



The PSBA BUZZ

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

Nov 16th

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

Dec 1st

PSBA co-presents
Vanishing of the
Bees film at Kane
Hall, UW campus
(see announcements
section for details)

Jan 25th

Intro to Beekeeping
and Q&A with
Brad Jones

Hive Calendar

November Through January: Read, Plan, Repair, Sell

Do not disturb hives. Keep entrances free from ice.

Read technical books and journals. Make plans for the coming year: medication, requeening, equipment purchases, and migrations. Buy, build, and repair woodenware and equipment. Buy the bottles and packaging you will use this year. Package and sell last year's honey and wax. Render old combs into clean wax.

Meeting

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2010

Elections and Holiday Potluck: 6:30 arrive, eat @ 7:00 with Officer/Trustee elections while we eat

This is a great time to share food and laughter with your fellow beekeepers. This is Potluck, so bring a dish to share! Elections will be held for officers (1 year term for 2011), as well as five trustees for 2 yrs terms (2011-2012). If you are interested in an officer or trustee position, please contact a current officer for more information or contact Nancy to nominate yourself or someone for a position.

During the potluck we will eat and have our elections and share a tall tale or two about our beekeeping year. The club will provide plates, plastic silverware, cups, napkins and beverages- just bring a dish to share. It is a lot of fun- we hope to see you there!

Announcements & News

From the President's desk:

To members of Puget Sound Beekeepers Association:

Thank you all for the opportunity to serve as club president for the last two years. In January the club will have a new president who will have new opportunities too. I have learned so much as a beekeeper and an officer and you have taught me so much too. Beekeepers are such interesting people and I have met so many these past two years.

Thank you for continuing to learn about beekeeping and sharing your interest in this fascinating hobby with the world around you.

Our club is successful because club members have volunteered lots of hours doing one or more of the following: buying, picking up and bottling buckets of honey that we use to sell and raise money for the club; speaking to the public about beekeeping; teaching beekeeping classes; organizing the ordering and distribution of bee equipment and packages; arranging for fascinating speakers; keeping the apiary bees happy and healthy and organizing apiary work parties; preparing the newsletter; collecting money, paying bills and keeping our treasury humming; organizing movie

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Christine Ranegger (2010-11)
Laura Lovell (2010)
Brad Jones (2010)
Robert Clark (Lifetime)
Bill Rahr (Lifetime)

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screenings; and I know there are other things that I have forgotten. I wish you all healthy bees and many spoonfuls of honey in the years ahead.
Nancy Beckett
President, Puget Sound Beekeepers Association

Film Screening of "Vanishing of the Bees."

PSBA is co-presenting a film screening of Vanishing of the Bees on 12/1/10 at Kane Hall (UW campus). The film examines the alarming disappearance of honeybees and the greater meaning it holds about the relationship between mankind and mother earth. This screening is part of a film and lecture series called Art + Agriculture, curated by a local non-profit Essential Arts and proceeds will benefit the local nonprofit, Pollinator Pathway <http://www.pollinatorpathway.com> More info about Essential Arts, the series, and the event is available online <http://www.essentialarts.org/art-agriculture/>

The evening promises to be entertaining with award winning poets (who are preparing bee themed poems especially for the event), Honey Tasting and sales by PSBA, post-film Q&A moderated by our own Nancy Beckett, with Q&A panelists to include our own Corky Luster. Come join us in this very special evening focused on bees!

- Kane Hall, #130, University of Washington
- Doors open at 6:30 (with PSBA offering Honey sales and tasting)
- Event will start at 7:00 and end at 10:00
- Tickets: \$15, PSBA Members \$10. Get tickets at the door or online: <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/133782>

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](#) 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](#) Register your hives! Note: [new state tax exemptions](#)
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. Contact Roger Simonds @ 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.

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.