

PUGET SOUND BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION  
2012 Beginning Beekeeping Class Information and Registration Form

This course is for those new to beekeeping. No previous experience or training is required.

The format of the course is classroom presentation including lecture, question and answer, and display of woodenware and tools. There will be breaks during which the students will be invited to learn hands-on the assembly of beekeeping woodenware provided by the PSBA.

The course is taught on two successive Saturdays from noon until 5 pm, totaling 10 classroom hours. Required materials include note paper and pencil or pen. Bring some water to drink and a snack.

Major topics covered include physiology of honeybees, bee behavior, the role of honeybees in plant pollination and contemporary agriculture, critical behaviors of the beekeeper, success factors, the typical beekeeping year, manipulations and procedures the beekeeper must know, harvesting honey, hive components, tools and equipment, colony health and treatment of diseases, and coping with common problems. The intention is to give the student the basics for a successful start as a hobby beekeeper. Of course, the more you learn, the more you realize there is to be learned.

Students are invited to help the instructor install new colonies at the club apiary in mid-April.

Classes are held at the Graham Visitors Center at the Washington Park Arboretum,  
2300 Arboretum Drive E.  
Washington Park Arboretum  
Seattle, WA 98112

Saturday February 25 and Saturday March 3, from 12-5 pm  
or Saturday March 17 and Saturday Mar 24 from 12-5 pm

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Registration Form

Choose from the following 2 Saturday Sessions:

Saturday Feb 25 and Saturday Mar 3 from 12-5 pm

Saturday Mar 17 and Saturday Mar 24 from 12-5 pm

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

The cost is \$50. Make your checks payable to PSBA and mail your checks to:

Bruce Becker  
6535 42nd Ave. NE  
Seattle, WA 98115

If you have any questions about the class please contact John deGroot at [john\\_degroot@juno.com](mailto:john_degroot@juno.com).