Creative Beekeeping: Ideas from Eastern Europe

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Ukraine has a rich beekeeping history

Source: Ukrainian Postal Service
Ukraine, 1800's

Source: Beehives (Ukrainian book), б.л. Іоднарчук, 1998
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Typical apiary today
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The beekeeper is exposed to fewer bees than with the Langstroth hive.
The 'Chest' Hive

Disadvantages

• More labor
• Lower honey production
• Safety when medicating bees

Advantages

• Less heavy lifting
• Bees are less exposed when working the hive
Providing water for bees
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A unique watering device
A frame-top feeder
Wood Block Feeder / Waterer
A queen catcher
Collecting royal jelly
Swarm-catcher
Pollen trap
Pollen trap (off the hive)
Drying pollen
A shelter for hives
Inside the shelter
Hives have an observation wall
Venom-collecting device
Beekeeping college in Bucharest
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Mobile Apiary
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Inside a mobile apiary
Painted and decorated hives
An artistic bee hive
A barrel hive
Hives designed to strengthen colonies in spring
An apiary entrance sign
Matching house and hives
Wasp Trap
Ukraine’s president and hobby beekeeper, Victor Yushchenko
The Prokopovych Beekeeping Museum
Kyiv, Ukraine
Log hives
Bear-resistant hives
Box hive
Guard hive
Painted box hives
Box hives
In front of the museum buildings
A big log hive
Cottage hive
Carved log hive
A Prokopovych-style hive
Artistic hives
Carved storefront honey bear
Outdoor observation hive
Whimsy hives
More whimsy hives
Log cabin hive
Hive collection
Historical log hives
Hives with pheromone-based queen excluders
Skeps
Bee-themed clothing
Castle hive
A queen-rearing calendar
Ornamental hive
Beekeeping art
Observation hive
Nucleus hive
A one-frame extractor
A wind-up extractor
Extractors
Thank You

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