



The PSBA BUZZ

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Meetings:

Arboretum

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

May 24th

Panel of PSBA
beekeepers for general
Q&A

June 28th

TBD- Check Website
for updates

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Hive Calendar

May: Monitor

Feed all hives if a dearth of nectar occurs. All medications except non-terramycin grease patties should be removed by mid-May if you intend to collect a honey surplus. Begin regular checks for swarm cells. Beware of crowding in the brood nest. Super in advance and no later than May 15 unless you are absolutely certain they have lots of room in the brood nest. Optional spring re-queening. Be on the lookout-garage sales often have inexpensive canning jars.

Nectar Sources: Dandelion & Clover, Scotts Broom (pollen), Huckleberry (ground hugging variant of blackberry), Geranium

May Meeting

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

Beginners' Instruction: Beginner's lesson will not be held this month, in lieu of Q&A panel discussion

Main Meeting: 6:30 – 9:00 pm: Panel of PSBA beekeepers- General Q&A

You've hived your bees, now what? This is your chance to ask questions from a panel of PSBA experts with varying levels of experience. As the adage goes: 'Ask 10 beekeepers, get 11 opinions'. With several panel members you'll be sure to get plenty of answers!

Announcements & News

PSBA in the Spotlight:

In the News: Several PSBA members were featured in a recent article in The Seattle Times about the arrival of bee packages. Check it out!
http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/localnews/2015009956_bees10m.html

The Bees arrived! Apiary Report (Details submitted by Aaron Lum)

On May 8th, 2011 around noon, 4 new bee packages were installed into hives (3 Langstroth, 1 Top Bar) in the club's apiary. Several PBSA Beekeeping class attendees helped with the installation which enhanced their training. PBSA Member attendees included Trustees John DeGroot and Bob Redmond, and PSBA's Apiary Manager, Aaron Lum.

The goal for all hives during future work parties is to ensure eggs are present and to spot queen if possible. Tasks: Check and replace syrup. Check to see if bees are building comb. Clean at least one box of frames at each work party from last year's hives until all of the frames are clean.

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Clay Cook (2010-11)
John DeGroot (2010-11)
Gail Eshom (2011-2012)
Keith Glatzer (2011-2012)
Kevin Gow (2011-2012)
Steve Near (2011-2012)
Christine Ranegger (2010-11)
Bob Redmond (2011-2012)
Anna Wald (2010-11)
Robert Clark (Lifetime)
Bill Rahr (Lifetime)

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Volunteers Needed: Our association's purpose is to promote the common interest and general welfare of beekeeping, to protect honeybees, to educate beekeepers, encourage good bee management practices, and to encourage good public relations between beekeepers and the public. How do we achieve this mission? Volunteers in action, that's how! Many thanks to the volunteers that bring our association to life. If you haven't taken the opportunity to volunteer on behalf of PSBA, now is the time! Checkout the volunteer opportunities below, or create a new one by offering to speak to your community organizations or schools.

Apiary Work Parties: If interested in maintaining the club's apiary and learning something new, join a work party! It's a great chance to ask questions, get some hands-on experience, and help the club's bees. Contact work party organizers to be updated with planning information and to RSVP your participation.

Next Party: May 28, 2-4 pm, Contact: Keith Glatzer 206-240-7362

Where: Arboretum Apiary Work to do: Check hives, see apiary report noted previously in this newsletter.

Future Parties:

June - 1st half - Christine Ranegger 206-933-8951

June - 2nd half - Steve Near 425-306-8137

July 9 - picnic attendees

In the Community: Whole Foods Market, Interbay: PSBA will benefit from Whole Foods Market bag refund donations, through the month of June, in honor of the store's promotion of the importance of bees. A PSBA educational display is in the store to highlight the promotion. (see picture to right). Thanks to Whole Foods Market for benefitting our association's purpose!



Volunteers Needed: Booth Event in May: ~4-6 folks are needed on 6/25 to run a typical PSBA educational booth. Event runs for 2-3 hrs at Whole Foods, Interbay (15th ave W). Time of event is TBD. Please contact Krista Conner, to assist with this event. vp@psbees.org

Volunteer Report: A Rewarding Experience (details submitted by Kevin Gow)

On April 22, Laura Lovell and Kevin Gow gave a presentation to around 30 retirees living at the Fairwinds-Brighton Court Retirement Center in Lynnwood, WA. The topic of presentation focused on pollinators, bees in general and then specifically honeybees and their role in the environment. The audience was quite attentive, courteous and knowledgeable. Overall, we had as much fun as the audience! We encourage others to volunteer for PSBA. Whether you're a 'newbee' or an experienced beekeeper, volunteering is a rewarding and fun experience.

Marketplace Short ads are run for free for members of PSBA. Fee for non-members is \$25.

Send your ads to editor@psbees.org

Beekeepers wanted: Urban Bee Co. is looking for natural/organic/barefoot/ backwards/etc beekeepers to discuss collaborations. Seattle-based beeks with 2+ years experience would be great, others welcome too. Contact Bob Redmond at bob (at) urbanbee (dot) com, or 206-786-5715.

Honey bee queens for sale. New World Carnolian queens from northern California. \$25 each. Replace last year's drone-layer and reload with a fresh 2011 queen! Contact: Cary Therriault 206.920.2150 or cktherriault@comcast.net