



# The PSBA BUZZ

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## Meetings:

### Arboretum

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

### October 25th

Honey Tasting- Bring  
your honey to share

### November 8th

Potluck and Elections

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## Hive Calendar

### October Nectar Sources:

A few minor flows

### October Activities: Prepare for winter

Install mouse guards, tip hives slightly forward to ensure dry conditions. If used, 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.

## October Meeting

Meetings are the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month except July, November, and December

**Beginners' Instruction: 6:30-7:00**

**Beekeeping Q&A: 7:00-7:30**

**October Main Meeting: 7:30 – 9:00 pm: Honey Tasting.** Bring a sample of your honey to share and explore the many different flavors of local honey.

## Announcements & News

### November 8<sup>th</sup> Main Meeting: Elections and Holiday Potluck: 7:30 – 9:00

**pm:** PSBA Trustee Elections and potluck Holiday Party on November 8th. Bring a dish to share! This is a great time to share food and laughter with your fellow beekeepers.

Nominations and election of board members will occur at November's general membership meeting too. Positions requiring vote: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer (each having a 1 year term) as well as 4 trustee positions (each having a 2 year term). If you have leadership skills, consider putting them to use for the good of PSBA! Please contact one of the current board members or officers. (see list in sidebar to left)

### Washington State Beekeepers Association Conference Oct 27-29th:

You are invited to attend the 2011 WSBA Conference in Federal Way, WA. Info and Registration forms here: <http://www.wasba.org/> It is not too late to register- you can register for the conference by email to Paul Hosticka any time before the 27<sup>th</sup>, or even register at the conference venue. [pshosticka@gmail.com](mailto:pshosticka@gmail.com)

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Robert Clark (Lifetime)  
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**PSBA Beekeeping Classes:** Learn "How to Become a Hobby Beekeeper"  
PSBA is sponsoring two beginning beekeeper classes for 2012, in February and March. Class content will include: honeybee physiology and behavior, beekeeping equipment, procedures and best practices, diseases and parasites, and related topics. Classes are taught to a beginner's level of understanding and (NEW!) *will include* the Washington State Beekeeping Association's Apprentice Beekeeper test booklet. Each class consists of 10 classroom hours divided into successive Saturdays and a 'hands on' session at the club apiary in mid-April (date tbd). Advanced registration preferred. Please pay the club treasurer, Bruce Becker, \$50 for enrollment in one of the classes.

**First class:** Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> of Feb. noon to 5 in Visitor's Center large room (arrive 15 minutes early). And Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> of Mar. noon to 5 (arrive early)  
**Second class:** Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> Mar. noon to 5 in greenhouse (arrive 15 minutes early). And, Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> Mar. noon to 5 (arrive early)

#### PSBA donation to Honeybee Research

The PSBA board has been considering various donation opportunities which align to our association's mission. Options for this year's allotted donation funds included advocating planting of nectar producing trees in Seattle, donating to the UC Davis Honeybee genetics program or the WSU Honeybee Research Program. In the end, it was decided to that all of the \$4000 allotted monies will be donated to the WSU Honeybee Research Program. Current research by the program includes: monitoring seasonal variation in *Nosema ceranae* infestations, molecular characterization of *Nosema* species in the Pacific Northwest, evaluation of interactions between parasites and pathogens and examining sub-lethal effects of chemical residues in the hive and the environment.

**Volunteer Opportunity: Programming Committee-** If you have some great ideas for meeting topics and want to help organize monthly speakers, this committee is for you! Get in touch with Brad Jones (206-612-1068) to offer your support.

#### Bee Related Websites:

- [Western Washington Beekeeping Forum](#) is THE online community for PNW beekeepers. You'll need to create an account to use the site, but this is a simple step.
- [Apiary Registration form](#) Register your hives!
- [www.wasba.org](http://www.wasba.org)- provides Honeybee Diseases / Pests on the WA State Beekeepers Web Site.

#### Master Beekeeper Apprenticeship Test

If you are interested in taking this (open book) test you can purchase the companion booklet for \$10 from Krista Conner. Contact: krconner (at) aol.com  
More information about the certification: <http://www.wasba.org/master.htm>

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#### Marketplace 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)

**Honey Warmers for Sale.** Custom made by Tim Celeski these warmers use precise digital temperature controllers to de-crystallize your honey perfectly. Though compact, they heat 4 or 5 gallon buckets, or three dozen jars. Normally priced at \$300, two warmers will be available at the October PSBA meeting for members for \$225 each. For photos and more information go to [www.beegeek.com](http://www.beegeek.com) or email: [tim@beegeek.com](mailto:tim@beegeek.com)