



BUZZWORD



WEST SOUND BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

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Proudly serving bees, their keepers, and the public in Kitsap County, WA and beyond!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

WEST SOUND BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

Date: **Tuesday, 1/07/2014**
 Time: 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm
 Location: Stedman's Bee Supplies
 3763 NW Anderson Hill Rd
 Silverdale, WA
 Topic: *Planning 2014*

WEST SOUND BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Date: **Tuesday, 1/21/2014**
 Time: 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm
 Location: Stedman's Bee Supplies
 3763 NW Anderson Hill Rd
 Silverdale, WA
 Topic: To Be Announced

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

January 2014

No report was available at the time of publication.

Remember, our monthly group meetings in 2014 will be extended to 90 minutes, 7-8:30. Here's the standing agenda:

~What do you see in your hives? 10 minutes

~Announcements – 5 minutes

~Speaker – 60 minutes

TREASURER'S REPORT

January 2014

(Bank statement dated 12/31/2014)

Money Market Reserve account:		\$4505.32
Savings account:		\$3888.40
Checking account:		\$5373.97
Activity for the month of December		
Cash from Mason bee tubes (collected 11/17/2013)	10.75	
Dues from 6 members	144.00	
Deposit 12/11/13		154.75
Revenue from Auction (includes 5 patches)	512.00	
Dues from 8 members	192.00	
Deposit 12/19/13		704.00

No checks were issued this month.
Total membership Dues paid for 2014 = 19

Elizabeth Bianchi
WSBA Treasurer

JANUARY 2014 WSBA BOARD MEETING

The West Sound Beekeepers Association's Board of Directors met on January 7, 2014 to plan the schedules and classes for 2014. Those plans are nearly solidified and, as soon as they are, the information will be published at www.westsoundbees.org as well as in future newsletters. Stay tuned!!! In the meantime, look for the minutes of that meeting on our website as noted above.

WSBA LIBRARY UPDATE

George Purkett, Librarian

We have recently added the following books to the WSBA library. If you want to expand into mason bees or just learn about them, we got you covered. These five books are all about mason bees. These were donated to the association by Darren and Pam Gordon. Please thank them when you see them.

The Orchard Mason Bee

Mason Bees for the Backyard Garden

The Mason-Bees

Managing Blue Orchard Mason Bees for Pollinating Almonds in Fresno, County, Ca

Pollination with Mason Bees

We have recently purchased the following books for the WSBA library. Thank you for paying annual membership dues to support this valuable resource. To stretch the library budget, we purchase some new books and some used books. (I think it is time to invest in a bigger bookcase for the library.)

HONEY BEE Biology & Beekeeping - (highly recommended)

Bee sentials

Beekeeping Basics

Hive inspection Basics for Northwest Beekeepers - (highly recommended)

The beekeeper's daughter

Clan Apis

Honeybee Pollen and the New You

Honeybee: Poems & Short Prose

The Beekeeper's Pupil (hb)

The Beekeeper's Handbook, Third Edition - (highly recommended)

Hollyhocks and Honeybees: Garden Projects for Young Children

Confessions of a Bad Beekeeper: What Not to Do When Keeping Bees (with Apologies to My Own)

Beekeeper (A St. Cyr & Kohler mystery)

There is a complete list of the library contents posted at www.westsoundbees.org. Additionally, there is a short review of most books attached to the checkout card holder on the book. Both may be helpful for locating your desired reading material. Also, if you have any requests for the library, please contact the librarian.

Editor's note:

All books and dvds are available for checkout to all members of West Sound Beekeepers Association – just one more reason to pay your 2014 dues!!

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES AT THE WEST SOUND BEEKEEPING ASSOCIATION 2014

Beginning Beekeeping Class – Beginner beekeeping course following the Washington State Apprentice Beekeeper curriculum. We are presenting in 5 (2hr) sessions this year to give better continuity of information and improve the delivery of information.

Hands-on Classes – In addition to the basic hive inspection class, we are adding classes for swarm control, summer hive assessment, and natural hive beekeeping. We are also trying to refine the queen rearing group events into more of a class like structure for better learning as we try to incorporate the instrumental insemination tools into the queen rearing activities.

All Day Classes – We will also teach the popular 'Beekeeping in the Pacific Northwest' and 'Queen Rearing in the Pacific Northwest' classes. These are not only fundraisers for the association, they are premier classes in the area not only attended by our local membership, but they also attract beekeepers from around the state.

Public events – Another great way to learn is by sharing what you know, and in the process, confirm what you know and maybe identify what you have yet to learn. Helping to staff the fair booth, assisting in hands-on classes, helping teach some of the classes, or even visiting a school classroom or other event to talk about bees are all great ways to learn more about beekeeping.

Socializing with beekeepers – At all beekeeping events, you will always see groups of beekeepers talking before, after and sometimes during events about their latest beekeeping problem or experience. I know I have shown up to a meeting and become so distracted with the discussions, that I never made it into the room for the meeting.

Association Apiary – Before many of the meetings this year we will be staffing the apiary and have it available for members to come and work with others at the apiary and share what they know and learn what others know. We may get some maintenance done or we may just have a good time waiting for the meeting to start. Either way is good.

As you can see, there will be many learning opportunities at the West Sound Bee Association this year. Hope to see you there.

WSBA QUEEN-REARING GROUP



The Queen-Rearing group is open to all members who are interested in learning about the art of Queen-Rearing or would just like to learn more about bee keeping. To be included in Queen-Rearing correspondence please send me your name, phone number and email address.

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2014 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING LINE-UP

Month	Date	Speaker/Topic
January	21	TBA
February	18	TBA
March	18	TBA
April	15	TBA
May	20	TBA
June	17	TBA
July	15	TBA
August	16	Picnic
September	16	TBA
October	21	Annual Meeting & Officer Election
November	18	TBA
December	16	Christmas Party



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Now is a great time to send in your 2014 dues. Member dues support the Association's goals of promoting better understanding and appreciation for honey bees and beekeeping by providing community awareness of the positive effects of beekeeping.

Being a paid member of West Sound Beekeepers Association also puts the Association's extensive library at your disposal, allows you the use of the Association's extractor, gives you the opportunity to have input on the direction the Association takes, makes you eligible to be an officer of the Association and puts you in touch with a lot of fun beekeepers! For only \$24 every member of your household becomes a member – what a great deal!

To join or renew your membership simply fill out the following form and bring it, along with your payment, to the next monthly meeting. Or you can mail the form with your payment to the WSBA Treasurer (address below.)

****PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO WSBA****

NAME: _____
 MAILING ADDRESS: _____
 PHONE & EMAIL: _____

Mail this form along with your check to: Elizabeth Bianchi, WSBA Treasurer
 15017 118th Ave NW
 Gig Harbor, WA 98329