

# Teaching and learning beekeeping at McGill Apicultural Association (MAA)

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**[www.maa-mac.com](http://www.maa-mac.com)**

# About the MAA

- Established in 2007.
- Currently has 74 members.
- Operating two apiaries on Montreal island.
- Currently 31 Russian colony.



# Why MAA?

- Nothing similar existed to support small-scale beekeeping practices!
- Educationally oriented.
- Development and teaching sustainable beekeeping.
- Providing support to beginners.



# Four levels of education!

- Workshops
  - Thematic, open to public.
- Apprenticeships.
  - Pilot program in 2011.
  - Hands-on approach.
  - Apprentices get a share of the apiary products.



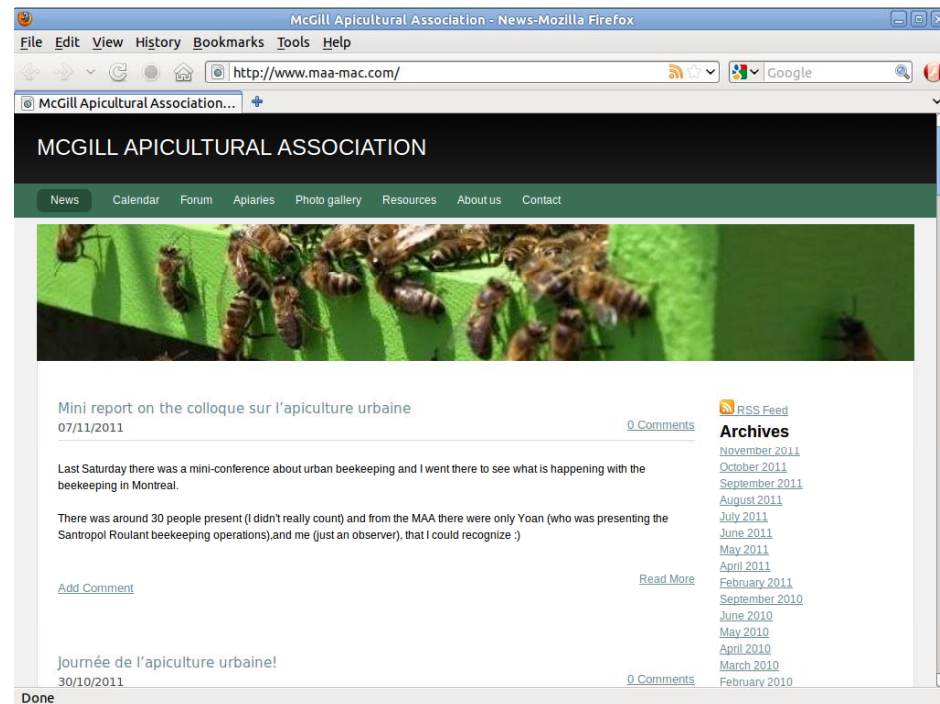
# Four levels...

- MAA Community Apiary.
  - 2010 project
  - Currently ~ 10 beekeepers, and 11 colonies.
  - “Bees for Free” program.



# Fourth level

- [www.maa-mac.com](http://www.maa-mac.com) website, and MAA Forum.
  - News, and resource sharing.
  - Online support, and beekeeping discussions.
  - Bilingual.



# Future directions

- Expansion of the apiaries and associated educational activities.
- Elementary school education program?
- Practical research – innovation.
- Collaboration with the other groups and organizations.





# Merci!

