



BUZZWORD



WEST SOUND BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

<http://www.westsoundbees.org>

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

MARCH 2014

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Small cluster that didn't make it through winter...

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEST SOUND BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION APIARY ACTIVITIES

Date: **Tuesday, 3/18/2014**
 Time: 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm
 Location: Stedman's Bee Supplies
 3763 NW Anderson Hill Rd
 Silverdale, WA

WEST SOUND BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Date: **Tuesday, 3/18/2014**
 Time: 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm
 Location: Stedman's Bee Supplies
 3763 NW Anderson Hill Rd
 Silverdale, WA
 Guest Speaker: Bob Combs, Washington State Master Beekeeper Program Chair
 Topic: Master Beekeeper Program – Q&A

WEST SOUND BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION BEGINNER CLASS #2, 3, 4 & 5 of 5

Date: **Mondays, 3/10/2014, 3/17/2014, 3/24/2014 & 3/31/2014**
 Time: 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
 Location: Silverdale Community Center, Evergreen Room
 9729 Silverdale Way NW
 Silverdale, WA

TREASURER'S REPORT

March 2014

(Bank statement dated 2/28/2014)

Money Market Reserve account: \$4505.68
Savings account: \$3888.72
Checking account: \$6939.07

Total deposits for February
Dues, calendar sales, class registrations \$689.00

Total membership Dues paid for 2014 = 91
New members = 49

Elizabeth Bianchi
WSBA Treasurer

MARCH 2014 HIVE NOTES

Jean Ball, WSBA Apiary Manager

Volunteers needed for March 18th work party in the apiary from 3:00 to 5:30. From 5:30 to 7:00 we will be assessing colonies and at 7:00 the general meeting starts.

REMINDERS

√ Every year you are required to register your apiaries with the Washington State Department of Agriculture. Even though packaged bees will not arrive until later next month, you need to plan ahead. That includes getting your apiary registered. Here is a link to the pdf form you'll need to complete and submit:

<http://agr.wa.gov/PlantsInsects/Apiary/docs/ApiaryRegistrationForm.pdf>
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√ If you are a beginning beekeeper and don't have bees, now is the time to determine how many packages you want and call **STEDMAN'S BEE SUPPLIES** at 360-692-9453 with your order – you do not want to miss out!

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

2014 - For Teens interested in Beekeeping ...West Sound Beekeepers Association is offering two study grants worth up to \$200.00 each to pay for bee equipment, bees, supplies and/or tools to help someone get started in beekeeping... To get more details go the Association's website at www.westsoundbees.org.

MILESTONES IN BEEKEEPING

- ~ The first time you meet a beekeeper
- ~ The day you decide to study to become a beekeeper
- ~ The realization that you know very little about beekeeping
- ~ The day you earn your Apprentice Beekeeper certification
- ~ The day you get your first package of bees
- ~ The day you install your first package of bees
- ~ The first time you watch your bees swarm away
- ~ The excitement of catching your first swarm
- ~ The day you give your first group presentation on the joys of beekeeping
- ~ The first time you introduce someone new to beekeeping
- ~ The first time you feel like a seasoned beekeeper
- ~ The realization that you still know very little about beekeeping!

THE MORE THINGS CHANGE...

Before I became a beekeeper I was terrified of bees. (I still don't like it when they get tangled up in my hair.)

Before I took classes on beekeeping my methods were disorganized and scattered. (I still lose my hive tool when I'm inspecting the hives.)

The first year I harvested honey I had no idea what to do with all that wax. (The second and third years I continued adding more wax to the first year's batch.)

Before I learned how to slowly and thoroughly inspect a hive I lost a lot of bees to stings and being crushed when I moved the boxes around. (Now I use my smoker religiously and I slide the boxes when I move them so it's mostly the stings that do them in.)

Before I became a beekeeper I was amazed by beekeepers who inspect hives without a smoker or veil. (That has not changed.)

Before I became a beekeeper I had no idea how fascinating, educational, fun and amazing it would be. (Now I know – and I highly recommend it!)

STEDMAN'S IS YOUR SOURCE

It's time to gear-up for the start of the 2014 beekeeping season! And for protective clothing, hives, smokers, brushes, hive tools and even honey bees – your best local source is STEDMAN'S BEE SUPPLIES in Silverdale, WA. Barbara Stedman has been supporting West Sound Beekeepers Association since she, and her husband Al, first formed the Association back in...well...decades ago! Hundreds of beekeepers from Kitsap, Mason, Jefferson and Clallam counties have outfitted their apiaries from Stedman's over the years. Barbara's son, Paul Mottner, and his crew provide quality hand-constructed woodenware for beekeepers from Washington State to California from their onsite shop. So, if you're planning to order packaged bees or outfit your apiary, head to the West Sound's best bee supply source, STEDMAN'S BEE SUPPLIES at 3763 NW Anderson Hill Rd, Silverdale, WA.

REQUEST FOR BUZZWORD CONTRIBUTIONS

Whether you are new to West Sound Beekeepers Association, new to beekeeping or have been at it for many a year, we are always interested in observations and input from our members. Maybe you have an interesting story, a question you'd like to get out to the members or a photo or two you'd like to share? Your contributions to the Buzzword are always welcome!! Please send your contributions to biz@kimredmond.com. If you want to share your photos please be sure to include your comments and/or descriptions.

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.

David Mackovjak, Queen-Rearing Chairman
trimack@prodigy.net
360-340-0381

LOCAL REPORTER AT BEE-GINNER CLASS

Seraine Page, (Central Kitsap Reporter), joined us last month as we kicked off our annual Bee-ginner Beekeeping series. Asking questions of new and seasoned beekeepers, marveling at the huge crowd and snapping a few photos, Seraine was almost as excited as we were about starting the new season! You can read her article at:

<http://www.centralkitsapreporter.com/news/247589041.html>.

SUBMIT SAMPLES TO WSU DIAGNOSTIC LAB

In 2008 Washington State University's Department of Entomology established a Diagnostic Laboratory as part of their research efforts on honey bee colony health in the Pacific Northwest. Beekeepers in the area are invited to submit samples for detection of pathogens and parasites, using the protocols you can find here:

<http://entomology.wsu.edu/apis/diagnostic-lab/>



STEDMAN'S!



Hmmm, what happened here?



2014 Bee-Ginner Series (63 strong!)

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Now is the 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 and topnotch educational beekeeping classes for all experience levels.

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