

**NEWSLETTER OF THE  
CLARK COUNTY FARM FORESTRY ASSOCIATION  
P.O. Box 1537, Battle Ground, WA 98604  
June 2010**

**2010 CLARK COUNTY FARM FORESTRY ASSOCIATION SUMMER PICNIC**

Our annual picnic will be on Saturday, July 17, 2010. Dick and Mary Ann Easter and Family, **CLARK COUNTY TREE FARMERS OF THE YEAR** will host the event on their Tie Pond Meadow Tree Farm.

**THE DAY'S PROGRAM**

- ◆ The event starts at 10:00 a.m. and last till about 4:00 p.m.
- ◆ There will be two Forest Tours starting at 10:30 a.m. and repeated in the afternoon starting at 2:30 p.m. a short trail and a longer trail, tour guides will be available to keep you entertained.
- ◆ More things to see include: Endless slide show. Dick will demonstrate his "Mighty Mite Saw Mill".
- ◆ Come and see Bob Zumstein's Loggers' Museum.
- ◆ Drawings will be held for hand-carved bears and some other neat stuff.

**HOW TO GET THERE?**

Please see Page 2 for the map to Dick and Mary Ann's Place. On your way, look for Farm Forestry signs!

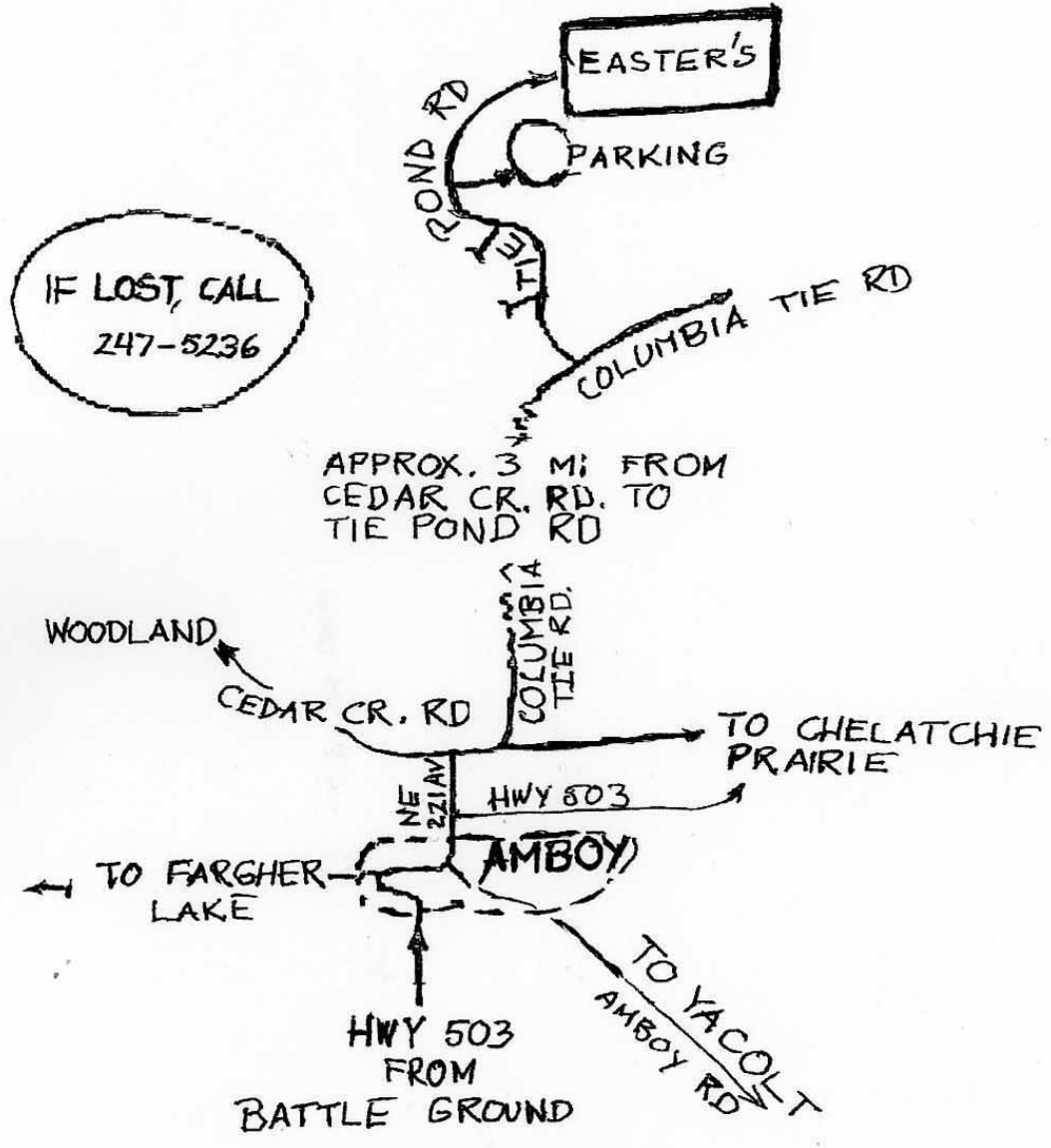
Because of limited parking on the tree farm itself, there will be free shuttle service running between the parking lot shown on the map and the tree farm. We will have arrangements at the parking lot to take you and your belongings and your potluck contribution with you to the picnic.

**WHAT TO BRING?**

**CCFFA will furnish barbecue and beverages, but Please bring:**

- ◆ a salad or side dish or dessert
- ◆ serving silverware for your potluck contribution, with your name or identification
- ◆ table setting for yourself(s)
- ◆ folding chair(s)

# CCFFA 2010 PICNIC AT THE EASTER'S



## **REPORT ON OUR 2010 ANNUAL 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 **2010 CCFFA TREE FARMER OF THE YEAR**, awarded to the:  
**TIE POND MEADOW TREE FARM,  
THE DICK EASTER FAMILY TREE FARM.**

### **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 to CCFFA , our (501) c. 3. organization:

**AMBOY SAW AND SERVICE**  
Stihl hats

**KUNZE FARMS – FRAN and FAMILY**  
two 8 pound bags of apples and a bag of filberts

**JIM and COLLEEN MORRIS,  
WIEBOLD MORRIS TRUCKING:**  
half a haul worth \$150, a sprayer and a gallon of Simple Green

**LANA MASSA:**  
two beautiful cutting boards

And thanks to Lee Levanen for prize selections and to Bob Horne for conducting the drawings.

**THE 2010 ANNUAL PUBLIC TREE SALE** was again a very well attended event. This important occasion is the major source of funds for the educational and informational activities that are a prime objective of our organization. With the on-going year-around activities preceding each tree sale, Public Tree Sale Chairman, John Straub, with our great group of volunteers and with the competent help of the Master Gardeners, brought us again a fine CCFFA Public Tree Sale.

Our special thanks also go to the Albertsons Food and Drug Store managers for allowing use of their facilities. In addition, a big thank you to Marvin Case and The Reflector for his excellent news stories about our efforts to put on a great sale. We are now preparing our 2011 tree order and will be reducing the amount of trees that we undersold in 2010 and are striving for new species that fit our criteria for forestry. For example, we will be buying some Western Larch or Tamarack for this coming year in lieu of Austrian Pine. If you have any suggestions or ideas for other species, please send John an email (straub3462@comcast.net). After the sale this year, we planted 140 incense cedars, 375 Austrian pine, and 55 vine maple at Dale Arola's farm. Those that do OK through the year will be prepared for sale next year. Our appreciation again goes to Dale for his tending our young plants, thereby providing a real boost to our sales the following year, that could otherwise have been wasted.

## **UP-COMING TWILIGHT TOURS – UPDATE YOUR 2010 CCFFA CALENDAR**

**JULY 15, 7 PM; Steve Alexander; Small-acreage tree farm.**

**To get there:** *From Amboy, follow Cedar Creek Road to Grist Mill Road. Turn right, (North) for about 1/3 mile to W 431st St. on the left (West). Watch for Tree Farm signs leading to the end of W 431<sup>st</sup> St. at Steve Alexander’s place. *From Woodland, follow Hayes Rd, which turns into Cedar Cr. Rd., to Grist Mill Rd. Turn left (North) and follow it as above.**

**AUG 5, 7 PM; Larry and Greg Plitt; Lumber production with a Wood Mizer portable band sawmill.**

**To get there:** From HWY 503 go East on NE 119<sup>th</sup> St. crossing 192<sup>nd</sup> Ave. Look for Tree Farm signs as you continue on 119<sup>th</sup> St. as it bends left (Northward) and becomes Sliderberg Road. Follow Sliderberg Rd. and the signs to Larry’s place.

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## **OTHER EVENTS**

### **JULY 3 and 4, 2010; Steam Logging at Pomeroy Farm’s 100 Year Anniversary**

CCFFA is sponsoring a forest walk for families during the Steam Logging exhibition. The first 25 completing the trail each day will receive a coloring book and a story book about forests, compliments of CCFFA. Bob Brink would like some CCFFA volunteers to man posts along the trail or lead a group every half hour depending on the number of helpers. Call or email Bob Brink 686-3524, farmerb@pacifier.com or Betty Davenport, 687-3415, davenpor@owt.com  
The Farm is open Saturday 10-5 and Sunday 1-5 pm.

### **TREE FARMER ISSUES TO KEEP AN EYE ON**

The INHERITANCE TAXES – federal and state -- are expected to undergo big changes this year. To put it succinctly, the fastest way to make a sustainable tree farm UN-SUSTAINABLE is to tax away the standing timber. So, let’s think about it...

ATFS (American Tree Farm System) CERTIFICATION has undergone major revisions of STANDARDS. The changes will be of importance to most of us. For information on the new Standards and how to obtain them, you may use the Internet and search for “ATFS” using GOOGLE or other searcher. Once you are on ATFS, look for the “American Forestry Foundation (AFF) 2010-2015 Standards of Sustainability”. We are expecting much more information on this and related issues. Let’s stay tuned!

## **HOW ABOUT SOME OLD-FASHIONED BARN-STORMING ???!**

The historic HEISEN Barn is headed for reconstruction. It is still standing in Clark County and it was selected by the State for a historic preservation grant. The grant is a matching one, meaning the State will chip in \$30,000 for the project if the project can match it dollar for dollar in donated labor, materials, or cash. An enthusiastic group is looking for help on this up-beat project:

### **MATERIALS (donated or possibly purchased):**

- ◆ Trees for beams and siding, including:
- ◆ four 12x12in. 50ft long beams and
- ◆ various uprights for load bearing support

### **LABOR/SKILLS:**

- ◆ Sawmill work
- ◆ Hand hewing work
- ◆ General woodworking skills
- ◆ Excavation work
- ◆ Concrete work
- ◆ Demolition work
- ◆ Unskilled labor for clean up, site preparation, etc.

Your offer of help and interest will be much appreciated.

For more information or your offer of help or material, please call or e-mail Chris Eckels on (503) 593-2015; e-mail: [eckels.chris@gmail.com](mailto:eckels.chris@gmail.com)

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**WE NEED A NEW VICE PRESIDENT AND VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH THE MANY THINGS WE DO AND WOULD LIKE TO DO IF YOU JUST GAVE US A HAND. COME TO THE BOARD MEETINGS FOR AWHILE AND SEE WHAT IS GOING ON!**

**CALL CARL RUESTIG ON 360-263-4402**