

August 2016

# OLYMPIA BEEKEEPERS



Just Announced by the Pierce County Beekeepers Association

Full Day Workshop with Dr. Dewey Caron!

This is a special opportunity to learn specific tricks and techniques to get your bee colonies ready for winter.

## ***Fall Management Techniques***

With Dr. Dewey Caron

Sponsored by the Pierce County Beekeepers Association

September 17, 2016

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Allmendinger Center, WSU Puyallup Campus, 2606 West Pioneer, Puyallup, WA.

With lecture, Q & A, hands-on at the apiary (weather permitting), and afternoon breakout sessions.

Lunch and break snacks are included.

\$30 for PCBA members; \$70 for non PCBA members.

Limited to 60 participants.

<http://pcbeekeepers.org/fall-management-techniques-with-dr-dewey-caron>

If you have questions, or would like more information, please contact:

Marge Pearson, [programs@pcbeekeepers.org](mailto:programs@pcbeekeepers.org)

## President's Message

We're in the midst of the Thurston County Fair and the bee booth this year looks fantastic!! Abundant thanks to Paul Longwell for heading up the fair team. Norm Ott also created a beautiful stand for our educational frames with the laminated images in them making things extra spiffy. And the pollinator garden isn't to be missed. The folks that work hard to make the Thurston County fair so successful have done a yeoman's job again this year and the fairgrounds look beautiful. Make it a point to visit this year, especially as the weather isn't forecast to be as blazing hot as last year.

Mary Haynes is still looking to fill some slots for the upcoming Grays Harbor County Fair August 10th to August 14th. Please contact Mary if you're able to help via phone at 360-480-6031 or email at [lemonthyme22@yahoo.com](mailto:lemonthyme22@yahoo.com)

Our next meeting is Monday, August 8th, 7:00 pm at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Olympia, same location as the July meeting. Danny Najera, honey bee expert and professor at Green River College is back for another dynamic and information packed program. Don't miss it!

We'll be formally acknowledging our annual award winners Monday evening and will also have more bee wear available. The new "These Plants Feed Bees" signs are now available again, including the smaller version and I'll have some with me at the meeting.

There are a few outreach events we've been requested to participate in, pending securing a team to be there. I will talk more about these on Monday evening, however, to preface the conversation one is the Great Yards Get-Together on Saturday, September 10th from 10-2:00 at Heritage Park in Olympia. The event will feature "how to" demonstrations and provide resources to help residents create beautiful and healthy lawns, yards and gardens and emphasized individual actions that protect the health of our families, homes, local ecosystems and neighborhoods-whether that action is removing invasive weeds, practicing natural lawn care, growing organic food, keeping bees, supporting native wildlife, etc.

Here's a link to the recently published article on this event in ThurstonTalks: <http://www.thurstontalk.com/2016/08/02/great-yards-get-together/>

The other upcoming event is the Nisqually Watershed Festival held at the Refuge on September 24th from 10-4:00. Last year was our first year participating and it was a wonderful experience. The Watershed Festival is an annual celebration featuring art, discovery, music and family fun. This year's festival will include a number of displays from local organizations, walking tours, NatureMapping, an insect room, and great coffee and food options.

If you're interested in heading up the team or participating in either of these events, please email at [LMPCarl@gmail.com](mailto:LMPCarl@gmail.com) or talk to me at the next meeting.

Abundant thanks to Duane McBride, Dixon Fellows, Phil Yarosz and Norm Ott for taking the time to represent the OBA at the Hands on Children's Museum Kid's Camp on July 28th. A great time was had by all and what an awesome team they made as they talked bees to the participants!

Also, Andy Matelach is heading up the State Fair Booth and will be seeking folks to help man the booth. He will have a sign up sheet on Monday evening and will be able to answer your questions directly, but please contact him at 253-683-0789 or at [andymatelich@hotmail.com](mailto:andymatelich@hotmail.com) if you can't make the meeting.

Thinking of entering honey or honey products in the State Fair? Or another agricultural or horticultural item? Please see the attached for more information or contact Louis Matej, Superintendent, Ag/Hort., Washington State Fair, 253-921-5612.

This is a busy time of year and I hope everyone's taking some time to enjoy the sights, sounds, tastes and delights of summer. And that your bees are doing great!

See you Monday and thanks to all of you that represent bees and our association so beautifully!

Laurie

Invitation: To All who attend the OBA meetings:

Please consider presenting a short (about 5 minute) show-and-tell topic at an OBA meeting. For example, you may:

- \* review a piece of beekeeping equipment you either constructed or purchased
- \* recommend a book or video from the club library, or elsewhere
- \* describe a new twist on an old process for doing something related to bees
- \* show something you, or someone else, made from a hive product (wax, honey, propolis, royal jelly)
- \* introduce us to an educational web-resource related to beekeeping
- \* talk about something else bee-related that our members would find interesting--Bee Creative! Share your Knowledge, Help make our meetings interesting and useful.

Please contact David to get on the agenda ([Davidbruun98@hotmail.com](mailto:Davidbruun98@hotmail.com))

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**Reminder:**

*Plants, books, seeds, and other artifacts are always appreciated for the meeting raffle.*

*And, if you have a tasty snack to share, everyone enjoys something sweet.*

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**January:**

**February:**

**March:**

**April:** Dr. Sheppard on program status

**May:** Dr. Caron

**June:** Hillary Burgess, Plant Expert from WSU

**July:** *See Above*

**August:** *See Above*

**September:** Time to renew membership.

**October:** TBA

**November:** TBA

**December:** Christmas Party

**Monthly Meetings:** held the second Monday of each month.

**Place:** Chinook Middle School, 4301 6th Ave NE, Lacey, WA

**Time:** 6:00 pm for Beginning Beekeeper's Certification Program, 7:00 pm for the association meeting. Meetings are held in the Cafeteria. Beekeeping class meets in the central hall Science Room.

**Agenda:** Each meeting is conducted with old and new business, and a program related to beekeeping. Attendees, if they choose, donate a gift for the raffle table. The Treasurer and Membership Chair sell tickets for \$1.00 and at the break there is refreshments available.