

**Beekeeping & Colony Management /Lecture and Discussion**  
**Establishing and Maintaining Nucleus Colonies**

*Presented by San Juan Apiaries*



Please join us at the *Natural Grocers Conference Room / 3328 Cerrillos Road, Santa Fe, N.M. 87507*

When: Saturday, March 24th. 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Who should attend: Everyone is welcome, regardless of experience. Beginners too!

Refreshments: Bottled water will be provided; no snacks

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This discussion will focus on how to keep bees in standard *Langstroth box hive equipment*. While top bar beekeeping is also very popular, my expertise has always been keeping bees for honey production in *Langstroth style equipment*. Numerous schools of thought abound regarding how best to keep and manage a bee colony. This lecture and discussion will hopefully afford you the opportunity to learn a great deal about keeping bees in our locality; and how best to keep them alive. You can then decide what equipment and bee philosophy best suits your particular needs. (Thanks, John)

**Topics & Agenda**

Establishing and managing nucleus colonies

VSH & Russian Queenbees

John Gagne is owner of San Juan Apiaries, in Santa Fe, and has kept and managed bees for over 35 years (yes before mites!). A former commercial beekeeper in Virginia, John has lived and raised bees here for over 25 years. San Juan Apiaries manages bee yards along the Rio Grande River with a focus on honey production. In addition, a primary goal centers on establishing and managing smaller nucleus colonies to maintain a sustainable apiary.

\* Kindly RSVP via phone or email so we know who will attend ([sanjuanbees@yahoo.com](mailto:sanjuanbees@yahoo.com)) 505-424-7025