



LEWIS COUNTY FARM FORESTRY ASSOCIATION

Affiliated Chapter of Washington Farm Forestry Association

APRIL 2006 MEETING NOTICE

When: Tuesday, April 18, 2006 7:00 p.m. business meeting
7:30 p.m. program

What: Noble Fir and Cedar Boughs

Who: Mark Savage, Special Forest Products Manager for the
Washington Department of Natural Resources

Where: Lewis County Court House Basement
Conference Room at West End

Mark's program will focus primarily on Danish Noble Fir bough management, but he will also touch on marketing of cedar boughs. For the past 60 years, the Danes have incorporated genetic research, marketing and the silvicultural techniques to produce the most productive and highest quality bough plantations in the world.

Topics covered will include:

- an overview of bough quality, harvesting and values;
- technical aspects of Danish management and marketing;
- production and financial spreadsheets shared by Danish forest managers.

Upcoming Events

Tues. April 11: Grays Harbor FFA: **Bear Management**, Donny Martorello, Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife. 7 p.m. Grays Harbor County Forestry Bldg, 310 West Spruce St. Montesano. Call Dick Atkins, 360-437-2166 for more information.

Wed. April 12: South Sound FFA: **Forest Practice Regulations on less than 20 acres**. Rick Kuykendall & Mike Nystrom, DNR. 7 p.m. Thurston Co. Courthouse, Room #280, 2000 Lakeridge Dr. SW, Olympia. Call Ken Miller 360-705-1888 for more information

Sat. May 13: **Understanding red alder: a demonstration and advice for family forest owners.** Washington Alder Mill, Mt. Vernon. Pre-registration required, \$15 fee. Brochure available online at: <http://ext.nrs.wsu.edu/newsevents/forststewardship.htm> or call Andy Perleberg, WSU Extension 360-428-4270

Tues. May 16: **LCFFA meeting**, TBA

June 8-10: **WFFA Annual Meeting**, Colville. You should have received registration information. If you haven't, contact Ralph Liguori 509-279-6079 or Liguori.LazyL@att.net

Sat. June 17: Joint LCFFA, SSFFA meeting – **Bird, bat and bee house building and bird habitat tour**. Morning, afternoon, or just for lunch. At Ken & Bonnie Miller's near Millersylvania S.P.

Tues. July 18: **Twilight Tour at Hansen Family Tree Farm**, LCFFA 2006 Tree Farm of the Year

Celebration for Our National Tree Farmers of the Year

Last fall Tom and Sherry Fox were named Outstanding National Tree Farmers of the Year by the American Tree Farm System. The first step in their path to that recognition began when Lewis County Farm Forestry Association named them as our Lewis County Tree Farmers of the Year. Then they became Washington State Tree Farmers of the Year and Western Region Tree Farmers of the Year before winning the National title.

We want to celebrate the first National winners in Lewis County by having a party! The date is **Saturday, August 5**, which seems like a long way away, but it will be here before we know it. Save the date on your calendar!

The event will be at the Fox's home site and will include tours before and after a mid-afternoon ceremony, followed by the annual LCFFA potluck picnic in the early evening. The general public and dignitaries will be invited to the tours and ceremony and if they should choose to stay for the potluck, it will give LCFFA members a chance to mingle with them and educate them about our organization and our tree farms.

A committee is already at work organizing this celebration, but helpers will be needed to assist on that day. If you are willing to lend a hand, please contact Bryon Loucks at 736-2147 (loucks@localaccess.com) or Steve Webster, 748-8582 (webstersm@comcast.net)

Chain Saw Maintenance Workshop

There is still one opening in the April 29 session described in last month's newsletter. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED!!! Fee is \$5. Call Will Koenig, 978-5925 before sending your \$5 to see if you are the first to call.

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