



Joint Meeting

SOUTH SOUND & LEWIS COUNTY FARM FORESTRY ASSOCIATION

Affiliated Chapters of Washington Farm Forestry Association

JUNE 2011 FIELD DAY & PICNIC

When: Saturday, June 11, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
What: Mark Havel, also known as Forest Dan
Where: Ken and Bonnie Miller's Tree Farm,
11801 Tilley Rd., Olympia (near Millersylvania State Park)

Starting at 10 a.m., Forest Dan will host a moderated forum discussion on "Full Spectrum Forestry", drawing on his 20 years of experience nation-wide, covering all of the topics and sub-topics in forestry, economics (markets and other) as well as the social aspects of owning/managing forest lands.

Just before lunch, a lesson on chain saw sharpening will be held, so if you'd like to learn how to do your own sharpening, bring your saw and a file.

At 11:30, lunch will be a barbecue and potluck. See below for details.

In the afternoon we will go into the woods to see tools and techniques for forest management. This will cover a full set of tools and their safe and efficient use, including but not limited to log arches, power saws, pruning equipment, hand tools and prime movers such as ATV's and tractors.

This event will give you a chance to see Ken and Bonnie Miller's Tree Farm and the old growth forest of Millersylvania State Park, which abuts their tree farm.

LUNCH DETAILS:

Burgers, beverages, paper plates, and plastic wear will be provided. Please bring a salad or dessert. To assist us with the preparing food and setting up, **please RSVP before June 1** to Brian LeTourneau at 360 943-8774 or BrianL4802@aol.com

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

From the North: Take I-5 to exit 99 (93rd Ave), 5 miles south of Olympia. As you exit, stay in the left lane of the off ramp. Turn left (east) onto 93rd Ave SW and go 1.5 miles to Tilley Road S. (WA 121). Turn right onto Tilley Road S. and go 2.5 miles. If you go past the main entrance to Millersylvania State Park, you have gone too far. On arrival at 11801 Tilley Road S., turn right and follow the rather straight gravel road for approximately 1 mile through the old growth timber of the State Park. Ken and Bonnie Miller's tree farm lies at the end of the road.

From the South: Take I-5 north to exit 95 (Littlerock/Maytown). As you exit, stay to the right. Turn right onto Maytown Road SW and go 2.4 miles. Turn left onto Tilley Road S (WA-121) and go 1.2 miles, passing the main entrance to Millersylvania State Park on your left. On arrival at 11801 Tilley Road S., turn left and follow the rather straight gravel road approximately 1 mile through the old growth timber of the State Park. Ken and Bonnie Miller's tree farm lies at the end of the road.

Who is Forest Dan?

Mark Havel created "Forest Dan," whose motto is "no child left inside," to promote forest stewardship, low impact forestry, and forestry education. His innovative equipment, creative ideas, and enthusiasm for forestry have made him a well-known figure in NW forestry. He puts on forest field day demonstrations in the Pacific Northwest and elsewhere around the U.S.

One New Member Per Member!

Membership is the core of our identity and effectiveness as a landowner association. The WFFA as with all rural membership-based organizations is faced with an aging constituency and a second generation that is in many cases far flung and busy with other issues. It is essential that we focus and engage in the membership drive that WFFA has identified as a key priority for the coming year. Finding new members is HARD work and last year our chapter excelled by recruiting 47 new members! THANK YOU for your hard work! Now that we have the ball rolling it is time to think about how to find that next new member. Is it your neighbor? How about one of your children? Is there some one in the business community that would make a good associate member? Think about who YOUR new member might be and share it with me or another LCFFA board member if you are not comfortable making the call. A robust WFFA membership increases our leverage at the State and Federal level in our efforts to fight for the things that you hold dear as a tree farmer. LCFFA has two outstanding Twilight tours coming up that exemplify what WFFA provides to members at the chapter level. Invite a friend or neighbor to attend one of these events and see what LCFFA is all about!

Future Meetings and Tours

South Sound Farm Forestry Association

- July 13: Tour of Chuck Chambers' Tree Farm
- August 10: Tour of Webster Seedling Nursery
- September 14: Tour of Pacific Veneer Mill, Cosmopolis

Lewis County Farm Forestry Association

- July 19: Annual Picnic & Tour of Bryon and Donna Loucks' Tree Farm (5 miles west of Chehalis)
2011 Washington State Tree Farmers of the Year
- August 16: Tour of Chuck and Nan Higgins Tree Farm (north of Centralia)