

July 2016

# OLYMPIA BEEKEEPERS



*Happy 4th of July*

*Do something constitutional with  
your bees.*

## President's Message

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer!

Don't forget that the July and August meetings will be held at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd at 1601 North Street SE, Olympia. This is the same summer meeting location as last year. Look for directions to the beginning beekeeper's class which will be held in a yet-to-be-determined room at the church.

We will be voting on our annual Mark Savage Lifetime Achievement Award and Beekeeper of the Year award at the July meeting. Nominations are listed in the Beeline and we will be accepting nominations from the floor at the meeting.

We also will have a large number of bee-themed clothing items available for sale at the next meeting so bring your cash or checkbook with you. There are t-shirts, sweatshirts, hats and additional items. These are not logo'd OBA items.

The Hands on Children's Museum has postponed the Science of Eats Adult Swim event on July 8th and rescheduled for September 30th. If you'd like to participate, please let me know. If you'd like to help with a kid's camp day at the museum on July 28th from 1:30-2:30, please let me know. I'm also looking for someone who might be interested in taking our observation hive and giving a talk at the GRuB kid's camp either on July 26th from 12:30-2:00 or July 27th from 1-2:30 please let me know. I haven't committed to this and told the fabulous folks there if we had someone to take it on we would do it.

Paul Longwell will be actively seeking participants for this year's bee booth at the Thurston County Fair which runs from August 3-August 7th. It's a fun and great way to talk bees with fair guests and share a bit of knowledge as well as gain some. Don't be intimidated if you're a beginning beekeeper;

Paul will make sure you're scheduled with someone with experience.

See you on July 11th!

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.