



The PSBA BUZZ

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Meetings:

Arboretum

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

Upcoming Meeting

Presenters:

October 23rd

Dr. Tom Seeley, Cornell University "Honeybee Democracy"

November 27th

Potluck and PSBA Board Elections

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Hive Calendar

Prepare for winter

Install mouse guards, tip hives slightly forward to ensure dry conditions. Formic Acid, Coumaphous, and Apistan must be removed before winter. Feed or combine any hives that are too light to survive until early next summer. Bottle and sell honey and beeswax. Evaluate this year's hive management results and plan for next year.

Nectar Source: A few minor flows

October Meeting

Meetings are the 4th Tuesday of each month except December

Doors Open at 6:30 – PSBA Beginner Lesson will not be held this month to allow more time for our main speaker.

General Meeting 7:00 – 9:00 pm Dr. Thomas Seeley

Cornell biology professor and beekeeper Thomas Seeley, author of *Honeybee Democracy*, will share just what bees could teach us: collective wisdom and effective decision-making, the importance of debate, seeking diverse solutions, and minimizing a leader's influence. Join PSBA in welcoming Dr. Seeley back to Seattle for his riveting talk on Honeybee Democracy.

Book Purchase and Author Signing will be offered after the presentation, facilitated by University Book Store.

Announcements & News

Future Events and Meeting Speakers - Mark your calendars!

October:

- 23rd: PSBA presents Thomas Seeley, author of *Honeybee Democracy*
- 24th: PSBA co-presents with Town Hall: Dr. Thomas Seeley, author of *Honeybee Democracy*. @Town Hall, 7-10pm. [Tickets available online](#).

November 27th PSBA Potluck and Board Elections. Bring a dish to share and be ready to vote in new PSBA board members. (Please note this meeting date is the 4th Tuesday – which differs from previous November meeting dates). Five trustee positions and all officer positions open on the PSBA board for 2013.

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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 the calendar year. However, if you renew in October-December of 2012 the membership fee is \$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 Beekeeping Classes: "How to Become a Hobby Beekeeper"

PSBA is sponsoring two beginning beekeeper classes for 2013, to be held in February and March. Class 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 and will include the Washington State Beekeeping Association's Apprentice Beekeeper test booklet. 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.

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 (open book) test you can purchase the companion booklet for \$10 from Krista Conner at any PSBA meeting. More information about the certification steps: <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

Honey Warmer for Sale Custom made by Tim Celeski these warmers use precise digital temperature controllers to de-crystallize honey perfectly. Though compact, it heats 4 or 5 gallon buckets, or three dozen jars. Normally priced at \$300, I have one left priced for PSBA members is \$225. For photos and more information go to www.beegeek.com or contact tim@beegeek.com

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