



The PSBA BUZZ

September 2012

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Meetings:

Arboretum

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

Upcoming Meeting

Presenters:

September 25th

Randy Oliver of Scientific
Beekeeping.com

October 23rd

Dr. Tom Seeley, Cornell
University "Honeybee
Democracy"

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Hive Calendar

September: Harvest, Medicate, and Bottle

Migrate to lowlands after the fireweed and pearly everlasting flows end. Swarming is uncommon. Medicate as needed. Decide which hives to carry through the winter and combine the others. Bottle and sell honey and beeswax.

September Nectar Source: Late Season Knotweed

September 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

Randy Oliver of Scientificbeekeeping.com presents "Identification of Bee Diseases, Dismantling Misconceptions". Randy will share his up-to-the-minute research about this topic. This presentation will be informative and it is not to be missed!

Announcements & News

Washington State Beekeepers Association newsletter has now been posted. Pick up your copy at www.wasba.org/newsletters.htm

Washington State Beekeeper Association Board Elections in October. All Officer positions open as well as PSBA's (area 1b) representative position is open. More info president@wasba.org or at [360-297-6743](tel:360-297-6743). Elections will be held at the WSBA conference Oct 4-6 (see link below).

Future Events and Meeting Speakers - Mark your calendars!

October:

- **4th -6th: Joint WSBA and Western Apicultural Society Annual Conference.** Tukwila, WA. http://groups.ucanr.org/WAS/Conference_Information
- **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, elect new board members. (Please note this is the 4th Tuesday – which differs from previous November meeting dates). Five trustee positions and all officer

PSBA TRUSTEES

Jessica Dally (2012-13)
Gail Eshom (2011-12)
Keith Glatzer (2011-12)
Kevin Gow (2011-12)
Jason Hansen (2012-13)
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positions open on the PSBA board for 2013.

PSBA's booth at Tilth's Harvest Festival was a success!

Many folks stopped by the booth to sample and purchase honey and booth volunteers had fun sharing info about PSBA, honey and bees. Pictured below: PSBA member Kim Thomas sharing honey samples with booth visitors. See more pictures on our [Facebook](#) page.



Call for Volunteers :

Booth Events

- **October 14th**
Fauntleroy Fall Festival, 2-6
p.m. Represent PSBA in the Environmental Corner of this festival in West Seattle
<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! Work parties are in the PSBA apiary, behind greenhouses and Graham Visitor Center. **Next party September 29th: Keith Glatzer (206-240-7362).** October 7th 10-12pm: 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 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 Apprentices wanted -Seattle Bee Works is accepting applications for apprentice beekeepers in 2013. Need a mentor? Want to learn how to keep bees without the expensive setup? Get in touch! krista@seattlebeeworks.com