



The PSBA BUZZ

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Meetings:

Arboretum

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

September 27th

Natural Beekeeping,
Lauren Montgomery

October 25th

Honey Tasting- Bring
your honey to share

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Hive Calendar

August Nectar Sources:

Late Season Knotweed

August Activities: Harvest, Medicate and Bottle

Migrate to lowlands after the fireweed and pearly everlasting flows end. Swarming is uncommon. Medicate as needed. Decide which hives to carry through the winter and combine the others. Bottle and sell honey and beeswax.

September Meeting

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

Beginners' Instruction: 6:30-7:00 Honey extraction and preparing hives for winter

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

Main Meeting: 7:30 – 9:00 pm: Natural Beekeeping, Lauren Montgomery

Lauren Montgomery is a backyard beekeeper and a co-founder of the Urban Bee Project Seattle, which promotes natural methods for vibrant and healthy bees and habitats. www.urbanbeeprojectseattle.com

Announcements & News

Apiary Work Parties: If interested in maintaining the club's apiary and learning something new, join a work party! Contact work party organizers to be updated with planning information and to RSVP your participation.

Where: Arboretum Apiary Work to do: Check hives, see apiary log in shed.

Future Parties:

Sept – 2nd half – Clay Cook 206-779-2529

Oct – 1st half – Anna Wald 206-325-7118

PSBA Secretary Vacancy filled: Please welcome Patricia Foote to the board of PSBA. Patricia will fulfill the remainder of the 2011 term of PSBA Secretary. Here's a little about Patricia in her own words: "I have been a beekeeper for about five years and have one hive in my Magnolia backyard. I am a veteran of bee successes, bee failures, bee swarms and bee stings. I don't much care for honey but I do love bees... In recent years, I served as secretary on the boards of the Western Washington Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists and UW Department of Communication Alumni. I am retired as an editor at The Seattle Times." Thanks for offering your expertise to the association, Patricia!

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Clay Cook (2010-11)
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Anna Wald (2010-11)
Robert Clark (Lifetime)
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PSBA Board Elections- upcoming in November

Elections for PSBA Board positions will occur at the November association meeting. Nominations for board members will be taken from the floor at the general membership meeting. Positions up for vote: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer (each having a 1 year term) as well as 5 trustee positions (each having a 2 year term). If you are interested in being a leader of PSBA, please contact one of the current board members or officers.

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.

PSBA in the community:



PSBA member Jeff Steenberg points out the queen bee at PSBA's booth, Tilth Harvest Fair 2011

Photo courtesy Seattle Tilth

PSBA's booth at the Seattle Tilth Harvest Fair on September 10th was a great success. The weather was stunning and our booth near the music stage kept us entertained. Several of our members volunteered for a few hours or the whole day to explain about the bees in the observation hive, talk about beekeeping, and sell honey. We sold over \$1300 worth of honey. It was a very fun day for all of us. Many thanks to all the PSBA volunteers who made it possible.

(by Treasurer Bruce Becker)

Bee Related Websites:

- [Western Washington Beekeeping Forum](#) 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](#) Register your hives!
- 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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