



**THE
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CENTER**

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“WHAT’S THE BUZZ ABOUT BEES?”

MARCH 9th, 2010

Honey bees pollinate many of the plants used for human consumption and are a vital part of our ecosystem. Over the past few years much has been in the news about Colony Collapse Disorder in honey bees where some beekeepers have lost entire holdings of bees within weeks without scientists being able to explain why. Many feel our food supply may be drastically affected if all honey bee colonies die.

This presentation by **Joe Newbill** will offer a discussion about the fascinating lives of this insect and man’s efforts at domesticating them. You will be able to ask questions and hear how bees struggle to deal with parasites, predators, disease and pesticides. What is colony collapse disorder? How is honey produced? How do honey bees reproduce? Does honey consumption help with allergies? Will the Africanized honey bee invade Franklin County?

Joe and his wife Carolyn are natives of Franklin County and live near Westlake. Joe received his undergraduate degree in Dairy Science from VA Tech in 1971. He was an ammunition officer in the US Army from 1971 through 1973.

He worked in various positions for USDA Farmers Home Administration and USDA Rural Development in several locations across Virginia, finishing his career



as State Director for Virginia, a position he was appointed to by President Bush in 2001.

In 1982 Joe began keeping honey bees at their home and has had from one to twelve hives every year since. Over those 28 years he has experienced many issues and challenges in beekeeping.

Join us for a great program and lunch!

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To register, please complete this form and return it with the registration fee to the Center by March 5th.

Name _____ Spouse/Guest _____
(Please include the Rev., Dr., Mr., Mrs., Ms., Miss)

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Daytime Telephone Number _____ Email Address _____

Any special dietary accommodations? _____

Please make your check payable to The Phoebe Needles Center, Inc.

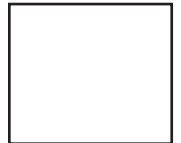
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INFORMATION AT A GLANCE...

You are welcome to arrive at 9:30 a.m. for social time and coffee. The program will begin promptly in McCauley Hall at 10:00 a.m. Lunch will follow immediately after the program. Special parking for handicapped and those with difficulty climbing steps can be found behind the McCauley Hall. To make a reservation, please return the form at the bottom of the page or call the office at 540-483-1518. Please make your reservations at least one week in advance. The fee for non-members is \$16.00 and \$8.00 for members. The fee includes the program and a gourmet lunch. Fee is not refundable after the reservation deadline. . Although we will try, we are not able to accommodate all needs relating to diet. Vegetarian entrees are available by request with advance notice. Pets are not permitted. Dress is casual. For more information, contact the Center. All buildings, rooms and porch areas are smoke-free.



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