

**NEWSLETTER OF THE
CLARK COUNTY FARM FORESTRY ASSOCIATION
P.O. Box 1537, Battle Ground, WA 98604
May 2009**

OUR ANNUAL CCFFA MEETING – THE WINTER POT LUCK

This very well attended event was a tribute to all you members who are the backbone of Clark County Farm Forestry. **THANK YOU AND BEST WISHES FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR TREE FARMS!**

We celebrated our 2009 CCFFA TREE FARMER OF THE YEAR, CHARLIE SWIFT.

STEVE STINSON, of the State WFFA, gave a timely and thought-provoking presentation on Carbon Sequestration – a controversial and important issue we should all follow. CHERYLE EASTER presented a Washington Farm Forestry program on Small Forest Landowners, their significance and role in shaping forestry future; available on Compact Disk (CD).

We elected our next President, CARL RUESTIG. Welcome back, Carl!!

Many thanks to RHIDIAN MORGAN, our outgoing President! To all Officers, Board Members, Committee and Task Chairs and Volunteers: thanks for all you have done and will continue to do!

BIG THANKS FOR POTLUCK RAFFLE PRIZE DONATIONS

CCFFA supplied raffle prizes for our Annual Meeting & Potluck. In addition we also obtained donations from members and their businesses. **A big THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING:**

AMBOY SAW & SERVICE

Cup holders, fire extinguishers, suspenders, saw file & guide, Hats & wedges

KUNZE FARMS

\$20.00 Gift Certificate & Jam

WIEBOLD – MORRIS TRUCKING INC.

Back Pack Sprayer & a Certificate for ½ off on a Log Hau1 .

TOUGH YEAR IN TREE FARMING? READ AND TAKE HEART!

- ◆ In the WFFA March-April Landowner News, look on page 2 at Bob Brink's article about us.
- ◆ The CCFFA 2009 annual Public Tree Sale in Bob's article was a success for our CCFFA efforts to provide funding for education – to ourselves, our communities and our kids; for improving our forestry methods and results; for keeping in touch with our society. John Straub stepped into the lead of our volunteer members on this program. Thanks to John and all helpers.
- ◆ Our sale of seedlings to our membership was skillfully and wisely managed to keep in step with our re-forestation needs as our harvested acres respond to changing conditions. Walt Sweyer took the reins on this on-going, nerve-wrecking year-to-year process with flying colors.

UPDATE YOUR 2009 CALENDARS FOR THE UPCOMING CCFFA EVENTS

MAY 21, THURSDAY. 7:00 p.m. TWILIGHT TOUR

Subject: Water Typing: stream survey, classification, correction. A success story, presented by Steve Hartsell of the DNR and Rhidian Morgan.

Place: Rhidian Morgan's Plas Newydd tree farm. **To get there:**

FROM I-5 EXIT 14, Ridgefield:

- ◆ go West 1/2 mile on NW 269th Ave (WA 501) to Traffic Circle. Take first right off the circle onto NW 45th Ave. Go 1 mile North to NW 289th St. Turn left (West) onto NW 289th
- ◆ go West 1½ miles on NW 289th St to S curve and name change to 291st St for another ½ mile.
- ◆ go West ½ mile on 291st St to NW 71st Ave. Turn right (North) on NW 71st Ave.
- ◆ go North on NW 71st Ave for about 1 ½ mile to curve on same road becoming Lancaster Road.
- ◆ go ahead on Lancaster Road about ¾ mile down hill to Lewis River and look for CCFFA sign. We will try to car pool from the field inside the gate, out to the north end of the drainage ditch, which has been re-typed by DNR from F (old Type 3).

FROM I-5 EXIT 16, La Center:

- ◆ take NW 31st Ave at the SW corner of the interchange: head South for 1½ miles to NW 289th St.
- ◆ follow NW 289th St West as shown above under EXIT 14.

BRING MOSQUITO REPELLANT!

MAY 29, FRIDAY - MAY 30, SATURDAY – WFFA 2009 ANNUAL MEETING in Ellensburg. See your Member invitation

JUNE 6, SATURDAY, 9:00 a.m. MORNING TOUR

Subject: Herbicides – where, when and how to use them, from site preparation to seedling release.

Place: Dale Arola's tree farm north of Fargher Lake.

To get there: From Fargher Lake – at the stores on HWY 503, turn north on NE 155th Ave. (it becomes Reid Rd) for about 1.4 mi. to the stop sign at Grantham Rd. Continue straight north on Munch Rd. for about 0.2 mi. and turn right onto NE 399th St. Follow the Tree Farm signs.

JUNE 25, THURSDAY, 7:00 p.m. TWILIGHT TOUR

Subject: Timber Inventory

Place: Walt Sweyer' tree farm

To get there:

From the South: Take I-5 Exit 21, Woodland. At the end of the ramp turn right and immediately turn right again on to CC Street and go over the Lewis River bridge. Turn left off the bridge and continue for about 3 miles to NW Lyons Rd. and turn right on it. Continue across the flat and up a steep hill. It flattens out and then at the bottom of the next steep pitch our driveway (NW 414th St.) goes off to the left just past the school bus turnaround sign. It's a single lane gravel road that disappears into the woods. When you reach the North Woods Tree Farm sign, keep to the right and that will bring you to our front door. Can't miss it! ***From the North, see next page.***

From the North: Take I-5 Exit 21, Woodland. Continue on the frontage road to the traffic light. Turn left (East), go under the freeway and at the second stop light turn right on to CC St. Go over the Lewis River bridge. Turn left off the bridge and continue for about 3 miles to NW Lyons Rd. and turn right on it. Continue across the flat and up a steep hill. It flattens out and then at the bottom of the next steep pitch our driveway (NW 414th St.) goes off to the left just past the school bus turnaround sign. It's a single lane gravel road that disappears into the woods. When you reach the North Woods Tree Farm sign, keep to the right and that will bring you to our front door. Can't miss it!

JULY 16 AND JULY 23, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. TWO THURSDAYS

Subject: TIES TO THE LAND - you, your family and your tree farm's future. A program sponsored by the Washington Farm Forestry Association (WFFA), arranged by Rick Dunning, Executive Director. Contact Steve Stinson on (360) 736-5918 to register.

Place: Battle Ground Senior Citizens Center, 116 NE 3rd Ave., Battle Ground, WA

NOTE: the program is held in TWO parts in two evening sessions. The fee for the overall program is \$ 75.00 per family. Pre-registration will be required.

JULY 25, THURSDAY CCFFA ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC See article on page 4.

JULY 30, THURSDAY, 7:00 p.m. TWILIGHT TOUR

Subject: Tree Farm visit: Seedling to mature timber. Fish bearing stream and riparian zones. See, hear and discuss.

Place: Bill Harteloo's tree farm at 20807 NE Cedar Creek Road.

To get there: From Amboy, go west on Cedar Creek Road for approximately 1.3 miles. The driveway is on the left. Watch carefully for Tree Farm signs posted, as they are easy to miss.

AUGUST 6, THURSDAY 6:30 p.m. TWILIGHT TOUR

Subject: Alder Conversion within an RMZ of a major fish-bearing stream, working with the WA State DNR. Presented by Charlie Swift and Bob Burns

Place: Charlie Swift's Tree Farm at 36900 Amboy Road.

To get there: From Amboy go SE on NE Amboy Road for approximately 2.4 miles. The driveway is on the right. From Yacolt go NW on NE Amboy Road for approximately 1.3 miles. The driveway is on the left. The driveway is directly across the road from the Miller Ranch. Signs will be posted.

AUGUST 20, THURSDAY 6:30 p.m. TWILIGHT TOUR

Subject: GPS (Geographic Positioning Satellite system) positioning, mapping, surveying, running lines, measuring areas.

Place: to be announced

THE 2009 SUMMER PICNIC WILL BE ON JULY 25, 2009 – 10.00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Our 2009 CCFFA Annual Summer Picnic will be hosted by our Clark County TREE FARMER OF THE YEAR, CHARLIE SWIFT! We will honor him and his family at his tree farm. Come, join us for a good old CCFFA Summer Picnic, bring the family, visit with friends and meet new members.

To get there:

From Amboy go SE on NE Amboy Road for approximately 2.4 miles. The driveway is on the right. From Yacolt go NW on NE Amboy Road for approximately 1.3 miles. The driveway is on the left. The driveway is directly across the road from the Miller Ranch. Signs will be posted.

The main course, soft drinks, water and coffee will be provided by CCFFA. Please bring a salad, side dish or dessert, your own place settings and lawn chairs.

The picnic site opens at 10:00 a.m.
Tours start at 10:30 a.m.
Lunch will be at 12:30 p.m.
Afternoon tours run from 2:30 p.m.
The event winds up at 4:00 p.m.

More detail on our next Newsletter. For further information on the Picnic, please call Bob Burns on (360) 576-1914 or e-mail him on woodchuc@comcast.net

MEMBER SEEDLINGS SOLD OUT BY END OF FEBRUARY

In our last newsletter, I issued a plea for help. In mid January we had a surplus of over 27,000 Douglas fir seedlings. We received no “bail out” or “stimulus” money but your response and help were great! Together, we eliminated the “crisis”. Thank you very much for your support!!

Walt Sweyer

PARTY, PARTY!

INVITATION TO PAT & WALT SWEYER'S 70TH BIRTHDAY PARTY

Where: St. Philip Church Hall 432 Bozarth St. Woodland, WA

When: Saturday June 6th,

Times: Happy Hour 5:00 to 6:00 PM

BBQ Dinner at 6:00 PM

Music & Dancing to follow until 10:00 PM

NO GIFTS PLEASE.

RSVP to: e-mail to: kathryn.sweyer@gmail.com by June 1st. If no email then call (206) 484-059

INVENTORY OF CCFFA'S BELONGINGS: equipment, documents, photos, etc.

Dave Mann took over from Bob Horn the keeping of inventory for the many pieces of equipment, documents, and historic belongings of CCFFA, and where to get 'em, when we need them. It is again time to update the inventory with changes of who has what and who may wish to donate items.

Dave requests that all of us who have, or wish to donate items to CCFFA let him know by phone on (360) 883-9391 or by mailing to: 210 NE 148th Ave., Vancouver, WA 98684.

OFFICERS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEES

Welcome Tony Ruestig to the Public Relations Chair.

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