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## President's Message

It seems the honey bee season is quickly coming to an end for all of us small beekeepers. We can see the light at the end of the tunnel. WSBA held two field days again this year. I really appreciate all of you who attended and those that assisted. A special thanks to Steve and his staff for setting up the Pullman event, and then Steve coming over to Puyallup and helping me with that event. Steve, great job.

WSU's queen rearing project went really well this year and we will have a full report at the convention. Steve is working on a Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) grant to continue the program another year and we are supporting that application. The program provided queens to the three local association bee yards and I know we are looking pretty good at IEBA. I'm very happy with the best of the lot I managed to winter over last year. They built up very quickly in the spring, made me over 100# of honey, and gave me lots of queen daughters to requeen the rest of my hives. They have produced as good as any queen I have purchased. Someone here has named the WSU Queens the Cougar Queens. I'm going to put one of the Cougar Queens in the Spokane Interstate Fair. We had one in our Idaho State Fair two weeks ago.

We are all looking forward to the state and local fairs where we get to show off everything from our harvest and to share our love of beekeeping to the local population. The next big event for the state and local associations is the state convention Oct. 12 to 14 at the Best Western Lakeway Inn in Bellingham, Washington. It is sponsored by the Mount Baker Beekeepers Association. We have a great lineup of speakers and hope to see each of you at the convention. Please visit their web site for all the info.

[www.mtbakerbeekeepersassn.org](http://www.mtbakerbeekeepersassn.org).

Important deadlines: get nominations in for Beekeeper of the Year to Bob Smith by Oct. 2, 2006. Scholarship requests for the Roy Thurber Memorial Scholarship and our other scholarship funds needs to be submitted to John Timmons and Jerry Tate by Oct. 2, 2006. The link to the application form is posted on the home page of the [www.wasba.org](http://www.wasba.org) web site.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the Convention.

Jerry Tate

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October 12 to 14**

**THIS YEAR THE 2006 CONVENTION IS IN BELLINGHAM WASHINGTON AND IS SPONSORED BY THE MOUNT BAKER BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION.**

Thursday, Oct. 12, 2006, Friday, Oct. 13, 2006 and Saturday, Oct. 14, 2006

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## Scholarships and Grants & Beekeeper of the Year

### Don't forget Beekeeper of the Year Nominations!

The 2005 Deadline for submissions is October 2nd. Please send your candidate selection & letter of nomination to Bob Smith.

- Contact Bob at;
- Phone: 360-894-2159, Area2@wasba.org
- 15525 Castle SE
- Yelm, WA 98597

### It's time to submit your application for grants and scholarships!

The 2005 Deadline for submissions is October 2nd. Please send your grant or scholarship application to John Timmons and Jerry Tate. The link to the application form is posted on the home page of the [www.wasba.org](http://www.wasba.org) web site. Or call John or Jerry for a copy.

- Contact John at;
- Phone: 253-847-1561
- 8018 224th St., Graham, WA 98338
- Contact Jerry at;
- Phone: 509-924-6669, President@wasba.org
- E. 8900 Maringo Dr, Spokane, WA 98212

Remember to send in any requests for agenda items for the executive board meeting. To make sure your item is on the agenda, the item needs to be in to Jerry Tate by October 2nd.

## Classified Ads

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# Convention 2006

## Contribute to the scholarship fund auction.

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### 2006 Washington State Beekeepers Association Fall Conference Schedule, Speakers and Topics (will be adjusted when necessary)

#### Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>

5:00 - 6:30 p.m.  
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Washington State Beekeepers Executive Board Meeting  
Registration/ Wine and Cheese Social

#### Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>

7:00 - 8:00 a.m.  
8:00 - 8:15 a.m.  
8:15 - 9:00 a.m.

Breakfast and Registration  
Welcome and Program Outline by WSBA President Jerry Tate  
Dr. Jay Evans USDA-ARS, Beltsville, Maryland  
Better Beekeeping through Genomics

9:00 - 9:15 a.m.  
9:15 - 10:00 a.m.  
  
10:00 - 10:30 a.m.  
10:30 - 11:15 a.m.

Break  
Dr. Tom Rinderer USDA Research Leader, Baton Rouge, LA  
Africanized Bees and Southern Beekeeping (tentative)  
Coffee and Snack Break  
Dr. Steve Sheppard WSU Associate Professor, Entomology  
Thank You Mr. Doolittle: Looking Backward to the Future

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11:15 - 11:30 a.m.	Break
11:30 - 12:15 p.m.	Mr. Paul van Westendorp Provincial Apiarist, B.C. Canada Dealing with Mites in B.C. (tentative)
12:15 - 1:45 p.m.	Lunch
1:45 - 2:30 p.m.	Ms. Sue Cobey Ohio State U. Apiarist, College of Bio. Sci.
2:30 - 2:45 p.m.	Break
2:45 - 3:30 p.m.	Ms. Debbie Delaney WSU PhD candidate Commercial Honey Bees in the U.S. - What Are They?
3:30 - 3:45 p.m.	Break
3:45 - 4:30 p.m.	Dr. Mike Burgett Oregon State U, Professor Emeritus 2006 Pollination Economics Survey
4:45 - 6:00 p.m.	WSBA General Membership Meeting
7:00 - 9:30 p.m.	Banquet and Auction

### Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>

7:00 - 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast and Registration
8:00 - 8:10 a.m.	Program Outline by WSBA President Jerry Tate
8:15 - 9:00 a.m.	Dr. Jamie Strange Dyce Lab at Cornell University Drone Congregation Areas
9:00 - 9:15 a.m.	Break
9:15 - 10:00 a.m.	Dr. Jay Evans USDA-ARS, Beltsville, Maryland Health Care by and for Honey Bees (and Why Bees Have to Keep Running to Stay Ahead of Their Pests)
10:00 - 10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Snack Break

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10:30 - 11:15 a.m.	Dr. Tom Rinderer	USDA Research Leader, Baton Rouge, LA
	Status of the Russian Queen Program (tentative)	
11:15 - 11:30 a.m.	Break	
11:30 - 12:15 p.m.	Dr. Jamie Strange	Dyce Lab at Cornell University
	Bumblebees: Close Relatives of the Honey Bees	
12:15 - 1:45 p.m.	Lunch	
1:45 - 2:30 p.m.	Ms. Sue Cobey	Ohio State U. Apiarist, College of Bio. Sci.
2:30 - 2:45 p.m.	Break	
2:45 - 3:30 p.m.	Mr. Paul Hosticka	
	Small Scale Queen Rearing	
3:30 - 3:45 p.m.	Break	
3:45 - 4:30 p.m.	Dr. Marina Meixner	WSU Research Associate
	WSU Queen Breeding Program: 2006 Progress Report	
4:30 - 4:45 p.m.	Closing Remarks by WSBA President Jerry Tate	
4:45	End of Conference, have a safe trip home.	

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## National Honey Board

National Honey Month is here!  
Request Materials Now.

September is National Honey Month, and NHB will once again provide materials for beekeepers and other honey industry members to send to their local media to publicize honey month. Materials for this year's honey month will be provided on a CD for use by local media editors. The CD will contain honey month press releases, recipes and various other materials of interest to the media. If you would like to receive the honey month CD, please call (800) 553-7162.

## Master Beekeepers Committee

The Master Beekeepers Committee will meet Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. at the Convention.  
Agenda: Review certification program and correspondence course.



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## 2006 PACIFIC NORTHWEST HONEY BEE POLLINATION SURVEY

2006 is the 20<sup>th</sup> year that the PNW honey bee pollination survey has been conducted by the OSU Honey Bee Lab. 2006 is also the **last** year this survey will be conducted. The information gathered over the past 20 years has given us a much better understanding and appreciation of the value of honey bee pollination to our region's largest industry (agriculture). From the survey data we have learned many things including the historical trends of increasing pollination fees and usage patterns for the various commodities that utilize honey bees in managed pollination. The survey has provided the strongest and longest data base for pollination services for any region of the U.S. Numerous beekeepers have reported the usefulness of the survey for their individual beekeeping operations.

I invite and welcome your participation in this year's survey. As concerns any individual beekeeper, all information you provide will be held in confidence. In filling out the attached form you do not need to provide your name unless you wish to do so.

Results from the survey will be published in the *OSBA BeeLine*, the *WSBA Newsletter* and the *USDA Honey Market News*.

Please return the completed form as soon as possible, hopefully before **December 15, 2006**. Please note a change of address for the Honey Bee program at OSU.

In concluding a 20 year activity that I believe has yielded valuable information to the academic community and perhaps more importantly, to the practicing beekeeping community, I wish to sincerely thank all the beekeepers who have participated over the past two decades. Your efforts have improved the general state of beekeeping in the Pacific Northwest, a unique area that continues to be a "promised land" for beekeeping and agriculture at-large.

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## HONEY BEE POLLINATION SURVEY - 2006

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CROP	COUNTY	ACRES POLLINATED	NUMBER OF COLONIES	PRICE PER COLONY
PEAR	-----	-----	-----	-----
SWEET CHERRY	-----	-----	-----	-----
APPLE	-----	-----	-----	-----
BLACKBERRY	-----	-----	-----	-----
RASPBERRY	-----	-----	-----	-----
BLUEBERRY	-----	-----	-----	-----
CRANBERRY	-----	-----	-----	-----
VEGETABLE SEED	-----	-----	-----	-----
CLOVER SEED				
Red or White	-----	-----	-----	-----
Crimson	-----	-----	-----	-----
Vetch	-----	-----	-----	-----
RADISH SEED	-----	-----	-----	-----
CUCUMBER	-----	-----	-----	-----
SQUASH/PUMP.	-----	-----	-----	-----
WATERMELON	-----	-----	-----	-----
MEADOWFOAM	-----	-----	-----	-----
OTHERS??	-----	-----	-----	-----
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CALIFORNIA				
ALMONDS	-----	-----	-----	-----

Do you use a pollination contract with your growers? **yes - no - sometimes**

The number of colonies you owned in **2006**: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated percent split of your annual gross  
beekeeping income between:

**honey sales** \_\_\_\_\_%  
**pollination rental** \_\_\_\_\_%  
**other** \_\_\_\_\_%

**Commercial beekeepers only: How many full time employees did you have in 2006?**

*What is your estimated TOTAL cost (in dollars)  
to maintain one colony for one year?*     \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE SEND YOUR COMPLETED SURVEY TO:

Michael Burgett  
 Department of Horticulture  
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# Registration Form

**Washington State Beekeepers Association Fall Conference  
Best Western Lakeway Inn – 714 Lakeway Drive - Bellingham, WA  
October 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> 2006**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-Mail** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Other Persons in Party:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Saturday Conference only	@ \$ 50	@ \$ 55	_____	\$ _____
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Full Conference	@ \$ 90	@ \$ 100	_____	\$ _____
Family Registration	@ \$ 120	@ \$ 130	_____	\$ _____
1. * Friday Continental Breakfast & Mid Morning Snack, etc. \$ 15			_____	\$ _____
2. ** Friday Box Lunch @ \$ 15 (or on your own at a nearby café)			_____	\$ _____
3. *** Friday Evening Banquet @ \$ 27			_____	\$ _____
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**Washington State  
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Meetings at the Bellingham Convention**

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**5:00 - 6:30 p.m.**

**Washington State Beekeepers Executive  
Board Meeting**

**Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>**

**4:45 - 6:00 p.m.**

**WSBA General Membership Meeting**

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