



The PSBA BUZZ

November 2012

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Meetings:

Arboretum

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

Upcoming Meeting

Presenters:

November 27th

Potluck and PSBA Board Elections

December – No Meeting

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Hive Calendar

November through January: 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, requeening, 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.

Nectar Source: A few minor blooms

November Meeting

Meetings are the 4th Tuesday of each month except December

PSBA's November meeting on November 27th will be the annual business meeting of the association. Please note this is the 4th Tuesday – which differs from previous November meeting dates.

In addition this meeting being our annual potluck (bring a dish to share!) the agenda of the meeting will include a presentation of year-end financial report and election of officers and trustees. Five trustee positions and all officer positions open on the PSBA board for 2013

Doors open at 6:30pm. Potluck and Meeting will start at 7:00pm

Announcements & News

Future Events and Meeting Speakers - Mark your calendars!

Mark your calendars for PSBA meetings in 2013. While we don't yet have all the speakers and monthly meeting topics lined up yet for 2013 PSBA meetings – the board is working on it. To help us plan, we'd love to hear from you! If you have suggestions or feedback on meeting topics or presenters (favorites from the past or new ones we should consider) please pass this info along to the board (at the annual business meeting in November) or email us: board@psbees.org

Renew your PSBA membership early for the 2013 year and get a discounted rate!

PSBA Annual Membership dues are \$20 per individual or family for each calendar year. Renewing members in October-December of 2012 receive the discounted membership rate of \$15 for individual or family.

Dues are tax deductible! PSBA is a 501c3 organization. If your company will match your dues please advise the treasurer, Bruce Becker. Membership form here:

<http://pugetsoundbees.org/about/membership/>

PSBA TRUSTEES

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Gail Eshom (2011-12)
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PSBA Beekeeping Classes: "How to Become a Hobby Beekeeper"

PSBA is offering two sessions of our beginning beekeeper class in 2013. Each class consists of 10 classroom hours divided into successive Saturdays.

Advanced registration preferred-contact Treasurer Bruce Becker to register @ treasurer@psbees.org Enrollment Fee per class: \$50.

Details:

- Class content will include: honeybee physiology and behavior, beekeeping equipment, best practices, diseases and parasites, and related topics.
- Classes are taught to a beginner's level of understanding.
- Each student will receive (included in class fee) the Washington State Beekeeping Association's Apprentice Beekeeper certification materials for obtaining certification as an apprentice beekeeper in the state of Washington. (Note: a \$10 credit can be granted for students already possessing apprentice certification materials, or this \$10 can be applied toward the Journeyman Certification materials)

Class Dates:

- **First class:** Saturday 23rd of Feb. noon to 5 in Visitor's Center large room (arrive 15 minutes early). And Saturday 2nd of Mar. noon to 5 (arrive early)
- **Second class:** Saturday 16th Mar. noon to 5 in greenhouse (arrive 15 minutes early). And, Saturday 23rd Mar. noon to 5 (arrive early)

Beekeeping Websites:

- Western Washington Beekeeping Forum is THE online community for PNW beekeepers. You'll need to create an account to use the site, but is easy to do. <http://nwdba.proboards.com/>
- Washington State University Honeybee Diagnostic Lab offers testing for varroa, nosema, and trachea mites. Sampling procedure and info here: <http://apis.wsu.edu/diagnostic-lab/>
- www.beeinformed.org offers results from beekeeper surveys from around the country on which management techniques incurred the least overwinter hive losses.

Master Beekeeper Apprenticeship Test

If you are interested in taking this test you can purchase test materials for \$10 from Krista Conner at any PSBA meeting. More information about the certification steps can be found here: <http://www.wasba.org/master.htm>

If you've taken the apprentice test, please pickup your certificate at a PSBA meeting or contact vp@psbees.org for alternative arrangements.

Marketplace Short ads are run for free for members of PSBA. Fee for non-members is \$25. Send your ads to editor@psbees.org

Celebrate year round with a dose of beekeeper/beekeeping humor with gifts at Words & Unwords Apiary/Apiarist (Beekeeping Humor) <http://bit.ly/SC7zak> Bee geek attitude on tees, mugs, aprons, stickers, mousepads & more!

Beekeeper Apprenticeship -Seattle Bee Works is accepting applications for apprentice beekeepers in 2013. Need a mentor? Have some beekeeping knowledge but want hands-on beekeeping experience? Get in touch! krista@seattlebeeworks.com