

# Natural Beekeeping In Horizontal Hives

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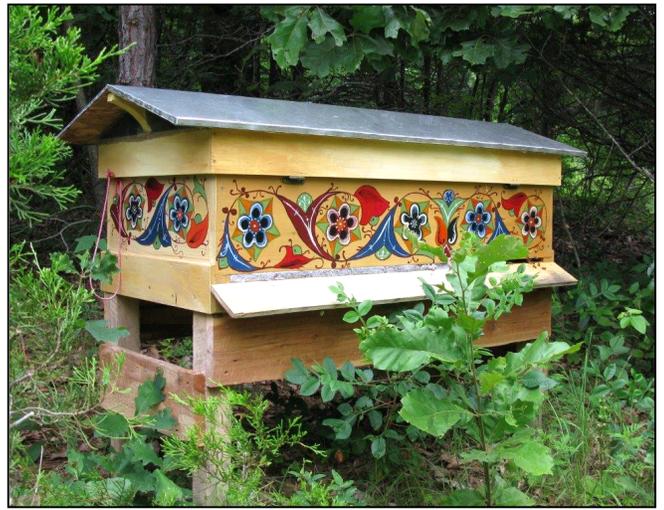
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Horizontal hives with extra-deep frames are traditional across Europe and still used on a major scale. They offer many advantages to beekeepers seeking to keep their bees treatment-free with minimal intervention and expense. The visually-rich presentation will include horizontal hive demonstration and cover many methods applicable to *any* hive model in both backyard and commercial settings:

- Horizontal hive models and their advantages
- Complete how-tos of horizontal hive management
- Healthy bees in treatment-free hives
- The ideal frame: how deep is deep enough?
- Free bees: swarm traps that really work
- Foundation frames vs. foundationless natural comb
- Natural swarming – boon or bane?
- Simplified beekeeping: one-box hive, no feeding, no heavy lifting, no queen excluders, no requeening
- Successful overwintering in the harshest winter
- "Pulling honey is all I do." One hive visit per year
- And much more!

"All the best things in life are free. Bees are no exception."

**Dr. Leo Sharashkin** is editor of *Keeping Bees With a Smile: A Vision and Practice of Natural Apiculture*, a comprehensive resource on keeping bees naturally in horizontal hives with extra-deep frames. He is contributor to *American Bee Journal*, *The Beekeepers Quarterly* (UK), and other major publications. He traveled to four continents speaking on beekeeping, organic growing, and Earth-friendly living. He holds a Master's degree in Natural Resources Management from Indiana University and a PhD in Forestry from the University of Missouri. Editor and translator of two dozen internationally acclaimed books, he lives with his wife and four children on a forest homestead in the Ozarks in southern Missouri where they raise bees in a variety of low-maintenance, easy-to-build horizontal hives. His website & free hive plans: [HorizontalHive.com](http://HorizontalHive.com)



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— Thomas D. Seeley, author of *Honeybee Democracy*

## Keeping Bees With A Smile

A vision and practice of  
natural apiculture



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