



# The PSBA BUZZ

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## EVENTS at the Arboretum Center

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

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

### August 24

Speaker: Thom Lee,  
Bees and Plants

### Sept 28

Speaker: Andrew  
Schneider - Honey  
Laundering and  
related topics.

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## Hive Calendar

### August: Harvest & Medicate

Check for swarm cells each 7 to 10 days. Re-queen. Warm temperatures improve the effect of all mite medications. Use medications after supers are off and per manufacturer's recommendation. Remove and extract capped supers. Collect and freeze pollen for use next spring. Bottle and sell honey and beeswax.

### Nectar flow/Pollen:

Knotweed, Dandelion & Clover, Fireweed at high elevations Pearly Everlasting at higher elevations

## Meeting

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2010

**Beginners' Instruction: 6:30 – 7:15 p.m.:** Demonstration of honey extraction. Van Sherod

**Main Meeting: 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.:** Thom Lee will discuss bees and plants. Thom's particular interest is in the adaptive and evolutionary relationships between bees and plants. He cultivates a garden with bees in mind, and keeps bees with the plants in mind.

## Announcements & News

### 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.

Aug 28<sup>th</sup>: 12-2pm – Tim Todd 253-941-9855

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

### Core Boxes

Please remember to bring your package core boxes to the meeting for a \$5.00 refund from Cary Therriault

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## Volunteers needed: Three upcoming events need support

### Seattle Tilth Harvest Festival, Sat, Sept 12 from 10-5

This is a busy festival where you can purchase lots of vegies and food and we will be selling honey and educating the public. Volunteers are needed in two-hour shifts between 9:30 am and 5:30 pm Please contact **Rob Stevens at 206-526-5201** or [robstevens5@comcast.net](mailto:robstevens5@comcast.net)

### Bug Day Sun Sept 19 at the UW Burke Museum from 10-4

PSBA has a table for educating the public (lots of kids) about beekeeping, with an observation hive. It is a fun day and the parking is free. All volunteer help is appreciated. If the volunteer does not feel highly knowledgeable that is not a problem-Come a few minutes early and I'll give you six pages to read - and then you'll know more than anyone except an entomologist. **John deGroot will be organizing this event.** If you are interested please contact John at 206-601-9023 or [john\\_degroot@juno.com](mailto:john_degroot@juno.com)

### 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](mailto:shoreyhousehold@hotmail.com) if you're interested in volunteering. This is really fun and even just beginning beekeepers can do this easily.

### Ask the Bee Geek:

At the next PSBA meeting, a designated bee geek (i.e., one who knows a lot about beekeeping) will be available in the lobby to answer any beekeeping questions you may have. Bee Geek duty will rotate from meeting to meeting, so if you think you know your stuff- put your name in the hat to be the next bee geek!

### 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://www.westernbeekeepingforum.com) 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://www.wasba.org) Register your hives! Note: [new state tax exemptions](http://www.wasba.org)

[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

### 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).

### 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.