



# The PSBA BUZZ

August 2012

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## Meetings:

### Arboretum

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

### August 28th

Daniel Najera, PhD  
Entomology – “Logical  
Decision Making in  
Honeybees”

### September 25<sup>th</sup>

Randy Oliver of Scientific  
Beekeeping.com

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## Hive Calendar

### August Activities: Harvest and Medicate

Check for swarm cells each 7 to 10 days. Re-queen. Warm temperatures improve the effect of all mite medications. Use medications after supers are off and per manufacturer's recommendation. Remove and extract capped supers. Collect and freeze pollen for use next spring. Bottle and sell honey and beeswax.

### August Nectar Sources:

Knotweed, Dandelion & Clover, Fireweed at high elevations, Pearly Everlasting at higher elevations

## August Meeting

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

### Beginner Lesson: 6:30-7:15 “Diseases and Pests”, Sarah Cooke

### General Meeting 7:30 – 9:00 pm “Logical Decision Making in Honeybees”

### Daniel Najera, PhD Entomology

Daniel received his PhD From the University of Kansas and currently teaches at Green River Community College. He has been part of the North East Kansas Beekeepers Association and the Alamo Area Beekeepers Association. His research focuses on the cognitive capability of honeybees, specifically foragers, and their ability to find food. He has measured honeybee decision making with respect to time, space, and a host of other associations and can infer the honeybee reasoning capabilities. Come hear this interesting talk on honeybee foraging behavior!

## Announcements & News

**PSBA Extractor Rentals:** If you've got honey to harvest, PSBA has extractors for that! 4 and 12 frame extractors available. Checkout the rental rates on our website and reserve an extractor today! <http://pugetsoundbees.org/resources/rentals/>

### Future Events and Meeting Speakers- Mark your calendars!

#### September:

- 25<sup>th</sup>: Monthly Meeting Speaker: Randy Oliver of Scientific Beekeeping

#### October:

- 4<sup>th</sup> -6<sup>th</sup>: Joint WSBA and Western Apicultural Society Annual Conference. Embassy Suites at Tukwila, WA. Info [http://groups.ucanr.org/WAS/Conference\\_Information](http://groups.ucanr.org/WAS/Conference_Information) Note: PSBA Member Bob Redmond will be presenting on Urban Beekeeping!
- 23<sup>rd</sup>: Monthly Meeting Speaker, Thomas Seeley

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## We're on the Web!

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- **24th: PSBA co-presents Dr. Thomas Seeley on "Honeybee Democracy", Town Hall, 7-10pm.** PSBA Volunteers are needed to assist with this event. Please see Call for Volunteers section.

## November

### PSBA Elections

November will be upon us before we know it, so it is never too early to consider getting more involved in PSBA. Five trustee positions and all officer positions open for 2013. Start campaigning now! If you have questions about the responsibilities, please get in touch with Brad or any current board member.

### Call for Volunteers: Booth Events

- **September 8th: Tilth Harvest Fair** 10-4, Meridian Park. More info [http://seattletilth.org/special\\_events/harvestfair2012](http://seattletilth.org/special_events/harvestfair2012) This is a fun event which PSBA as participated in for many years. Honey sales and tasting, observation hive q&a, and telling folks about PSBA and beekeeping – it's a lot of fun.
- **September 13th: Starbucks Pet Fair** 10-2. Starbucks corporate support center in SODO.
- **October 14th: Fauntleroy Fall Festival**, 2-6 p.m. Represent PSBA in the Environmental Corner of this Fall Festival in West Seattle. Event details: <http://www.fauntleroy.net/fallfestival.html>
- **October 24th: PSBA co-presents Dr. Thomas Seeley on "Honeybee Democracy", Town Hall, 7-10pm.** Need minimum of 4 folks to work information table 45 minutes before the event start and 30 minutes after. Engage with event attendees and tell them about PSBA offerings and encourage new members. If you don't get in to hear Dr. Seeley at PSBA's meeting the night before (seating is limited), this is your chance!

### 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: Sept 1<sup>st</sup> half: Jason Hansen (206-793-6670)**  
Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> half: Keith Glatzer (206-240-7362)  
October: John Woodworth (206-265-3295)

### 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>  
NOTE: If you've taken the apprentice test, please pickup your certificate at a PSBA meeting or contact [vp@psbees.org](mailto:vp@psbees.org) for alternative arrangements.

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**Honey Harvest Event**– Hosted by Seattle Bee Works and West Seattle Produce. Bring your honey supers and join in the honey extraction fun! September extraction dates available. Contact [krista@seattlebeeworks.com](mailto:krista@seattlebeeworks.com) for details and to schedule your extraction.