

CURRENT SALE ITEM

3 Layer Complete Hive, Frames Included

For the month of **February**, this hive comes completely assembled for \$229! 1 inch cedar, dove-tail joinery, mouse guard and queen excluder included.



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March Sale – 15% Off All

Beekeeping Hats, Jackets, and Suits!

A NOTE FROM MIKE...

Beekeeping Unlimited came out of the gate running, taking honeybee orders for the 2026 season. Carniolans are arriving in Merrimack the first Saturday in April. They will also be distributed at our store in Sunapee in the afternoons.

As a distributor and dealer, I have learned a lot about Italians, Carniolans, Russians, Oliverians, the Saskatraz, and the Golden West. They all have excellent characteristics with pros and cons, but I have found it doesn't matter what kind you have if there is poor hive management. Sometimes bees do better when left alone instead of suffering mismanagement.

I have noticed that most beekeepers who search for a certain breed of honeybee are experienced beekeepers.

What I don't see is a definite frontrunner. It seems to come down to the health of the bees upon arrival and the supplier's care throughout their handling and transportation.

Transporting bees, whether it be for 2,000 miles or 2 hours, takes skill, knowledge, and experience. Be sure to ask questions pertaining to the bees' source, method of transport, and how long they have been in the package. Therefore, I believe it matters just as much how they were packaged, shipped, and delivered as what kind of bees you are ordering.

Looking forward to 2026!

Mike

"The hum of bees is a reminder that harmony can be found in the smallest of creatures."

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Honey Balsamic Salmon Fillets

from The Beekeepers Bible - Abrams

Serves 4

- 4 (7 oz.) skin-on salmon fillets
- 3 Tbsp honey
- 2 Tbsp aged balsamic vinegar
- 1 tsp superfine sugar
- 1 Tbsp peanut oil
- 4 scallions, sliced



1. Wipe salmon dry with a paper towel and place in a shallow dish, skin side down.
2. Whisk the honey with the vinegar and sugar and spoon over the fish.
3. Heat the oil in a large non-stick skillet over high heat. When the oil is hot, add the fish, skin side down, and cook for 4 to 5 minutes, until the skin is crisp and the salmon is nearly cooked through.
4. Preheat the broiler to high. Spoon any remaining honey mixture over the salmon and place the pan under

the broiler for 2 minutes, or until the fish is cooked through.

5. Serve the salmon with the scallions sprinkled over.

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE BEES

According to Cornell University's Master Beekeeper Program, in February, the bees remain in their cluster, which has likely moved to the top of the hive. The queen is laying a small number of eggs. The nutritional needs of the hive increase and with that, the risk of starvation. Feed the bees if the hive is light or stores appear empty, or if you can see the bees through the inner cover at the very top of the hive. You can use dry sugar or a candy board, and some beekeepers feed their bees pollen patties to stimulate and support brood rearing.

There is no need to open the hive during inspection this time of year. Ensure the hive cover is secured, check for pests, and remove any ice blocking the entrance.

ORDERING YOUR BEES



We are now taking orders for bees and nucs. 1 package of Carniolan bees is \$180 and 1 deep five-frame nuc of Italian honeybees is \$235. The first pickup for bees is Saturday,

April 4, at two sites in New Hampshire – Merrimack and Sunapee. Additional consecutive weekends in April will be added as needed. We will contact all customers to confirm the pickup date for their order. Nucs will be available for pickup for a Saturday in May still to be determined. To order, go to www.hillsidebees.com.

Honey as medicine



- Clear infection of wounds
- Improve tissue healing
- Give relief in acid reflux
- Balance sugar in body
- Improve immunity
- Immuno-modulator
- Reduce inflammation
- Give relief in cough and cold

Come visit us at our store in Sunapee, NH. We are open Saturdays 9:00 – 5:00 and other times by appointment. Just call Mike if you need to set up a time.

RAW HONEY	PROCESSED HONEY
Contains bee pollen which is very important for nutrition	Bee pollen is removed for a longer shelf life
Unheated, unprocessed unpasteurised.	Highly heated, Processed and Pasteurised.
Rich in vitamins, minerals and enzymes.	Most of the nutrients are destroyed.
Anti-inflammatory, Anti-microbial, Boosts digestion and immunity	Reduced health benefits are reduced or destroyed during pasteurization
Only contains natural sugar	Contains high fructose corn syrup



SLOVENIAN HIVES

We have Slovenian hives for sale at the store. Come on by to check it out and learn more. We also offer the book, "A – Z, Beekeeping with the Slovenian Hive" for further information.

There will be more Slovenian hive information next month.