



LEWIS COUNTY FARM FORESTRY ASSOCIATION

Affiliated Chapter of Washington Farm Forestry Association

JULY 2006 TWILIGHT TOUR

When: Tuesday, July 18, 6:30 p.m.
What: Tour of the Hansen Family Tree Farm
Who: June and Heather Hansen
2006 Lewis County Tree Farmers of the Year
Where: 6 miles west of Onalaska

June and her late husband Steve began purchasing property in 1950 and lived there, first running a dairy and later growing timber, livestock and hay, until Steve's death in 1986. Steve was one of the founding members of the Lewis County Farm Forestry Association and received an award for Tree Planting at LCFFA's very first awards banquet in 1958, as well as another one for Progressive Harvesting in 1983. After Steve's death, June reforested the fields, receiving an award for Reforestation in 1989, and another for Forest Management in 2003. June has now passed the management of the property to her two daughters, Heather and Holly. We will view several stands with a range of ages and management, including native vs. exotic species planting.

Driving Instructions:

If you are traveling from I-5, take Exit 71 and follow State Route 508 east to Onalaska. Continue approximately 6 miles past Onalaska to Frase Road. We will be gathering in the parking lot of the Shoestring Valley Community Church. (If you wish to take the back roads from Centralia, the Centralia-Alpha Road joins Hwy. 508 about 1-1/2 mile west of Frase Road.)

We will carpool in as few 4WD vehicles as possible for the short but steep distance up their hill. If you have a choice between driving your small economical vehicle or your 4WD SUV or pickup, please bring the latter. One stop will involve a ¼ mile walk on uneven ground, so come appropriately shod.

AUGUST TREE FARM CELEBRATION and LCFFA PICNIC

When: Saturday, August 5, 11:00 a.m. to 7 p.m.
What: Celebration of the National Outstanding Tree Farmers and LCFFA potluck picnic
Who: Tom and Sherry Fox, Tagshinney Tree Farm
Where: 462 Tucker Road, Toledo

Schedule of Events:

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Tours of the Tree Farm – both guided and self-guided
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Award Ceremony
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Tours of the Tree Farm
4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	LCFFA Picnic and Party

You are welcome to come at any time, but we especially encourage you to come by 2 p.m. to participate in the Award Ceremony, and stay for the picnic and party. Please bring a salad or dessert for the potluck picnic. LCFFA will provide the meat and beverages (including beer!)

Tree Farm Celebration and Picnic (continued)

The Tree Farm celebration is a family event, open to the public. Bring your children, grandchildren, and interested friends. Those who take a guided tour will see a cut-to-length processor doing a thinning. There will be displays about tree farming, and past local and state Tree Farmers of the Year have been invited to attend, as well as certified tree farmers who aren't members of WFFA. The picnic is not being advertised to the general public, but everyone is welcome to attend and we hope to have tree farmers from surrounding areas join us for the party, which will include beer, music, plus optional games and swimming. We are celebrating Tom and Sherry's recognition as National Tree Farmers of the Year and also thanking them for all of the hard work that they have done for our organization. Please join us!

Driving Instructions: Take Exit 68 off I-5. Turn east on US-12 toward White Pass and drive 6.7 miles. Turn right (south) onto Tucker Road and proceed 1.6 miles to 462 Tucker Road

Upcoming Meetings: NOTE: All WFFA members are welcome to attend meetings of other chapters. For that reason, we are including summer tours from nearby chapters.

- Wed. July 12: SSFFA Tour of **Tim Sheldon Tree Farm**. For more information on SSFFA tours, call Ken Miller 705-1888
- Wed. July 19: Grays Harbor FFA tour, of **Atkins Tree Farm**, Dekay Creek Unit. 6:30 p.m. near Hoquiam. Call Dick Atkins 360-437-2166 for more information. This is the one that was written up in the recent issue of Springboard Magazine.
- Wed. July 19: **Pacific County FFA Picnic** at Greg & Sue Pattillo's. 6 p.m. Call 360-942-3048 for more information.
- Wed. Aug. 9: SSFFA Tour at **Allen & Janice Erickson's**, Rochester
- Tues. Aug 15: NO MEETING on the usual LCFFA date. Go enjoy the fair!
- Sat. Sept. 16: **Forest Owners Field Day**, Pilchuck Tree Farm, Arlington. For more information, contact Steve Stinson, 345-1023, or Steve Gibbs, 360-902-1706, or get a brochure and registration online at www.familyforestfoundation.org, Events.
- Tues. Sept. 19: LCFFA Twilight Tour of **Cascade Hardwoods**
- Tues. Oct. 17 LCFFA Educational program on **mushrooms**

