



# The PSBA BUZZ

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## Meetings at the Arboretum Center

Graham Visitor Center  
2200 Arboretum Drive  
E., Seattle, WA 98112

### Sept 28

Speaker: Andrew Schneider - Honey Laundering and related topics.

### Oct 26

Honey Tasting (bring in your samples!) and Gifts from the Hive

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## Hive Calendar

### September: Harvest, Medicate, and Bottle

Migrate to lowlands after the fireweed and pearly everlasting flows end. Swarming is uncommon. Medicate as needed. Decide which hives to carry through the winter and combine the others. Bottle and sell honey and beeswax.

**Nectar flow/Pollen:** Late season Knotweed

## Meeting

Meetings are the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month except July and December

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2010

**Beginners' Instruction: 6:30 – 7:15 p.m.:** Hive management for the Fall season. Van Sherod

**Main Meeting: 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.:** **Honey Laundering:** Mr. Schneider is the author of a series of articles on honey laundering that appeared in The Seattle Post-Intelligencer. Honey laundering involves mislabeled honey, contaminated honey, and honey imported illegally to avoid duties. Please join us to learn more about this topic from Andrew Schneider.

## Announcements & News

### PSBA in the community:

Several PSBA members volunteered on Saturday 9/11 to host the PSBA booth at Tilth Harvest Fair at Meridian Park in Seattle. Honey Tasting and lots of bee talk kept us busy all day. Honey sales yielded \$1958 and many booth visitors showed interest in becoming beekeepers with the help of our club. It was a fun day, as the pictures below show:



Bruce Becker

Rob and Nancy

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Brian Allen (2009-10)  
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## Volunteer Opportunity:

**Puyallup Fair, September 10-26** Every year the Pierce County Beekeepers Association sponsors a booth at this fair and other clubs support it by providing volunteers. Time slots are in 4 hour increments (10 am-2 pm, 2 pm-6:30 pm, 6:30 pm-11 pm). Volunteers get free parking and entry to the fair. Volunteers answer questions, talk about the display hive, and other fun duties. Before or after their shift volunteers are free to enjoy the rest of the fair. Contact Alisa Shorey at shoreyhousehold@hotmail.com if you're interested in volunteering. This is really fun and even just beginning beekeepers can do this easily.

## PSBA Apiary Work Party!

If interested in maintaining the club's apiary, and learning something new? Join a work party? It's a great chance to ask questions and help the club's bees. New and old beekeepers are welcome! If you want hands-on experience, bring a bee suit if you have one, or wear light colors and close up neck, arm, and leg holes. Current and future Work party organizers: Contact them if interested in helping.  
Sept 19: 1-3 pm - Marie Emerson 425-882-3261  
Sept 26: 1-3pm - Brad Jones 206-612-1068  
Oct: TBD - Corky Luster 206-459-4131

## You're Invited!

First Annual Seattle Warré Beekeepers Potluck: Sunday September 26th, 7:00 pm, 12532 17th Ave. NE, Seattle WA 98125. Call Lauren Montgomery to RSVP: 206-790-0464. If you have a Warré hive or are interested in them you are most welcome to join us to share experiences, questions and ideas.

## Master Beekeeper Apprenticeship Test

If you are taking this test, please complete/ return it to Van Sherod at the monthly meeting, or call Van or Barb Sherod 206-284-1520 to make other arrangements. If you are interested in taking this (open book) test you can purchase the companion booklet for \$10 from Van.

## Bee Related Websites:

[Western Washington Beekeeping Forum](http://Western Washington Beekeeping Forum) is THE place for regional beekeepers, regardless of their experience, to post news, ask questions, give advice, advertise equipment for sale, and get to know each other. You'll need to create an account to use the site, but this is a simple step.  
[Apiary Registration form](http://Apiary Registration form) Register your hives! Note: [new state tax exemptions](http://new state tax exemptions)  
[www.wasba.org](http://www.wasba.org) - provides Honeybee Diseases / Pests on the WA State Beekeepers Web Site.  
<http://www.thewarrestore.com/> Learn more about warre hives  
<http://www.ted.com/talks/view/id/416> - TED talk video on CCD by Dennis vanEngelsdorp

## Marketplace/Lost and Found

### Got gear? Sell your stuff here!

Short ads are run for free for members of PSBA. Fee for non-members is \$25. Send your ads to [editor@psbees.org](mailto:editor@psbees.org).

- For sale motorized 12 frame radial extractor. \$200. side mounted motor with belt drive. Belt should be replaced. Contact Rob Stevens at [robstevens5@comcast.net](mailto:robstevens5@comcast.net)
- For sale hand crank 4 frame tangential extractor. Slight rust and paint flecks. \$50. Contact Rob Stevens at [robstevens5@comcast.net](mailto:robstevens5@comcast.net)

## Please return library materials!

Many items are missing from our library. Please return your PSBA library items by bringing them to the monthly meeting or mailing them to Nancy Beckett, 6308 50th Ave. SW., Seattle, WA 98136.