



# The PSBA BUZZ

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

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

**May 25**

Speaker: Laura  
Sweany -  
Permaculture Expert

**June 22**

Speaker: Robin  
Foster - Bumblebees

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## Hive Calendar

### 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 requeening. Be on the lookout-Garage sales often have inexpensive canning jars.

**NECTAR FLOW/POLLEN:** Dandelion & Clover, Scotts Broom (pollen)  
Huckleberry (ground hugging variant of blackberry), Geranium

## May Meeting

**TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2010**

**Beginners' Instruction: 6:30 – 7:15 p.m.:** current month to-do items

**Main Meeting: 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.:** Laura Sweany was unable to attend the April Meeting as originally announced. She will speak at the May meeting. Laura is a garden designer, permaculture consultant, and owner and operator of Terra Flora Farm in Seattle. Laura will provide an Introduction to Permaculture - Whole Systems Design For Your Home and Land.

One of the most exciting innovations in land care and development is the idea of permaculture. Created in Australia in the late 1970's, permaculture is a whole-system approach to designing any site for maximum health and productivity by using a methodology guided by natural patterns and processes. Laura will introduce the basic principles and strategies of permaculture and discuss its use in sustainable living and land use.

## Announcements & News

### PSBA Apiary Work Party!

If interested in maintaining the club's apiary, and learning something new? Join a work party? It's a great chance to ask questions and help the club's bees.

Next Apiary Work Party – Sunday, May 23

The next PSBA apiary work party will be this Sunday, May 23, 12:00-2:00. Meet at the apiary, which is behind the greenhouses next to the Graham Visitor's Center at the Washington Park Arboretum. Patti Loesche (206-403-6263) will lead this work party. New and old beekeepers are welcome! If you want hands-on experience, bring a bee suit if you have one, or wear light colors and close up neck, arm, and leg holes. I'll bring a spare veil and extra gloves.

If you want to attend future work parties, contact the following organizers through August:

[editor at psbees.org](mailto:editor@psbees.org)

Apiary Manager  
Tim Todd  
253-941-9855  
[fitter32@hotmail.com](mailto:fitter32@hotmail.com)

#### PSBA TRUSTEES

Brian Allen (2009-10)  
Mark Paris (2009-10)  
Rob Stevens (2009-10)  
Corky Luster (2010-11)  
Patti Loesche (2010-11)  
John deGroot (2010-11)  
Christine Ranegger (2010-11)  
Laura Lovell (2010)  
Brad Jones (2010)  
Robert Clark (Lifetime)  
Bill Rahr (Lifetime)

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We're on the Web!

[www.pugetsoundbees.org](http://www.pugetsoundbees.org)  
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June – 1st half – Laura Lovell 206-633-3577

June – 2nd half – Tim Todd 253-941-9855

July – 1st half – Christine Ranegger 206-933-8951

July – 2nd half – Mark Paris 206- 499-2839

Aug – 1st half – Nancy Beckett 206-937-5583

**Bees at the SIFF!** The film "[Queen of the Sun](#)" will be showing at the [Seattle International Film Festival](#) at the end of May. "The film is a piercing examination of the global bee crisis seen through the eyes of beekeepers, scientists, philosophers, and farmers. Featuring Michael Pollan, Vandana Shiva, Gunther Hauk, and dedicated beekeepers from around the world, Queen of the Sun weaves a dramatic story which uncovers the problems and solutions in renewing a culture in balance with nature." The film just premiered at the Nashville Film Festival on April 17 and won "Best Documentary Honorable Mention". Seattle Screening on May 22 and 23rd at the Harvard Exit Theater. May it be a film that inspires people to address the disappearance of the beloved honey bee.

### Be sure to Register your Hives!

Please register your hives with the Washington State Department of Agriculture to take advantage of [new state tax exemptions](#). Link to the registration form: [Apiary Registration form](#)

### Core Boxes

Please remember to bring your package core boxes to the meeting for a \$5.00 refund from Cary Therriault

### Master Beekeeper Apprenticeship Test

If you are taking this test, please complete/ return it to Van Sherod at the monthly meeting, or call Van or Barb Sherod 206-284-1520 to make other arrangements. If you are interested in taking this (open book) test you can purchase the companion booklet for \$10 from Van.

### Helpful Websites:

[www.wasba.org](http://www.wasba.org)-There is some great info about Honeybee Diseases and Pests on the Washington State Beekeepers Web Site.

[HONEYBEE-NEWS.com](http://HONEYBEE-NEWS.com) delivers up to date news and educational information for the beekeeping industry, both hobbyist and commercial beekeepers.

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## Marketplace

**Wanted:** one or two children's bee suits to fit my 6, 9 & 11 year old children, who are enthusiastic about helping dad work with our backyard beehives. Please contact Nathan to arrange an exchange. [Nathan.rausch@sprint.com](mailto:Nathan.rausch@sprint.com) (425)278-7544

### 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](mailto:editor@psbees.org).

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### Please return library materials!

Many items are missing from our library. Please return your PSBA library items by bringing them to the monthly meeting or mailing them to Nancy Beckett, 6308 50th Ave. SW., Seattle, WA 98136.