



The PSBA BUZZ

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Meetings:

Arboretum

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

January 24th Beekeeper Science Fair

February 28th TBD

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Hive Calendar

November through January Nectar Sources:

A few minor blooms

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, re-queening, 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.

January Meeting

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

Beginners' Instruction: 6:30-7:00

Rob Stevens will present this month's beginner's session.

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

General Meeting 7:30 – 9:00 pm

Beekeeper's Science Fair - Interested in learning tricks of the trade? Or, discovering which beekeeping tools and gizmo's work the best? Come to PSBA's first ever Beekeeper's Science Fair where several experienced beekeepers will share their expertise and favorite beekeeping gear and practices in a science fair fashion.

Announcements & News

Say hello to PSBA's Officers and Board of Trustees for 2012

Membership voting for Officers and new Trustees occurred the November meeting and results for PSBA Board for 2012 are listed below. Please introduce yourself to a Board member at the next meeting and feel free to share your ideas on how PSBA can be even better than it is today!

Officers: President: Brad Jones, Vice President: Krista Conner, Secretary: Patricia Foote, Treasurer: Bruce Becker

Trustees: (New terms 2012-2013): Nancy Beckett, Jason Hanson, Barnaby Hoit, John Woodworth. **(Terms Continuing 2011-2012):** Gail Eshom, Keith Glatzer, Kevin Gow, Steve Near, Bob Redmond

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Nancy Beckett (2012-13)
Gail Eshom (2011-12)
Keith Glatzer (2011-12)
Kevin Gow (2011-12)
Jason Hanson (2012-13)
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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 and 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 25th of Feb. noon to 5 in Visitor's Center large room (arrive 15 minutes early). And Saturday 3rd of Mar. noon to 5 (arrive early)

Second class: Saturday 17th Mar. noon to 5 in greenhouse (arrive 15 minutes early). And, Saturday 24th Mar. noon to 5 (arrive early)

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 steps: <http://www.wasba.org/master.htm>

2012 PSBA Membership Dues Reminder! Please don't forget to renew your annual membership by paying \$20* at the next meeting January 24th. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please mail your dues to: Bruce Becker, 6535 - 42nd Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98115. Thank you for your continued support!

*Note: Membership dues are tax deductible since PSBA is a 501c3 organization.

Marketplace Short ads are run for free for members of PSBA. Fee for non-members is \$25.

Send your ads to editor@psbees.org

Ballard Bee Company- selling new and used beekeeping equipment and supplies. Beginner kits (10% off retail discount), hive bodies, bases, tops and frames with foundation, queens, medications and feeds as well as many other supplies for beekeepers. Go to www.ballardbeecompany.com

Bee Packages: It is time to get together your package bee needs for this Spring and secure an order for bee packages. Cost per package is \$90 which includes a \$5 refundable deposit on return of the core package bee box. (Price may be subject to change). Delivery 2nd to 3rd weekend in April (weather depending)-pickup in Bellevue. You choose with each package: Italian or New World Carniolan queen! Individual queens are \$25 each. More info: Cary Therriault cktherriault@comcast.net

Want to be part of the Fremont Solstice Parade? Plans for a marching bee colony are in the works! Participants will dress as bees (drones, worker, 1 queen) and beekeepers to create a "marching" bee colony in the Fremont Summer Solstice Parade on June 16. Lots of fun to be had! Folks interested in being a marching bee or beekeeper, or simply helping to organize and provide technical advice should contact Laura Lovell for more information: kgandll@earthlink.net

Beekeeping Apprentices wanted: Seattle Bee Works is accepting applications for 3-4 beekeeping apprentices for 2012. Need a mentor? Want to learn to beekeep without the expensive setup? Get in touch! Krista@seattlebeeworks.com

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