

# **Lewis County Beekeepers' Association:**

## **August 2012 Newsletter**

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## **UPCOMING LCBA EVENTS:**

**August 8: LCBA Monthly Meeting at Centralia College, 701 W. Walnut Street. For this meeting only, we'll be in the College's New Science Center, Room 111, just across the street from our regular meeting room. Greeters will be there to steer folks in the right direction.**

**Speakers: Report from Queen Rearing Class.** Norm Switzler, Ted Saari, Jon Wade, and Dave Gaston will report on what they learned at the West Sound Beekeeping Association class in July, and we'll discuss the possibilities of starting our own LCBA queen rearing program.

**Business Meeting: Bylaws Revisions – first reading; Beekeeping Q&A.**

*Please note: proposed bylaws revisions are being sent in a separate email to voting members of LCBA – that is, those current on dues. If you want to vote on bylaw revisions and in the September officers' elections, please bring your dues payment to our August 8 or September 13 meeting. If you're not a current member but would like to see the proposed bylaw changes as an FYI, please contact LCBA's Secretary: [Susanne.beekeeper@gmail.com](mailto:Susanne.beekeeper@gmail.com); 360 880 8130.*

**August 30: FREE Pollinator Conservation Planning Short Course by the Xerxes Foundation - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Hillsboro, Oregon. Registration required. URL for info:**

**<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07e66mrqh5f272c0c1&llr=tnjebhdab>.**

This FREE course covers habitat and planting for pollinators, pesticide issues, and more relating to native pollinators. Some of the information will be relevant to honey bees, and one module focuses on Colony Collapse Disorder. A detailed schedule of presentations is at the above URL: looks interesting! The lead instructor is Eric Mader, who teaches entomology through the University of Minnesota Extension.

**September 12: LCBA Monthly Meeting, 7 p.m., 103 Washington Hall, Centralia College.**

**Topic: Preparing to Over-Winter Your Bees – It's Not Too Soon To Think About It!**

- **Tracheal Mites: How to Find Out If Your Hives Are Affected – and What To Do If They Are.** Renzy Davenport, Olympia Beekeepers' Association, will describe his experiences finding tracheal mites and what he did about it. Since our bees are most vulnerable to these mites in fall and winter, this talk will be timely.
- **Norm Switzler will lead discussion: Preparing to Over-Winter Your Bees**
- **Business Meeting, including LCBA Board Elections (Vice President & Secretary) and vote on proposed bylaws revisions.** *FYI: only current dues paying members can vote.*

- Our Bylaws provide for elections in September. This year, the Vice President & Secretary offices are up for election. If you are interested in serving, please contact President Norm Switzler at 330 1788.
- We will also vote on some proposed changes to our bylaws (see September business meeting, above).

**September 22: “What It Takes to Get Started in Beekeeping” at Gardening for Everyone, Washington Hall, Centralia College.** GFE runs from 9 to 2 p.m.; LCBA will have a table in the lobby, and from 2:15 – 3:30, LCBA will offer this overview beekeeping,” led by Peter Glover, Bob Harris, and Susanne Weil. Free & open to public.

**September 26: LCBA Apprentice Beekeeping Class begins.**

- Dates/Times: 9/26, 10/3, 10/17, & 10/24, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.
- Location: WSU Extension Classroom, Old Chehalis Courthouse.
- Content: This class follows the WSBA curriculum and will be taught by Bob Harris and Norm Switzler, LCBA past and current Presidents; graduates get the WSBA Apprentice Beekeeper certificate.
- Cost: \$30 per individual, \$45 per couple. Costs cover WSBA course book, copying expenses, and support LCBA programs; students who join LCBA at the end of the course will get the \$10 initiation fee waived.
- To register, contact the WSU Extension Office, 360 740 1214.

**October 4-7: Joint WSBA and Western Apicultural Society Annual Conference, Embassy Suites at Tukwila, just north of the Seattle Airport, WA.** For details, see the “Upcoming Educational Opportunities” section, below.

**October 10: LCBA Monthly Meeting, 7 p.m., 103 Washington Hall, Centralia College.**  
**Topic: TBA**

## **NOTES FROM OUR JULY 11 MEETING ~ ~ Summer Potluck:**

*LCBA Members* and friends gathered at Bob & Sharon Harris’s Rose of Sharon Farm, where we enjoyed good food, good company, and even good weather for our summer potluck. Many thanks to Bob & Sharon for opening their farm to us once again. We had a short business meeting, from which notes appear below, and our traditional raffle. Among the goodies that people won were two of Rob Jenkins’ good-looking iron bee cut-out signs to put in a garden or by a hive – these were the first to disappear. Three bottom boards and three queen excluders went to new homes. A bottle of mead from Centralia Deli was won by Judy Kalich, who generously shared ☺ New member Christina Wolf’s son won cookie cutters in the shape of bees and skeps, dooming his mom to some kitchen time . . . and three re-usable grocery bags that fold into a little pouch shaped like a honey bee were popular items. (If you’re interested in flashing a bright gold & black bee bag as a sustainable checkout line fashion statement, visit:

[http://www.amazon.com/DIIs-Reusable-Bee-Grocery-Bag/dp/B004GJXGR0/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1342212104&sr=8-1&keywords=bee+AND+grocery+bag. . . .](http://www.amazon.com/DIIs-Reusable-Bee-Grocery-Bag/dp/B004GJXGR0/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1342212104&sr=8-1&keywords=bee+AND+grocery+bag. . . .)

***Lost & Found Items from the Potluck!*** Did you lose a silver serving spoon and/or a folding chair? Bob will bring them to our August 8 meeting to reunite with their owners.

***Southwest Washington Fair: We Need More Volunteers for our LCBA booth!*** Brandy DeMelt reported that we have about half our needed time slots covered. The board is buying extra discount fair tickets and parking tickets to give to volunteers. If you'd like to volunteer – or if you have “bee show and tell” items to exhibit – please call Brandy at 880 8813. If you'd like to enter honey or other “bee products” in the Fair competition, check the Announcements section, below, for details. Fair tickets & passes will be available at our August 8 meeting.

**What would LCBA members staffing the booth do? You don't have to be an expert to volunteer:** if members run into questions that they can't answer, they can give fliers and point out the bee mentors' list. This is a great opportunity for LCBA to do outreach to the public, answer questions people have about bees, publicize our free swarm / colony removal service, and let people know about our group and what we offer.

**FAIR SCHEDULE SO FAR:** We are supposed to cover the fair booth from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; we will be close to the Master Gardeners, and we've agreed to watch each other's booths when people need “pit stops.” So far, we have the following volunteers signed up for the following dates and times, and it would be great to have more than one person on each shift:

**Tuesday, 8/14:** ? 10 a.m. to noon ?  
Sheila Gray: 12-2 p.m.  
Gary Stelzner & Kent Yates: 2 p.m to closing/10 p.m.

**Wednesday, 8/15:**  
Gary & Judy Kalich,: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Ted & Kathy Saari: 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.  
Shirley & Pat Swinth: 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.  
? 5 p.m. to closing?

**Thursday, 8/16:**  
Anna & Alan Sparling: “anytime”  
Mel Gregorich: “anytime”

**Friday, 8/17:**  
Gary Stelzner & Kent Yates: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Bob Harris & Jon Wade: 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**Saturday, 8/18:**  
Norm Switzler: all day if needed  
Steve Howard: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Ben & Alex Moe: 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**Sunday, 8/19:**

Norm Switzler: all day if needed

Susanne Weil & Peter Glover: 12 to closing

**What can LCBA display at the Fair? So far, we have:**

- Tri-folds with photos of LCBA activities;
- Fliers about what we offer, plus our new business cards;
- Trifolds of bee anatomy (courtesy of the Gieses);
- A sample hive box, bottom board, etc. (courtesy of Susanne & Peter);
- We **may** have the observation hive: Brandy will find out if this is allowed.
- If you have other ideas – or have hive tools to loan – please let Brandy know.

As long as the booth is staffed during open hours, security of items should not be a problem.  
Please let Brandy know if you have items to share.

*For information on entering your honey or other “bee products” in the Fair’s contest, check “Announcements,” below.*

**Treasurer’s Report:** Jon Wade reported that LCBA has a balance of \$3042, of which \$300 is earmarked for our scholarship fund. If you are an attender of our meetings for whom the dues would be a burden (retired, out of work, other issues?) please talk to a member of the board about joining with a scholarship. Jon also reported that the balance is left after the board paid \$32.57 in mailing and printing expenses, a \$50 stipend / gas support to Dewey Caron (who drove from Corvallis to meet with us in May), and \$56 to WASBA for our dues.

**Other business:**

- Colony removal in Vader needed: Susanne put out a call for a colony removal in Vader; Norm will get back to the caller and try to help.
- Gardening for Everyone – Peter Glover announced that LCBA can hold a “what it takes to get started in beekeeping” class on the afternoon of Saturday, September 22, immediately following the Gardening for Everyone presentations. Susanne and Bob will help out. We’ll also have an LCBA display in the lobby; Susanne will be there to answer questions, and if you’d like to pitch in, please contact her.

**BEES IN THE NEWS:**

**“Honeybee virus: Varroa mite spreads lethal disease,” *BBC Nature*, 6/7/12.**

The journal *Science* reports: “A team studying honeybees in Hawaii found that the Varroa mite helped spread a particularly nasty strain of a disease called deformed wing virus.” To read the full story, visit: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/go/em/fr/-/nature/18339797>.

**“What's Behind Illinois Stealing Local Hero's Bee Hives?” *Mercola.com*, 7/5/12**

Thanks to Shirley & Pat Swinth, as well as to my neighbors Gary & Kamile Dibble, for this news flash about Monsanto's attack on a long-time beekeeper. The “Story at a Glance” is below; to read the entire article, visit:

<http://articles.mercola.com/sites/articles/archive/2012/07/05/monsanto-roundup-effects-on-honeybees.aspx>

“Story at-a-glance:

“Earlier this year, the Illinois Department of Agriculture allegedly stole and destroyed a beekeeper's hives and bees after inspectors claimed the hives had foulbrood, and that the beekeeper, Terrence Ingram, had failed to dispose of the hives as instructed. However, Ingram feels he could prove his hives did not suffer from the contagious disease, and that the Department acted without due process.

“Mr. Ingram suspects the destruction of his bees may be more related to his research on Monsanto's Roundup and his documented evidence that Roundup kills bees. One of the forerunning theories of colony collapse disorder (CCD) is that it's being caused by genetically engineered crops—either as a result of the crops themselves or the pesticides and herbicides applied on them, such as Monsanto's Roundup. Ingram has studied the effects of Roundup on honeybees for the past 15 years, and believes he had acquired sufficient amounts of data to show that Roundup not only causes bee die-offs, but may be the cause of CCD.”

## **BEES . . . & COFFEE?**

**“Honey Bees for Food Security: Coffee and Honey - A Sweet Collaboration,”**  
*by Dr. Dewey Caron, Emeritus Professor of Entomology, University of Delaware*

Do you like Coffee? Do you like Honey? Do you use honey in your coffee instead of sugar? (DISCLAIMER: I like both but not together.) I was in Lewis County mid-April to give a talk about honey bees and food security at the Centralia College Lyceum. This was an adaption of a talk I presented to the Specialty Coffee Association annual meeting (some 9000 coffee people from around the world attended) at the Portland, OR Convention Center (see information at [www.scaa.org](http://www.scaa.org)).

Honey bees have the power to change our world for the better. Honey bees can be one of the keys to the sustainability of our natural world and with their pollination improve agricultural production. Coffee growers who manage honey bee colonies can benefit with improved family food and income security.

Along with Bill Mares, past president of Vermont beekeepers and Alfredo Contreras from Oaxaca of southern Mexico, I have developed a modest project to help develop beekeeping, with funding from Green Mountain Coffee Roasters under the umbrella of Food4Farmers

([www.Food4Farmers.org](http://www.Food4Farmers.org)). Food4Farmers seeks to reduce chronic seasonal hunger in coffee-growing communities in the Americas. Our project focuses on encouraging coffee cooperative members to consider the advantages of becoming beekeepers.

Our project objectives include:

- \*Diversifying sources of income and work for coffee cooperative members
- \*Reducing migration, creating jobs in the coffee growing regions
- \*Improving family health and nutrition of beekeeping members
- \*Providing access to income/food security for both men and women
- \*Improve coffee production via honey bee pollination
- \*Preserving the environment and insuring diversity for shading of coffee
- \*Beekeeping is low-tech, no-land ownership, and bee swarms are “free”

Honey bees fit well with the culture of Arabica coffee (called shade-grown coffee) as many of the shading vegetation choices are good nectar/pollen sources for bees. For the rural subsistent farmer (campesino) of the Americas, bees are a doable investment and can provide return in product income and additional food security for the beekeeper family. Bees do not require land investment, both men and women can keep the colonies and bees are relatively inexpensive to begin in areas where swarms of Africanized bees are abundant. The coffee cooperatives are sometimes able to provide small loans to beekeeper members to buy equipment (some coops even make bee equipment at reduced cost for members) enabling the rural coffee growers the resources to get started. They may even provide an outlet for cooperative sale of products (honey plus bee pollen, propolis and royal jelly), all sought for medicinal value in the Americas.

Bee culture in coffee growing regions is a win-win situation. *Coffea arabica*, a pillar of tropical agriculture (and the major breakfast beverage of most of us), has been considered to be a self-fertile species, meaning it can set fruit from its own pollen. A study in the coffee growing region of western Panama, compared numbers and weight of ripe berries from open pollination to plants bagged with fine-mesh material (from which pollinators were excluded). Open pollinated flowers had a significant 36% increase in berries, berries were 7% heavier and berries 25% larger in size. More coffee berries and for the rural families another way to garner income through local sale of honey bee products – a win-win for both.

Africanized honey bees, it turns out, are a significant coffee pollinator. Comparison of Caribbean islands (where Africanized honey bees were then not the dominant pollinator) with Central American and Mexican coffee growing areas, where Africanized bees had become established at mid-elevation areas, revealed that coffee yields increased after arrival of Africanized honey bees. Additionally the variation in yield (one season to the next) has decreased by 23% - i.e. yields are higher and berry weight and yield more consistent where the habitat of shade growing

is maintained. This desired shade habitat most suitable to this coffee variety and organic growing practices also helps provide favorable bee habitat so the bees have variety and relative safety in their foraging.

Our project seeks to put suitable information on the basics of keeping honey bees in the hands of the coffee cooperatives and to encourage their ‘training the trainers’ – developing technicians who can teach individual coffee growers the basics of beekeeping. We have established a website with Spanish language materials, that includes an Africanized Beekeeping manual I have prepared, plus additional beekeeping training materials. Our web-based information is designed to work with cooperatives in an interactive dialogue on what is being done and what might be doable to encourage beekeeping among coffee growers.

If you would like additional information (websites are still being populated), contact Dewey Caron, [dmcaron@udel.edu](mailto:dmcaron@udel.edu); [www.food4farmers.org](http://www.food4farmers.org) ; [www.cafeymiel.org](http://www.cafeymiel.org).

### **WASBA’s JULY NEWSLETTER – NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE:**

Fran Bach reports that the JULY issue of the Washington State Beekeepers Association newsletter has now been posted. It’s got some great features: there are updated guidelines on WASBA’s Journeyman and Master Beekeeper course requirements; an article about double queening (no kidding) to help manage colonies and prevent swarms; research articles from WSU’s apiary program on the impact of pesticide residues on hives, as well as an overview of WSU’s 2011 research on breeding, diagnosis, and more; an article on the “filtered honey story” and more. Pick up your copy at this link: <http://www.wasba.org/newsletters.htm>

### **BEEKEEPING SUPPLY OPTIONS: Except for the online suppliers, all of these vendors have visited LCBA meetings and talked about their wares.**

(Detailed information on all vendors below was included in past newsletters. If you’d like those details, please email [Susanne.beekeeper@gmail.com](mailto:Susanne.beekeeper@gmail.com).)

- ***In Lewis County:***

- *Tim Weible, The Honey Hut at Centralia Deli Steak & BBQ, 708 Harrison, Exit # 82 off I-5, 2 1/2 blocks east on your left. Phone, 360-736-1015; email, [centdelisteakbbq@aol.com](mailto:centdelisteakbbq@aol.com); website, [Centraliadelisteakandbbq.com](http://Centraliadelisteakandbbq.com).*

- ***Elsewhere in Washington:***

- **ROCHESTER:** John Martin: Beeline Apiaries, 19019 Moon Road SW, Rochester 98579; Phone, 360 280 5274; email, [hjweaver@emypeople.net](mailto:hjweaver@emypeople.net).
- **LAKWOOD:** Harvard Robbins: Robbins Honey Farm, 7910 148th St. SW, Lakewood, WA 98439, (253) 588-7033; [robbinslh@aol.com](mailto:robbinslh@aol.com)
- **PORT ORCHARD:** Darren Gordon, House of Bees, 360 710 1483, [www.houseofbees.com](http://www.houseofbees.com)
- **In Oregon:**
  - Ruhl Bees, Portland: 17845 SE 82nd Drive, Gladstone, Oregon 97027; Phone, 503 657 5399; email, [staff@ruhlbeesupply.com](mailto:staff@ruhlbeesupply.com); website, <http://www.ruhlbeesupply.com/>.
  - Priester Farm Bee Supply, 31890 Tide Creek Rd, Deer Island, Oregon 97054; Phone, 503.556.1060; email, [beewhisperer@priesterbee.com](mailto:beewhisperer@priesterbee.com); website, [www.priesterbee.com](http://www.priesterbee.com).
- **In California:** Country Rubes, 20693 Dog Bar Road, Grass Valley, CA 95949; phone, 530-913-2724; email, [rubes@countryrubes.com](mailto:rubes@countryrubes.com); website, [countryrubes.com](http://countryrubes.com). (Owner Janet Brisson has unique screened bottom boards, key to her “integrated pest management” approach to beekeeping.)
- **Online Suppliers: for details, check their websites:**
  - **Dadant:** <http://www.dadant.com> / 888 922 1293
  - **Mann Lake:** <http://www.mannlakeltd.com/> 800 880 7694
    - if you order \$100 or more, shipping is free
  - **Glory Bee:** <http://beekeeping.glorybee.com/> 800 456 7923

### **LCBA / WSBA News and Announcements:**

**Southwest Washington Fair – LCBA Booth Needs More People!** Please see our business meeting notes, above, for details.

***Got Honey? Maybe Your Girls' Work Can Win a Prize at the Fair!*** If you have comb honey, raw honey, wax, or other “bee products,” you’re eligible for the “Class 1 – Bee Products” competition under Department G, Agriculture. There’s a children’s competition, too. Details are below – if you have further questions, call the Fair’s Agriculture Superintendent Sandy Grady, 360 748 3010.

- Entry Day: Monday, August 13, 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Floral Building
- Entry Fee: None (my favorite kind ;)
- Release Day & Time: Sunday, August 19, 7 to 8 p.m. OR Monday, Aug. 20, 10 a.m. till noon
  
- **GENERAL RULES:**
  - If you enter, you must fill out an entry form ahead of time & bring it with your entry – you can find forms & print them from the URL below, OR you can pick them up at the fair when you enter; they will have tags for each item, too:
    - <http://southwestwashingtonfair.net/info/entry-forms-times-and-locations>. *(Note from Secretary Susanne – if you don't have a printer, you can get hard copies of forms at our August 8 meeting.)*
  - All exhibits must be grown by the exhibitor [or, I guess, the exhibitors' bees!]
  - No one item can compete for more than one prize;
  - Limit of one article per person per lot – the exception is the “other” category, where 5 different items are the maximum. Entries in these “other variety” lots must have “variety” written on the tag;
  - Exhibits not properly entered may be disqualified. For Bee Products, here are the division, class and lot numbers:
    - Division G01 – Grain – Forage – Farm Products
    - Class 1 – Bee Products
    - Lot:
      - 1. Comb Honey
      - 2. Raw Honey
      - 3. Wax
      - 4. Other [for LCBA, this could be soap, candles, lotions, etc.]
  - An exhibit that does not have the quantity specified may be disqualified (I checked with the fair officials, and they don't specify quantities for honey. A pint jar would be fine, and they do ask that if anyone enters cut comb, please enter it in a jar);

- An exhibit may be given a blue, red, white, or no ribbon even if there is no competition. No ribbons will be given to entries that do not individually merit them;
- Exhibits may be removed on the release day/time noted above. Entries removed early will not be awarded premiums. Exhibits and ribbons not picked up will be forfeited;
- Prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> = 6 points; 2<sup>nd</sup> = 5 points; 3<sup>rd</sup> = 4 points;
- **YOUTH SECTION**: exhibits entered by those aged 12 and under will be judged and displayed separately. Entry forms and tags for exhibitors aged 12 and under should be marked as “Department GK.”

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### ***German High School Student Interested In Beekeeping Needs Housing for 2012-13 School Year***

Jinjer Kunde, a local coordinator for Aspect, a non profit organization that places high school foreign exchange students, is trying to find a home for Jakob, a German student who will arrive the end of August and remain for the school year. Jakob has insurance, his own spending money, and money for school items and clothing and personal hygiene items, but he needs a host family. If anyone is interested in hosting Jakob or would like some more information, please contact Jinjer at 1-888-288-3221 or jinjer.kunde@ aspectfoundation.org. Here are more details about Jakob:

“Jakob lives in Germany with his parents and his eight year old brother. Jakob loves being in nature, and some of his favorite activities include hiking, climbing and kayaking. His love of nature prompted him to join a nature protection youth group, which he attends once a month. With the church youth group, Jakob goes camping each summer and skiing in the winter. He also occasionally helps with services at his Catholic church. At school, Jakob attends a weekly beekeeping workshop. Jakob learned beekeeping, honey harvesting and how to make beeswax candles from his father. Swimming is Jakob’s favorite sport, and he trains four days per week. He also really likes skiing. He is open to learning new things as well; in the past two years, he has performed in school plays, which he enjoyed very much. He also recently started playing volleyball and finds it quite fun. Jakob’s favorite classes include natural sciences, physics and math, and in the future he hopes to become a teacher or an engineer.”

## ***LCBA Members at the Chehalis Farmers' Market***

Once again, Bob & Sharon Harris have the LCBA banner flying at their Rose of Sharon Farm booth at the Farmers' Market. They're selling eggs – and they have the Geises' Woogie Bee Honey (multiple flavors, including orange blossom & wildflower). The Farmers' Market is Tuesdays on Boistfort St. in Chehalis, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. through October 23. The market features many other local growers, so come on down and support Lewis County!

## ***Need A Space To Keep Bees?***

Amber Ferrano [amber.ferrano@gmail.com], in Centralia, is interested in hosting bees, but not in beekeeping per se. If you've got some bees you'd like to "place" and continue to care for, please contact Amber.

## ***Updated List: LCBA Bee Mentors: Don't Bee Shy - Call If You Have Questions!***

- If you'd like to be connected with a honey bee mentor in your area, call Susanne at 360 880 8130 or email [Susanne.beekeeper@gmail.com](mailto:Susanne.beekeeper@gmail.com).

- If you need help with Mason Bees, check with Kimo Thielges (kimosabe@)comprime.com, or Ted Saari (KNT98632@q.com).

***Would You Like to Volunteer as a Bee Mentor?*** Bee mentors take calls, answer questions, and may visit members' bee yards. If you're interested in serving this way, please call Susanne at 360 880 8130 or email her at [Susanne.beekeeper@gmail.com](mailto:Susanne.beekeeper@gmail.com).

***Free Swarm & Colony Removals by our "Bee Team."*** If you – or someone you know – has bees in a structure and wants them removed but not killed, please call a member of the Bee Team. This service is free, though we accept donations to support our educational programs. Want to ride along on a removal? Call us (360 880 8130) or email [Susanne.beekeeper@gmail.com](mailto:Susanne.beekeeper@gmail.com) – it's a great experience!

## ***Upcoming Educational Opportunities***

- Interested in the WASBA Journeyman or Master Beekeepers' Classes?

Visit <http://www.wasba.org/master.htm> for the basics – for more detailed information, you can contact Louis Matej at [journeyman@wasba.org](mailto:journeyman@wasba.org) or 253-921-5612 for the syllabus. Jon Wade reports that the Olympia group and the Pierce County group both conduct Journeyman level classes, but are both on summer hiatus.

- **Pollinator Conservation Planning Short Course by the Xerxes Foundation: Habitat Management, Planting for Pollinators, Pesticide Issues, & More.**

August 30: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Hillsboro, Oregon. FREE, but registration required.

URL for info:

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07e66mrqh5f272c0c1&llr=tnjebhdab>

This FREE course covers habitat and planting for pollinators, pesticide issues, and more relating to native pollinators. Some of the information will be relevant to honey bees, and one module focuses on Colony Collapse Disorder. A detailed schedule of presentations is at the above URL: looks interesting! The lead instructor is Eric Mader, who teaches entomology through the University of Minnesota Extension.

- **Joint WSBA / Western Apicultural Society Annual Conference, Oct. 4 - 7, 2012.**

Embassy Suites at Tukwila, just north of the Seattle Airport, WA. For information, visit: [http://groups.ucanr.org/WAS/Conference\\_Information](http://groups.ucanr.org/WAS/Conference_Information)

This year's conference will draw a much larger group of beekeepers, because it will be held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Washington State Beekeepers' Association. Besides more attendees, there will be more vendors and more invited speakers than typical for a normal WAS Conference. There will be more presentations devoted to commercial beekeeping topics, but we will honor our roots and have concurrent sessions for the small scale interests.

Currently it is estimated that registration will be around \$155 per person and will include lunch on Friday and Saturday, as well as morning and afternoon beverage breaks. It appears that the banquet will cost \$42 per person and will be held between 6:30 and 9:30 on Saturday. Conference details will be available as they become firmed up.

- **American Apitherapy Society: 17th annual Charles Mraz Apitherapy Course & Conference, October 5-7, 2012, Portland, Oregon (Governor Hotel, 614 Southwest 11th Avenue, Portland, 97205).** Contact: American Apitherapy Society, 631-470-9446 [aasoffice@apitherapy.org](mailto:aasoffice@apitherapy.org)

This conference focuses on apitherapy, therapeutic use of products from the beehive: honey, pollen, royal jelly, propolis, and bee venom therapy. Attendees will receive basic training in the therapeutic properties of each of the hive products. Examples of material covered in these presentations are allergic reactions, techniques of BVT, informed consent and legal issues,

propolis and cancer, veterinary apitherapy, wound healing, and more. The AAS is a nonprofit membership organization for the purpose of education in the advancement of apitherapy.

*Respectfully reported—bee happy!*

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