

Welcome!

Letter From the Director

Dear Visitor,

Thank you for showing an interest the College of the Melissae; center for Sacred Beekeeping 2015 Study Session!

We are poised at the beginning of a fascinating time in the history of our culture and we at the College of the Melissae feel that it is important to bring back the Sacred into the everyday life of society. That is why we are co-creating this tradition in our society. Each of your voices, experiences, aspirations, hopes and educations are essential to the College and to our collective future.

We have the monumental task of taking on exploration of a little known tradition, getting to know the Melissa within, learning a new communication platform (internet!), and finding our way with each other not to mention doing all this during Bee season and summer vacation! Since we do not have a lineage to follow, and we are asking you to find your way, we encourage you to rest in your truths about the bees, but to be open to other paths, bumbling explorations, elements of failure and humorous mis-steps into ignorance. We are explorers and revolutionaries, scholars, artists and healers and rarely does the path of such people appear and stay all neat and tidy. The most important thing is that we respect our co-creators and our new teachers who are bringing their personal wisdom with moxie into this brand new day.

(We thank the Ancestors for giving us such courageous colleagues!)

We reach into the stars once again and find our way by sharing our dreams and experiences as we both simultaneously awaken the Eve/Adam within and the Garden of Eden around us. We do the work of it; the nurturing, powerful wo/man work of planting, healing and whispering in the garden apiary. We do the Priest/ess-Leader work of it and help guide our communities through Action Magic. We fearlessly plant for the new Eden and we, like the river, never take no for an answer. We see ourselves as part of; bridge-builders, pollinators, bringers of beauty. We live in the *Yes* and ask ourselves "How now shall I live?" We restore the earth and we listen closely to the bees as they sing the song of creation. *May they do so forever, A-Ho.*

So in closing, please let me personally say, that I am humbled by the response and beyond

thrilled that we have such an incredible caliber of people joining the school. So much so that I am quivering at the very real possibilities inherent in such a widespread and diverse group of amazing individuals working together in the name of the profoundly beautiful Honey Bee.

Here's to changing the world together and praying fervently that we find a way to help end the environmental crises on Earth. A prayer that the Ancestors and angelic spirits guide our work to the betterment of all Beings. And another prayer that we find true ways to interact with Apis Meliferra and The Divine Feminine and always remember to show great gratitude and respect for this grand opportunity.

With honey in my heart,
Laura Bee

Laura Bee Ferguson
Director

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Center for Sacred Beekeeping

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Important Links and Access Passwords

Payments:

either by check or money order to:

College of the Melissae % Jackson Wellsprings, 2253 HWY 99N, Ashland, OR 97520

Square-up

Laura Bee is trying out a new credit card reader called square up. Call Laura directly to make a credit card payment.

or Paypal:

Create a paypal account and send in your payment through our paypal address at **Queenbee@collegeofthemelissae.com** or Laura Bee (director) paypal address at **laurafergusonabc@gmail.com**. Both addresses should work, but I am including both just to make sure you have access.

or Gmail:

Several students utilized the Gmail Wallet system of payment. This is super easy from a Gmail account and is preferable to Paypal as Google does not take the hefty fee.

Here is a link for instruction:

<https://support.google.com/mail/answer/3141103?hl=en>

Learning Platforms:

Students at the College of the Melissae will be learning from a variety of platforms. You will be encouraged to utilize our existing media channels to upload your work. You will be able to access these files while you are a member, in good standing, of the College of the Melissae .

Live-Classroom:

We are in the process of determining our best live-class platform. We are hoping to make it as easy as possible for you to access and stay involved.

Document Platforms:

This year we will deliver your coursework via **PDF** and/or **Google Docs**.

All of our Master Documents are in Google Docs and is our preferred method of course delivery and homework platform.

Video channels:

You may choose to create your own Youtube and Vimeo accounts.

- Many of our lessons are on Vimeo. We have created a special group just for the College students and faculty.
- You will also be able to upload your own videos. Don't overlook your computer camera as a recording device.
- We often teach through Youtube links, so creating a Youtube account will help you archive and share any youtube videos you like. This is a very helpful reference tool for beekeeping as the visual is so important to understanding what is happening in the hive.

Facebook:

Our leading page:

<https://www.facebook.com/CollegeoftheMelissae?ref=hl#>

Our private student page: We will invite you once registration documents have been delivered and payment arrangements have been made.

Blogs:

Our School has a blog and your instructors will be choosing their favorite student works to add to this format. You can see the blog at [apismeliferra10@wordpress.com](http://apismeliferra10.wordpress.com). Please subscribe.

We will also have a College Only blog that will allow for in-house, deep explorations into our coursework.

Several of our faculty have nicely done web-blogs that will give you more information about them and their approach to the Sacred.

Debra Roberts: holybeepress.com

(*Subscribe* to this page for regular updates about Debra's world.)

Nikiah Seeds: redmoonmusings.com

Krista Holland: kristaholland.com

Nao Sims: [.honeygrove.ca](http://honeygrove.ca) and [_naosims.com](http://naosims.com)

Les Crowder: forthe love of bees.com

Brooke Nuckles Gentekos: brookenuckles@yahoo.com

Laura Ferguson: laurafergusonabc@gmail.com
apismeliferra10@wordpress.com

Laura also hosts a *live-streaming* radio program (www.kskq.org), called *The Honey Culture Radio Hour*, from Southern Oregon radio station, KSKQ 89.5fm, Thursdays at 1:00pm PST.) Archives are also available at the link above.

Master Materials List

Beekeeping

- HIVE BODY =2 Langstroth deeps, lid, screened bottom board, You may choose to use either an 8-frame or 10-frame Langstroth. (See Beekeeping Basics; Lesson One for details)
- Optional: top bar hive. Instructions for a home-built hive in Top Bar Beekeeping book
- Bee veil or suit
- Hive Tool

Coursework

- notebooks and/or journal

2015 Book List;

We will share this list with REgistered students. Costs will not exceed \$60.

Here are **some places to order your hive components** and beekeeping tools:
For a big list:

<http://www.beesource.com/bees-supplies/beekeeping-equipment-and-supplies-us/>

Companies we have worked with;

www.mannlakeltd.com/

www.dadant.com/

www.ruhlbeesupply.com/

www.glorybee.com/

Cheapest hive boxes around: Shastina Millworks in White City, OR 541-601-1102

shastinamillworks.com

Online Learning: Code of Conduct

Working together online has many positive features. We can gather despite the fact that we are spread around the world and we can access documents at our leisure. In order to create an environment of trust for our students and faculty we have high standards when it comes to our online interactions.

Our idea is that by clearly stating the rules of the code of conduct we are creating a held-container and safe environment for our students and faculty.

Each of us holds a special piece of the program and our individual practices, lifestyles, objectives and talents are vital to the expression of this program as a whole. The online environment poses an interesting environment for the expression of these. We would like each of us to hold a high standard of sacred integrity when working with each other. Since this program is one of exploration and spirituality we must hold each other gently, as if we are in circle together in the flesh. Because, of course, we are. So respect, private conflict resolution and consideration of the group-held energy is important. Respect is the name of the game; we will grow together in trust! Therefore:

The College of the Melissae will not tolerate personal attacks, negative insinuations or arguments in our online forums. The Facebook Page will be moderated and students who violate protocol or are dismissed will be removed from the private Facebook Page. If such an issue arises we will do our best to communicate before removal to try to work out any issues first.

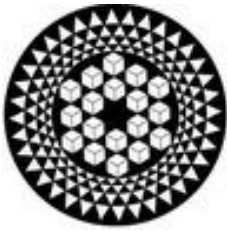
If issues arise with your instructor, any college representative or other students please send an email or make contact with our Director and/or the individual themselves to try to resolve any issues that may arise.

All documents provided to you are for *your use only* and are *not* to be re-distributed without *written permission* from it's author AND the school.

Live-Classroom; If you are unable to attend we will ask you to review and comment on the offering before the next month. Live-Class is an important part of our course and we put a lot of effort into putting it together. We will expect a 60% attendance and/or review in order to receive certification for the program.

Financial integrity is important to our relationship. Our return policy will be clearly outlined in your enrollment agreement. We reserve the right to dismiss students and/or not deliver documents if signed agreements are not met, including violations of code of conduct and financial agreements.

SAMPLE ENROLLMENT AGREEMENT FOR STUDENTS



**College of the Melissae
Center for Sacred Beekeeping
2015 Study Session**

STUDENT INFORMATION:

Name:	
Address:	
Phone Number:	
E-Mail:	

PROGRAM INFORMATION:

Program:	<i>College of the Melissae Online Sacred Beekeeping Training</i>			
Program Description:	8-Fold Path of Sacred Beekeeping- taught online with bi-monthly live-class sessions, documents, video and audio instruction			
Program Length in Hours/ Months/ Weeks:	Start March 1, 2015, end October 31, 2015			
Days/Evenings Class Meets: (circle availability)	M	T	W TH	F Sat Sun
Time of Day/Evening Class availability:				

Enrollment Date: (when did you pay your fees?)		Start Date:	March 1 (early birds receive first month upon completion of enrollment; live class times/day will be announced Mar 1)
Maximum time to Complete Program:	Nov 30, 2015		

TUITION:

TERMS OF CONTRACT			
Registration Fee:	\$25	Non-refundable	
Tuition Cost:	\$1800/yr	(includes \$150 non-refundable enrollment fee)	
Other:	\$40/hr	Private mentoring with instructors (optional)	

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICIES (OAR 581-045-0036)

Cancellation: A student may cancel enrollment by giving written 30 days notice to the school. Unless the school has discontinued the program of instruction, the student is financially obligated to the school. If cancellation occurs within five business days of the date of enrollment, and before the commencement of classes, all monies specific to the enrollment agreement shall be refunded;

If cancellation occurs after five business days of the date of enrollment, and before the commencement of classes, the school may retain only the published registration fee (CoM calls it the enrollment fee.) Such fee shall not exceed 15 percent of the tuition cost, or \$150, whichever is less;

Withdrawal Procedure: Tuition refunds will be determined as follows: If withdrawal or termination occurs after the commencement of classes and before completion of 50 percent of the contracted instruction program, the student shall be charged monthly. The student shall be entitled to a pro rata refund of the tuition when the amount paid exceeds the charges owed to the school. In addition to the pro-rated tuition, the school may retain the registration fee, and the enrollment fee.

If withdrawal or termination occurs after completion of 50 percent or more of the program, the student shall be obligated for the tuition charged for the entire program and shall not be entitled to any refund;

Proportion of Total Program Taught by Withdrawal Date	Pro-rated Tuition Refund
Up to 50%	X% of tuition (calculated at \$200/mo, including 30-day notice)
51%	No Refund

Advanced Deposits: Per OAR 581-045-0008, Advanced Deposits, "Prior to the beginning of classes, no private career school shall *require* from an enrollee an advance deposit in excess of twenty (20) percent of the total tuition and fees.

For programs designed to be four (4) months or longer, a school cannot require more than one (1) term or four (4) months of advanced payment of tuition at a time. When fifty (50) percent of the program has been offered, the school can require payment of all tuition.

The College of the Melissae does not require payment in full to begin our course. We have divided our year into two terms: Mar 1- Jun 30 and July 1- October 31. The first term is \$1000.00 the second term is \$800.00 Payments will be due on or before Mar 1 and on or before July 1, unless other arrangements have been made. Early enrollment with entire tuition paid entitles students to a discount which reduces total tuition rate.

Scholarship Recipients:

All scholarship students will be required to pay registration fee and \$150 enrollment fee on or before Mar 1, 2015.

Scholarship Awards will be in-house and therefore deducted from repayment in case of student cancellation.

Scholarship recipients will need to maintain 60% attendance and 60% monthly course completion to retain right to scholarship.

Monthly Payments:

(By arrangement with Laura Bee, Director: laurafergusonabc@gmail.com)

Students will send post-dated checks for tuition payment in advance of term tuition deadline to:

College of the Melissae

address available when student completes enrollment

NOTICE TO STUDENT/BUYER:

1. Do not sign this agreement before you have read it or if it contains any blank spaces.
2. This agreement is a legally binding instrument. The contract is binding only when the agreement is accepted, signed, and dated by the authorized official of the school. Read all pages before signing.
3. You are entitled to an exact copy of this agreement and any disclosure pages you sign.
4. This agreement and the school Orientation documents constitute the entire agreement between the student and the school.
5. The school reserves the right to reschedule the program meeting times when the number of students available is too small.
6. The school reserves the right to terminate a student's' training for unsatisfactory progress, nonpayment of tuition or failure to abide established standards of conduct.

STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

1. I hereby acknowledge receipt of the school's program dated _____, which contains information describing programs offered. The school catalog is included as part of this enrollment agreement and I acknowledge that I have received a copy of this catalog.
_____ Student initials
2. I hereby acknowledge receipt of a list of the equipment and supplies I will need to purchase separately.
_____ Student initials
3. I have carefully read and received an exact copy of this enrollment agreement.
_____ Student initials

4. I understand that the school may terminate my enrollment if I fail to comply with attendance, academic, and financial requirements or if I fail to abide by established standards of conduct, as outlined in this document. While enrolled in the school, I understand that I must maintain satisfactory academic progress as described in the school program documents and that my financial obligation to the school must be paid in full before a certificate may be awarded.

_____ Student initials

CONTRACT ACCEPTANCE

My signature below signifies that I have read and understand all aspects of this agreement and recognize my legal responsibilities in regard to this contract and that the enrollment agreement constitutes a binding contract.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2015

Signature of Student

Date

Signature of School

Official Date

REPRESENTATIVE'S CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that _____ (student's name) has been interviewed by me and in my judgment, meets all requirements for acceptance as a student in *College of the Melissae Online Sacred Beekeeping Training Program* at The College of the Melissae, as described in the school Orientation documents.

I further certify that there have been no verbal or written agreements or promises other than those appearing on this agreement.

Laura Ferguson, Director College of the Melissae

Date

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