



The PSBA BUZZ

August 2011

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Meetings:

Arboretum

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

August 23rd

Thom Lee: "Pacific Northwest bee plants for the first half of the year"

September

27th

Natural Beekeeping,
Lauren Montgomery

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Hive Calendar

August Nectar Sources:

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

August Activities: Harvest and 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.

August Meeting

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

Beginners' Instruction: 6:30-7:00 Brad Jones, This Month's Beekeeping Tasks

Beekeeping Q&A: 7:00-7:30 Quick Q&A for questions from the floor

Main Meeting: 7:30 – 9:00 pm:

Thom Lee will present "Pacific Northwest bee plants for the first half of the year"

Thom is a favorite presenter of PSBA, you will be entertained and informed by the end of this month's presentation! Thom often takes a bee's-eye view of the horticultural world and selects plants that are of particular interest to bees. In this presentation, he will talk about plants that provide forage for bees throughout the first half of the calendar year (January through June).

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:

Aug – 2nd half – Brad Jones 206-612-1068

Sept – 1st half – **Need Volunteer**

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

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

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Volunteers Needed:

➤ Puyallup Fair Booth September 9-26th

Please contact Alisa Shorey of Pierce County Beekeepers Association at shoreyhousehold@hotmail.com or (253) 380-2327 to work the beekeeping booth at this year's Puyallup 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. Volunteers get free entry to the fair, suggested work shifts are 4 hours. Dates run from Sept 9-26th, with hours between 10 am and 11pm each day.

➤ Seattle Tilth- Harvest Festival September 10th

This is a busy festival where you can purchase lots of veggies 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 Brad Jones 206-612-1068 to support PSBA's booth at this year's Harvest Festival. This event is always a lot of fun.

- **Burke Museum Bug Blast: Sunday Sept 18.** Need one volunteer 9:30 am to 11 am, two volunteers 11 am to 3 pm, and one volunteer from 3 pm to 4:30 pm. Volunteers get in free and the Burke provides a simple lunch. On Sunday, parking is free on U of W grounds in the lot across the driveway from the Burke's front door. Volunteers will have opportunities to visit the other exhibits, which always are interesting. Burke Museum will be open 10 am to 4:30 pm on Sunday the 18 of September and there will be lots and lots of interesting exhibits on all sorts of insects and insect-eating plants. Contact John DeGroot at 425-883-3248 to volunteer. Checkout: www.burkemuseum.org/events/browse/bug_blast for more info on the event.

PSBA Leadership Positions available:

Secretary- PSBA Secretary position is currently vacant and in need of being filled thru the remainder of 2011. This role is critical to the success of our organization to ensure the minutes and affairs of board meetings are documented. Get in touch with Brad Jones (206-612-1068) to offer your support.

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 media:

- Channel 13 news segment on importance of bees to our food supply. Observation hive supplied by PSBA. <http://www.q13fox.com/videobeta/885e6384-d696-48c0-9b22-67b9ff0995fb/News/Where-Are-the-Bees->
- Channel 5 news featured President, Brad Jones, in a recent morning news segment focused on the importance of honeybees: <http://www.king5.com/video/featured-videos/Busy-bees-what-they-do-and-why-its-so-important-125426923.html>

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