



# The PSBA BUZZ

June-July 2011

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## Meetings:

### Arboretum

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

### June 28<sup>th</sup>

Labeling, Packaging  
and Marketing Honey,  
Tim Celeski

### July 30<sup>th</sup>

**NEW DATE!**

Picnic - Arboretum  
Apiary 12-3 p.m.

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## Hive Calendar

### June: Major Lowland Nectar Flow

Check for swarm cells each 7 – 10 days. Blackberry, the major lowland Puget Sound nectar flow, starts in June and lasts 2-4 weeks, depending on altitude, weather, and location. Remove and extract capped supers. Bottle and sell honey and beeswax.

**Nectar Sources:** Blackberry (lowlands), Dandelion & Clover, Huckleberry

### July: Harvest & Migrate

Check for swarm cells each 7 – 10 days. Re-queen as soon as the blackberry flow is over. Harvest and extract capped supers. Optionally, migrate to the mountains for fireweed. Collect and freeze pollen for use next spring. Bottle and sell honey and beeswax.

**Nectar Sources:** End of lowland and beginning of higher elevation Blackberry, Dandelion & Clover, Fireweed

## June Meeting

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

**Beginners' Instruction: 6:30-7:00** Brad Jones, June Beekeeping Tasks

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

### **Main Meeting: 7:30 – 9:00 pm: Labeling, Packaging and Marketing Honey**

PSBA member and past President, Tim Celeski, will be presenting information on labeling, packaging, and marketing your honey. After your honey harvest, this information will be sure to come in handy! Tim has offered to help folks with their honey labels designs- so bring in your label for review and expert advice!

## July Meeting

### **Annual Picnic Saturday July 30<sup>th</sup> (Note date change!)**

Due to several summer festivals which our club will participate in July, our annual picnic date is **changed** to July 30<sup>th</sup>, from 12-3 next to the club apiary behind the Graham Visitor's Center.

Bring a potluck dish to share. The club will provide beverages and dessert. This is a fun opportunity to socialize and network with other beekeepers. There is always great food and conversation!

**NOTE: There is no club meeting in July - just the picnic.**

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Anna Wald (2010-11)  
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## Announcements & News

**PSBA member named "Visionary of the Year"** Corky Luster won the "Foodie" division of AMD Corporation's "Visionary of the Year" contest. Corky's focus on urban beekeeping and local honey production resulted in the most votes and award of a \$20,000. Congratulations Corky and thanks for well representing the local beekeeping community in the process! More info: <http://www.amdvisionary.com/>



Swarm in West Seattle

**Swarms!** The PSBA swarm list has been busy in June. As a reminder to those on the swarm list: 1 out of every 5 swarms caught via the PSBA swarm list should be placed in the arboretum apiary. This is a courtesy to PSBA for its organization of the list. Please contact Apiary Manager: Aaron Lum (541-231-1979) if you need assistance in placing a new swarm in the club apiary.

### Volunteers Needed: PSBA Booth Hosts

Please contact Krista Conner [vp@psbees.org](mailto:vp@psbees.org) for more info and to participate in any of the below:

- June 25<sup>th</sup>: Whole Foods Market, Interbay. **Two** more volunteers are needed between 11-12 p.m. (Event runs between 11-1).
- July 8,9,10: West Seattle Sustainability Festival
- July 16<sup>th</sup>: Shoreline Solar Festival

**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.

**Next Party: July 17th (10 a.m.-12 p.m.) Contact: Steve Near 425-306-8137**

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

#### Future Parties:

July - 2nd half - July 30<sup>th</sup> Picnic attendees  
Aug - 1st half - Brad Jones 206-612-1068  
Aug - 2nd half - Nancy Beckett 206-937-5583  
Sept - 1st half - Krista Conner 206-938-5158  
Sept - 2nd half - Marie Emerson 425-882-3261  
Oct - 1st half - Anna Wald 206-325-7118

### 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)

**Local Honey Sale:** Whole Foods Market is hosting a "local honey sale" in July. Beekeepers with local honey to sell are needed to participate. Info and RSVP by July 2<sup>nd</sup> via Krista Conner (206-938-5158 or [vp@psbees.org](mailto:vp@psbees.org))

**Beegeek.com** offers free plans for a honey heater, a bee vacuum, and a steady twitter feed for helpful beekeeping tips for Pacific NW beekeepers. Visit [www.beegeek.com](http://www.beegeek.com)

**Beek's Honey**, a purveyor of artisan honey in Seattle, is looking for suppliers of local honey. Beekeepers with honey to sell should get in touch. No quantity is too small. Beek's also offers honey extraction and bottling services to busy beekeepers. Make your honey harvest a breeze this year! contact [simplyhoney@beekshoney.com](mailto:simplyhoney@beekshoney.com)