



The PSBA BUZZ

June 2009

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

(Meetings are the 4th Tuesday of each month except July and December.)

June 23

Mike Burgett

July 18

Annual picnic
(No meeting this month)

August 25

Bruce Becker

Sept. 22

Steve Shepherd

Oct. 27

Honey Harvest Fair

Nov. 24

Holiday Party

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Hive Calendar

June — Major lowland nectar flow

Check for swarm cells each 7 – 10 days. Blackberry, the major lowland Puget Sound nectar flow, starts in June and lasts 2-4 weeks, depending on altitude, weather, and location. Remove and extract capped supers. Bottle and sell honey and beeswax.

Nectar flow: Blackberry (lowlands); Dandelion & Clover; Huckleberry

June Meeting

TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2009

Michael Burgett, Professor Emeritus in the Department of Horticulture at Oregon State University, will present a two-part program. Burgett has studied honeybees for 40 years. He has a Ph.D. from Cornell University, specializing in apiculture. He has consulted for governments and other organizations in North and South America, Europe and Asia. He recently conducted research in Thailand on the "Asian Hive Bee" [*Apis cerana*] and authored an article to appear in the June, 2009 issue of the *American Bee Journal* on colony mortality in the Pacific Northwest. His program will be as follows:

- 6:30 pm: Dr. Burgett's research on the "Asian Hive Bee" [*Apis cerana*] that he has conducted in Thailand. (Note: there will be no beginners' session.)
- 7:30 pm: Colony mortality in the Pacific Northwest.

Don't miss this entertaining and erudite bee expert!

Announcements

Annual Picnic Saturday July 18

From 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the club apiary. Bring a potluck dish to share. Club will provide beverages and desserts. This is a fun opportunity to socialize and network with other beekeepers.

New PSBA Vice President

PSBA trustee Krista Conner will take over the position of club vice president, filling in the seat left vacant by Ambra Wadley's resignation. We are very grateful for Krista's willingness to take on this important role. We are now looking for someone to take over Krista's Trustee position. If you are interested, please contact Nancy Beckett at 206-937-5583.

Upcoming PSBA apiary work parties

Learn beekeeping skills and help maintain the club's apiary by volunteering at an upcoming apiary work party.

- **Sunday June 14**, from 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm. Tasks will include hive inspection, restructure for requeening and putting traction paint on shed ramps. Any help is appreciated, even if only for a half hour. Contact Mike

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Doren at mike@mikedoren.com or (425) 890-8756.

▪ **Sunday July 12** at 12:00 noon. Contact Corky Luster at corkyluster@comcast.net. Specific tasks to be determined.

Volunteers Needed

Our club receives many requests for speakers to talk to the public about beekeeping at schools and organizations or to occupy a booth at fairs. Anyone can volunteer. Please contact PSBA president Nancy Beckett, 206-937-5583 or enbee555@gmail.com, if you are interested in being added to a list of volunteers.

Shoreline SolarFest 2009 – July 18, 10:00 am – 8:00 pm

We need club members to help at our booth at this fair focusing on renewable energy and sustainable living. Call Rob Stevens at 206-526-5201 for more information if you are interested in volunteering at this event.

Marketplace

Bee truck for sale

1978 GMC 1-ton truck with boom for moving bees. Brand new seat and equipment makes it greater than the blue book value. Contact Doris and Donald Mech at 425-432-3971.

Clear honey bear containers for sale

12 oz. size, with flip caps and inner seal \$0.40 each plus tax, if applicable. Contact Bruce Becker at 206.527.0226 or treasurer@psbees.org.

Got gear? Sell your stuff here!

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

Please return library materials!

Please remember to return your PSBA library items by bringing them to the monthly meeting, or contact Nancy Beckett enbee555@gmail.com or 206-937-5583 for mailing address.

Swarm list for bee removal

Download the 2009 swarm list from our website at <http://www.pugetsoundbees.org/Swarmlist.org>

Join the Puget Sound Beekeepers Association

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