learn from the experts.

On Saturday, February 3, 2007, there will be a Honey Bee Workshop at Auburn University that is open to the public. This one day workshop will begin with registration from 8:00 till 8:45 a.m. and conclude around 4:00 p.m. The workshop will be held at the Lowder Building in the College of Business (415 West Magnolia Avenue). Our guest speakers will be Dr. James Tew from Ohio State, Dr. Charls Ray from Auburn University, Mr. Dennis Barcliff with the State Department of Agriculture and several other private bee keepers and guests.

Some of the topics to be covered will include: your first hive, honey bee pests, producing queens, cooking with honey, candle making, processing honey, and commercial opportunities. There will also be door prizes, a "gadget table", and a honey guessing contest.

Beekeeping is a fascinating activity and has some great benefits. The pollination that honey bees provide is often underestimated. And the honey not only tastes good but helps with allergies and provides important nutritional needs. In recent years the numbers of wild hives has declined due to some invasive pests and the lack of natural hive sites. Beekeepers provide a valuable service to all of us - come learn to be one!

There is a registration fee of \$17 per person and must be received before January 30, 2007. Checks should be made payable to Auburn University, and mailed to Ms. Angie Rodgers, Dept. of Entomology, 301 Funchess Hall, Auburn University, AL 36849-5615. For more information call (334) 844-5006 or contact Roger Vines at the Coosa County Extension Office at (256) 377-4713.