



The PSBA BUZZ

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Meetings at the Arboretum Center

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

Jan 25th

Intro to Beekeeping
and Q&A with
Brad Jones

Feb 22nd

Monitoring the
Health of Your
Hives by Beth Ann
Kahkonen, Manager of
the WSU Honey Bee
Research Program

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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, re-queening, 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.

January Meeting

Meetings are the 4th Tuesday of each month except July, November, and December

Beginners' Instruction: 6:30 – 7:15 p.m: Van Sherod will present: "Parts of a Langstroth Beehive"

Main Meeting: 7:30 – 9:00 pm: PSBA's new President, Brad Jones, will be presenting: Getting started: Considerations for the first-time beekeeper. Question and Answer period will be included, so bring your tough questions to our new club President!

Announcements & News

Election Results: 2011 Officers and Trustees

President: Brad Jones	2011-2012 Trustees:
Vice President: Krista Conner	Keith Glatzer
Secretary: Marie Emerson	Steve Near
Treasurer: Bruce Becker	Gail Eshom
	Kevin Gow
	Bob Redmond

News Editor: Krista Conner, **Apiary Manager:** Aaron Lum

Many thanks to those ending their leadership terms in 2010: Tim Todd for all the work you have done the past years in the apiary - fabulous job; trustees for the last one or two years (Brian Allen, Mark Paris, Rob Stevens, Brad Jones and Laura Lovell)- Thank you! We hope to see you all at membership meetings in the future. PSBA is looking forward to an exciting new year with the new board.

Beekeepers may be poisoning their own bees

The WSBA secretary forwarded us an email from Jerry Hayes, Chief Apiarist, state of Florida. In it, Mr. Hayes expressed concern that beekeepers may be unknowingly poisoning their bees by feeding them soy-based pollen substitutes. This is because soybeans are treated with imidacloprid, a systemic pesticide known to affect bee behavior and kills bees. Specific reference was made to Mann Lake Bee Pro as a prominent soybean flour based supplement.

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John deGroot (2010-11)
Gail Eshom (2011-2012)
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Kevin Gow (2011-2012)
Patti Loesche (2010-11)
Corky Luster (2010-11)
Steve Near (2011-2012)
Christine Ranegger (2010-11)
Bob Redmond (2011-2012)
Robert Clark (Lifetime)
Bill Rahr (Lifetime)

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We're on the Web!

www.pugetsoundbees.org
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Reviews from Art + Agriculture #1 featuring "Vanishing of the Bees" film

Over a 100 people attended the event held on 12/1/10 at Kane Hall (UW campus). Attendees enjoyed honey tasting and Q&A with a panel including PSBA's own Nancy Beckett and Corky Luster. Produced by Essential Arts, the event was co-presented with the Puget Sound Beekeepers Association and the Pollinator Pathway, with the support of Seattle Tilth and the Washington Toxics Coalition. The event was sponsored by the Program on the Environment at the University of Washington. You can find out more about the event and series at www.essentialarts.org/art-agriculture.

Many thanks to the following PSBA members who contributed to PSBA's co-presentation efforts: Brian Allen, Nancy Beckett, Bruce Becker, Krista Conner, Marie Emerson, Kevin Gow, Brad Jones, Laura Lovell, Corky Luster, Mark Paris, Pat and Paul Perkins, Bob Redmond, Rob Stevens and Holly Williams. Much appreciation to the many PSBA members in attendance at the screening. Reviews indicate it was an overall success:

☆☆☆☆☆ *"It was a five star 'two thumbs up' honey of a bee movie event!"*

Chris & John Cady, PSBA members

"Very informative and we thought the whole event was very well organized."

Jason Connelly, Microsoft employee and filmgoer

Photos courtesy Essential Arts



Attendees sampled honey from PSBA members and chatted with Washington Toxics Coalition.



Corky Luster and Nancy Beckett (obscured) on the Q&A panel after film.

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.

Bee Related Websites and resources:

[Western Washington Beekeeping Forum](http://www.westernbeekeepingforum.com) is *the* place for regional beekeepers-You'll need to create an account to use the site, but this is a simple step.

[Apiary Registration form](http://www.wasba.org) Register your hives! Note: [new state tax exemptions](http://www.wasba.org)

www.wasba.org- provides Honeybee Diseases / Pests on the WA State Beekeepers Web Site.

http://apis.wsu.edu/diagnostic_center.html Testing for nosema spores, tracheal and varroa mites. We've been advised this testing for free.

<http://www.labtimes.org/labtimes/currentissue/index.html> good rendition of ccd and research efforts.

Pesticide testing: The National Science Laboratory of the USDA will test your comb for pesticides for approximately \$300. Contact Roger Simonds @ 704-867-3873.

Marketplace

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