



The PSBA BUZZ

May 2012

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Meetings:

Arboretum

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

May 22th

Jacqueline Freeman,
Friendly Haven Rise
Farm

June 26th

John Jacobs
Old Sol Enterprises
"Survivor queens in the
PNW"

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Hive Calendar

May: Monitor

Feed all hives if a dearth of nectar occurs. All medications except non-terramycin grease patties should be removed by mid-May if you intend to collect a honey surplus. Begin regular checks for swarm cells. Beware of crowding in the brood nest. Super in advance and no later than May 15 unless you are absolutely certain they have lots of room in the brood nest. Optional spring re-queening. Be on the lookout-garage sales often have inexpensive canning jars.

Nectar Sources: Dandelion & Clover, Scotts Broom (pollen), Huckleberry (ground hugging variant of blackberry), Geranium

Nectar Sources: Crocus, Heather, Skunk Cabbage, Pussy Willow (pollen), Maple, Apricot, Alder (pollen late March)

May Meeting

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

Beginners' Instruction: 6:30-7:00

Tim Comstock will present "Summer Management & Honey Production"

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

General Meeting 7:30 – 9:00 pm

Jacqueline Freeman of Friendly Haven Rise Farm in Southwestern Washington will speak on **SWARMS & FERAL BEES: Wildness in Your Hive**

In Jacqueline's words: "Our bees are from wild swarms with good genetic diversity. They are naturally strong and healthy and you just can't buy wildness. Learn to peacefully interact with and collect a swarm of your own. You can even encourage wild swarms to populate bait hives on their own. And yes, I'll cover how you remove bees from complicated places like house walls, too, without causing undue harm or stress."

Announcements & News

Future Events: Mark your calendars!

July:

- **21st: PSBA Picnic – July 21st.** Join us for the annual picnic, held behind the apiary, Graham Visitor Center.
- **24th: Tom Rearick, Beehacker.com** – Join us for a special July Meeting to learn about "What Monitoring Hive Weight Tells Us, Bee Forage Project."

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September:

- **25th: Monthly Meeting Speaker: Randy Oliver of Scientific Beekeeping**

October:

- **4th -7th: Joint WSBA and Western Apicultural Society Annual Conference.** Embassy Suites at Tukwila, just north of the Seattle Airport, WA. Info http://groups.ucanr.org/WAS/Conference_Information
- **23rd: Monthly Meeting Speaker, Thomas Seeley**

Call for Volunteers:

It's that time of year when PSBA gets invited to participate in festivals and events to share the buzz about bees. Help promote bees and PSBA by volunteering at one of the following events:

Friday July 13, Saturday July 14, and Sunday July 15 in West Seattle -

Volunteer opportunities available starting at 12 noon on Friday, and at 10:00 am on Saturday and Sunday. A PSBA booth will be setup at the West Seattle Summer Fest to offer honeybee education and honey sales. To volunteer for this event, or for more info please contact Nancy Becket (PSBA trustee) at enbee555@gmail.com Details of the event: <https://oliverlittle.wufoo.com/forms/greenlife-a-sustainability-expo-at-summer-fest/>

Northwest Solar Fest, July 28, 2012, Shoreline, WA

<http://hosted-p0.vresp.com/933591/822eff37e9/ARCHIVE>

Apiary Work Party Time at the Arboretum Apiary

If you are interested in maintaining the club's apiary or learning something new, join a work party! It's a great chance to ask questions, help the club's bees and the apiary. If interested, contact one of the work-party organizers below. **Next party: May 19 1:30 – 3:30 – Brad Jones (206-612-1068)**

June, 1st half: Gail Eshom (206-324-7267)

June, 2nd half: Steve Near (425-306-8137)

July 2nd half: picnic attendees

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>

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

\$25. Send your ads to editor@psbees.org

Comb Honey Supers for Sale. 11 comb honey supers for sale. Several have frames and foundation already built and I also have foundation and frame pieces for at least 28 more frames. \$125 for all. Email: jessicadally@yahoo.com