



A CALL for MENTEES and MENTORS

It's that time of year again! Though we still have snow on the ground and more surely on the way, the Dandelions will be blooming before we know it and that means the start of the 2023 beekeeping season is right around the corner too! Yippee!

Request a Mentor

If you are new to beekeeping, you may be feeling excited, curious, a little confused, anxious, or even all of the above!! Good! Maybe you have already bought your hive/woodenware and protective gear... But wait! There's more! Have you ordered your bees? Will you start with packaged bees or a nuc? Do you know where you will site your hive? Do you know how to light a smoker? Maybe you don't even know where to begin! That's completely understandable!

A mentor can help you with those decisions, help with your installation, direct you to learning resources, and so much more! One of the benefits of belonging to our bee club is having access to a community of experienced beekeepers, but equally importantly, a mentor who can guide you through your first season!

Maybe you have a year or two under your belt and didn't start with a mentor, but are thinking you would like one this year. It's not too late! As a Mentee, there is no charge to you, but please be prepared to help your Mentor with their hives, attend meetings, and do a bit of research on your own!

Just go to the Club website, www.brightonbee.club and click the link to sign up for a Mentor!

Be a Mentor

Those of us who have been keeping bees for a year or more can definitely relate, right? I remember my initial interest in beekeeping and my first bee package installation like yesterday and I'm guessing you do too! If you have at least one year of beekeeping or more under your bee veil and you are excited about beekeeping, this could be the year that you make a difference in a new beekeeper's journey by being a mentor! Being a Mentor is one way that you can contribute to our Club! If you have been a mentor before, you know how rewarding it can be! Either way, I hope that you will commit to taking at least one of our club's new beekeepers under your wing for a season!

If you can commit an hour or so per month to mentor one or two new beekeepers, please go to the Club website, www.brightonbee.club and click the link to sign up to be a Mentor!

I'll Be Your Match Maker

It's February and Valentine's Day is also soon approaching! As I receive your requests for a Mentor and commitments from Mentors, I'll be pairing folks who live or have hives in the same areas or who have similar interests.

Let's join together to make this an exciting and successful season for all!

--Shari King