

## Queen Rearing in the Pacific Northwest 2015

Join us for our Queen Rearing course June 20, 2015 9:00am-4:30pm here at our West Sound Beekeeping Association located at Stedman Bee Supplies. This course is for those beekeepers that have already taken the Basic course or for have kept bees for a season and are ready to learn more about the fascinating world of raising queens in the Pacific Northwest. It is a excellent follow on class to the Beekeeping in the Northwest class.



There are many benefits to being able to grow and extra queen and have her in a small nucleus available. Use her to save a large colony with a failing queen or to expand into an additional production colony. In learning how to grow queens, we are mearly paying attention to the bees and providing the necessary conditions for them to raise a queen. There are various methods that can be used depending upon whether you want to raise 1, 10, 100, or 1000 queens.

Queen rearing in the Pacific Northwest has its own unique challenges. We will discuss and provide training with emphasis for a typical hobbieist beekeeper with 1 or 2 hives growing replacement queens for themselves and possibly their beekeeper friends. We will focus on a grafting and a non-grafting method that can be easily accomplished. We will cover setting up a swarm box to grow queens in, and nuc boxes to get them mated in. Each student will be taught to graft appropriate-aged larvae and start queen cells. There will be considerable discussion on queens, drones and the process requirements of growing and using your own queens. This class combines a series of short lectures with a series of excercises in the apiary and grafting room.



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Learn about:

### Queen Rearing in the Pacific Northwest

- Introduction to Queen Rearing
- Biology of Queens and Drones
- Growing queens via grafting method
- Growing queens via non-grafting
- Choosing Breeder Stock
- Preparing Swarm Box for growing queens
- Grafting (hands on)
- Queen Mating
- Marking Queens
- Practicing what you have learned

### Agenda

#### **Saturday, June 20, 2015**

8:00 am – 8:30 am

**Registration / Check in**

8:30 am - 4:30 pm

**Class** (lunch provided) *see topics above*

#### **Instructors:**

**Jason Deal**, Past Apiary Manager, West Sound Beekeepers Association

**George Purkett**, Past President, West Sound Beekeepers Association

**Jean Ball**, Apiary Manager, West Sound Beekeepers Association

**Guest Speakers** from the West Sound Beekeepers Association and from other areas of the beekeeping industry.

**Registration:** Class is limited to 16 students. We expect this class to fill early and early registration is recommended. Please check our website for availability -- <http://www.westsoundbees.org> . Questions or concerns can be addressed to Elizabeth Bianchi [treasurer@westsoundbees.org](mailto:treasurer@westsoundbees.org) or 253-509-4824

**Download Registration form (pdf) -- [www.westsoundbees.org](http://www.westsoundbees.org)**

\$80.00, registrations on or before June 6, 2015

(Fee includes course materials, Queen Rearing Essentials, grafting tool, grafting cups, lunch, & refreshments)

**Refunds Policy:** \$75.00 will be refunded to participants who cancel in writing prior to June 6, 2015.

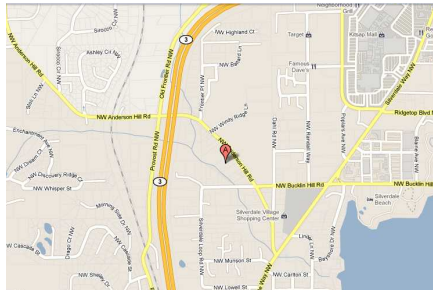
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, or by email – [treasurer@westsoundbees.org](mailto:treasurer@westsoundbees.org).

**Location:** West Sound Beekeeping Association located at Stedman’s Bee Supplies, 3763 NW Anderson Hill Rd Silverdale, WA 98383

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## Registration Form

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Please use a separate form for each registration.

Method of Payment: check or money order

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\$80.00 if postmarked on or before June 6, 2015

\$100.00 postmarked after June 6, 2015

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

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