



Package Bees

This year we pleased to offer our same wonderful package bees. I have chosen to **not** have online orders this year because it was just too confusing last year; we will try again in the future to implement that with a better program.

We have 3 pound packages of Carniolans and Hygienic and a proven queen; please see **page 2** for description.

The proceeds of these sales support the Cultiva Beekeeping Program of Growing Gardens, a local non profit. Last year through this fund raising effort we were able to bring 65 teens and over 500 children to visit and care for honeybees. The Cultiva Youth Project cares for 15 to 20 hives and supports their program with comb honey sales at the Farmers Market. Every package purchased enables one youth to experience beekeeping. We are grateful for your contributions!

- Packages will be available for pick up in Mid April. You will receive an email with the exact date and map to the pick up site so please give a current address that you check
- 3 pound packages of Carniolan and Hygienic bees are available for \$ 82.00
- To pace your order please fill out the lower half and mail it to Growing Gardens 1630 Hawthorn Boulder, Co 80304 with your check made out to Growing Gardens. There will be no on line purchases this year
- You will receive a confirmation email, in about a week, when we receive your order and payment
- Please contact Julie Finley 303 443 9952 ext 3 or Julie@growinggardens.org with any questions or concerns. Please visit our web page www.growinggardens.org



Name _____ Phone _____
Email _____ (please make it legible)
Number of Carniolan Packages _____
Number of Hygienic packages _____
Total Payment (made to Growing Gardens) _____
Check Number _____

** I will be in contact by email when we when pick up day set**
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Carniolan are favored among beekeepers for several reasons, not the least being its ability to defend itself successfully against insect pests while at the same time being extremely gentle in its behavior toward beekeepers. These bees are particularly adept at adjusting worker population to nectar availability. It relies on these rapid adjustments of population levels to rapidly expand worker bee populations after nectar becomes available in the spring, and, again, to rapidly cut off brood production when nectar ceases to be available in quantity. It meets periods of high nectar with high worker populations and consequently stores large quantities of honey and pollen during those periods. They are resistant to some diseases and parasites that can debilitate hives of other subspecies, this breeder has also incorporated Minnesota Hygienic into their line.

(Description taken from www.AllAboutAll)

Hygienic The breeder of these bees is a member of the New World Carniolan Project and has worked with Marla Spivak to produce queens selected for hygienic behavior. These exceptionally hygienic bees show resistance to American foulbrood and chalk brood as well as showing some resistance to the Varroa Mite. They have proven to be good honey producers as well as very gentle bees. • We suggest these queens if you are looking for a bee that broods up well in the spring, and is hygienic.

All proceeds from the purchase of these packages support the ¡Cultiva! Youth Project of Growing Gardens. Every package purchased enables one youth to learn to keep bees for one day. We are grateful for your contributions!