



The PSBA BUZZ

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

Oct 26

Honey Tasting (bring in your samples!) and cooking with honey

Nov 16th

PSBA Trustee Elections and potluck Holiday Party in November- Bring a dish!

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Hive Calendar

October/November: Prepare for Winter

Install mouse guards, tip hives slightly forward to ensure dry conditions. Formic Acid, Coumaphous, and Apistan must be removed before winter. Feed or combine any hives that are too light to survive until early next summer. Bottle and sell honey and beeswax. Evaluate this year's hive management results and plan for next year.

Nectar flow/Pollen: A few minor flows, Heather will bloom in November

Meeting

Meetings are the 4th Tuesday of each month except July and December

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2010

Beginners' Instruction: 6:30 – 7:15 p.m: Processing Beeswax and some info on candle making. Van Sherod

Main Meeting: 7:30 – 9:00 pm: Honey Tasting and Judging and Cooking with honey Please bring a sample of your honey so we can all taste and enjoy it. There'll be samples of different varieties of honey for you to try. Doris Mech will share her cooking secrets and cookbook "Joy with Honey".

Announcements & News

November meeting: Vote and Eat!

Mark your calendar 11/16/10

PSBA Trustee Elections and potluck Holiday Party in November
This is a great time to share food and laughter with your fellow beekeepers. Elections for officers of president, as well as five trustees for 2011-2012 will be held. If you are interested in an officer or trustee position, please contact a current officer for more information and to apply. The apiary manager position is also available. Please contact Tim Todd (current apiary manager) with questions or interest in the position. During the potluck we will eat and have our elections and share a tall tale or two about our beekeeping year. Each family brings a food item to share. The club will provide plates, plastic silverware, cups, napkins and beverages. It is a lot of fun- we hope to see you there!

Northwest Corner Beekeeping Conference, Hood River Oregon,

October 28, 29, 30. Registration [form](#). More info here: <http://www.wasba.org/> and <http://www.wasba.org/NWBCV1a.pdf>

Website:

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Brian Allen (2009-10)
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We're on the Web!

www.pugetsoundbees.org
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Thomas Seeley: Seattle Science Lectures, Town Hall, Nov. 4th

Thomas Seeley, author of *Honeybee Democracy*, says bees could teach us a lot about collective wisdom and effective decision-making. He will be speaking as part of Seattle Science Lectures at Town Hall, Seattle. Tickets are \$5 at www.brownpapertickets.com or 800/838-3006, or at the door beginning at 6:30 pm. LEARN MORE: [Seeley's Cornell Web site: http://www.nbb.cornell.edu/seeley.shtml](http://www.nbb.cornell.edu/seeley.shtml) Thursday, November 4, 2010, 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM. Downstairs at Town Hall; enter on Seneca Street.

CCD in the news:

Recently, highlighted in the New York Times was a study Linking Iridovirus (IIV) and Nosema to Honey Bee Colony Decline, claiming the "bee mystery" solved. Read more <http://www.plosone.org/article/info%3Adoi%2F10.1371%2Fjournal.pone.0013181>

A subsequent article in Fortune Magazine noted that a source of funding for the study reference in the New York Times article was Bayer Corporation, a leading producer of neonicotinoids (a class of neurotoxins that kills insects by attacking their nervous systems). Read more

http://money.cnn.com/2010/10/08/news/honey_bees_ny_times.fortune/index.htm

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 and resources:

[Western Washington Beekeeping Forum](http://www.westernbeekeepingforum.com) is THE place for regional beekeepers-You'll need to create an account to use the site, but this is a simple step.

[Apiary Registration form](http://www.wasba.org) Register your hives! Note: [new state tax exemptions](http://www.wasba.org)

www.wasba.org- provides Honeybee Diseases / Pests on the WA State Beekeepers Web Site.

<http://www.broadviewseattle.org>- View PSBA member Susan George harvest honey

http://apis.wsu.edu/diagnostic_center.html Testing for nosema spores, tracheal and varroa mites.

We've been advised this testing for free.

The National Science Laboratory of the USDA will test your comb for pesticides for approximately \$300. The contact person is Roger Simonds and his phone number is 704-867-3873.

Marketplace

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

- Looking to buy: Children's sized bee suits. Need 4 suits for (ages 3-11). Call or email Nathan at 425 235 6235 or nathan@culturedhome.com
- Looking to buy: Bee-vac. If you've got one you are willing to part with, then call or email Nathan at 425 235 6235 or nathan@culturedhome.com
- FOR SALE: Clear plastic honey bear containers, 12 oz size with caps \$0.40 each. White plastic wide mouth mason jar caps (86mm) \$.15 each. Plus sales tax if applicable. Contact Bruce Becker 206.527.0226.

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 mail to Nancy Beckett, 6308 50th Ave. SW., Seattle, WA 98136.