

Welcome to Nac Bee-lovers' Class 2025



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Beekeepers' Commandments



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Hive Inspections

How often?

Once every 2 weeks for beginners

Once every month for the rest of us

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What do I look for?

Healthy brood of all stages

Honey and pollen availability

Clean hive

Healthy hum

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Using all senses

Smell

Vision

Touch

Hearing

Taste

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Smell for:

Fermentation

Decay

Any foul smell

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Vision- look for:

Unusual stuff



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Two Varroa mites riding this bee. The deformed wings resulted from Varroa feeding on this bee lymph during her larva stage of development



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Multiple (5-20) queen cells are a sign of preparing to release a swarm



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**A new Queen
has hatched**

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**Beetle larva damage, a result of neglecting
To control beetle infestation. This condition
Leads to spoilage of honey and absconding.
Absconding is a technical term when
the whole colony just moves out of the hive
and finds a new home.**

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An Example of healthy brood of all developmental stages



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**Varroa Mite infestation on the larvae.
red/brown dots are the mites**



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A healthy fuzzy bee is hatching – always a good sign



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