



# 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.)

January 22  
MEETING 6:30–9 pm  
Beginners Instruction  
6:30–7:15 pm  
Main Presentation:

## Hive Calendar

### 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, requeening, 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.

Year-to-year variation in temperature and rainfall, hills that block or funnel prevailing winds, northern or southern exposures, nearby lakes or rivers, and other geographic features near your apiary will speed or delay the blossoming time by as much as three and a half weeks. Use the hive calendar as a guide.

—Based on Roy Thurber's *Bee Chats, Tips and Gadgets*

## January Meeting

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22

Beginners Instruction: 6:30–7:15 pm

Van Sherod's beginner lesson precedes the main presentation. This is the time of year to start planning. Planning purchases and construction

Main Meeting: 7:30–9 pm

With the unfortunate cancelling of the November meeting (due to maintenance on a broken water pipe), we will take care of business that should have been done then. We will accept ideas and requests for this year's presentations. Come prepared to brainstorm. We will also be nominating and electing trustees and new officers.

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**This is the time of year for us all to renew our club membership. Please see the attached membership form or print it from the webpage (form is good for 2008) <http://psbees.org/member.pdf>. You can mail it to Ambra Wadley at the address on the form or turn it in with associated check at the meeting.**

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# Club Notes

## A moment at the Puget Sound Beekeepers Association meeting

Thinking back to a time when you were in attendance at the beekeepers meeting, do you remember something you heard that really helped you be a better beekeeper? During the first part of the meeting, the beginner's lesson, even the most seasoned beekeeper often learns something new and useful. With all the experience of the members, discussions often become a learning experience. Are you interested in becoming a better beekeeper? In learning from other's mistakes so you don't have to make them? Consider how you can become involved in the club.

There are several positions to be filled at the January meeting. We have a need for a newsletter editor, someone who would like to do some writing and compiling of articles and information. There are also several trustee positions which involves meeting once or twice a year to discuss the direction of our club. Other positions will be announced at the January meeting. Are you interested in becoming involved?

An aspect of life that gives people a feeling of completeness is having interests or hobbies especially when they involve other people. Yes, coming to the meeting every month is a great way to be involved in our club. You will learn and interact with others with similar interests. However, becoming more deeply involved by taking an active role will give you a fuller experience, allowing you to work with others who look beyond the basics of their lives to assisting an organization. We need your help!

We are lining up speakers for the coming year. As most of you experienced last year, we had some great speakers from respected colleges, organizations and agencies who spoke on a variety of subjects. Do you know someone who would be interested in coming to talk to our group about a bee-related subject? Let me know. Speakers are one of the great things about the Puget Sound Beekeeping Association, second only to its unique, insect-interested and friendly members.

Please make sure you to come to the January 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting to learn more about how you can become involved.

—Richard Sirota, PSBA president

# Marketplace

Got gear? Sell your stuff here!

For Sale:

**\$10 deeps!!!** This is the deal of the year! A local survey supply company is experiencing a slowdown in their market (due to slow winter construction demands and the additional impact of the subprime mortgage slowdown) and has kept their employees busy by making beehives. They have 300 tightknot, pine, 10-frame deeps for \$10 each. These boxes don't have the engraved handle, rather are provided with easy-to-grab cleats. The boxes will come **assembled** (except for the cleats) and will be delivered to Bellevue or the next meeting. Contact Jim Olsen at [jao@coredesigninc.com](mailto:jao@coredesigninc.com) to order yours. Orders need to be submitted by January 22 or at the January meeting. Also available: 5 frame nuc boxes for \$10.

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Isaac Frerich's has some **new equipment** he would like to get out of the garage. All are new.

Hive Top Feeder (for 10 frame box)  
Hive Top Feeders for Nucs  
Frame Feeders  
Follower board (great for any beekeeper)  
Fume Board  
Escape Board.

Email at [chefif@comcast.net](mailto:chefif@comcast.net) if you have questions and he would be glad to help. needs to go!

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## Honey Bee Fun Facts

- Honeybees are the only bees that die after they sting.
- Honey speeds the healing process and combats infections.
- Honey never spoils.
- It would take about 1 ounce of honey to fuel a honeybee's flight around the world.
- Honeybee colonies have unique odors that members flash like ID cards at the hive's front door, so the guard bees can recognize the entering bees.
- While foraging for nectar and pollen, bees inadvertently transfer pollen from the male to the female components of flowers. Each year, bees pollinate 95 crops worth an estimated \$10 billion in the U.S. alone. All told, insect pollinators contribute to one-third of the world's diet.

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## Bees In the News

### Vanishing of the Bees

A full length documentary on Colony Collapse Disorder is under production and is seeking donations to complete the movie. Watch the trailer and read the story:

<http://www.thedailygreen.com/environmental-news/latest/vanishing-bees-47010601>

—Newsletter Editor

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