



LEWIS COUNTY FARM FORESTRY ASSOCIATION

Affiliated Chapter of Washington Farm Forestry Association

OCTOBER 2011 MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

What: Taxes and Your Tree Farm

Who: Tom Bradley

When: Tuesday, October 18, 2011 7:00 p.m. business meeting
7:30 p.m. program

Where: Lewis County Courthouse Basement Conference Room
(Enter from the door at the west end of the building.)

Tom Bradley, a local CPA, will present a program dealing with income tax issues that confront tree farmers. Tom will discuss different business options for operating a tree farm and will cover such items as valid tree farm expenses, record keeping, depreciation of equipment, and any other items of interest or concern to the audience. Tom's clientele includes numerous local tree farmers, so he is well versed in tree farming activities. Bring your questions and be prepared to learn a-new or be updated on the issue of income taxes and tree farming.

November Awards Banquet

2011 will be the 54th year that Lewis County Farm Forestry Association members have gathered to recognize some of their own for good forest practices, and enjoy a social time together. Last year we tried a new location, the Veterans Memorial Museum, and found it to be much nicer than our previous location, so we will be there again this year and the meal will again be provided by Catrina's Catering. This also is our only fund raising event of the year, and we manage to make it not only painless but fun! We solicit items from local merchants and raffle them off, but attendees can buy as many tickets as they wish and put them in the jar for the items they want to win. We also welcome donations from our members, so if you have an item that you would like to donate, please contact Donna Loucks (736-2147) in advance so she can have a jar ready. If you are a new member, or a long time member who has never attended, consider attending this year! We have more space than at the previous location, but seating is limited to 120, so don't procrastinate when the reservation form comes in next month's newsletter.

Fall Commentary from LCFFA President Steve Stinson

Summer 2011 flew by fast and furiously...but signs of fall are adding up and I am pretty sure it is here. We have recorded our first inch of rain. Lou Jean and I picked the first batch of button chanterelles. The wood shed is full. I have had dang near my share of BLT's with garden fresh tomatoes. The calendar actually says October even though the weather doesn't seem quite sure...

So what does fall have in store for us? Timber markets remain stable and again there are predictions of a strong first quarter 2012. LCFFA moves from an outstanding series of summer tours to our final indoor educational seminar of the year, to be followed by our November Awards Banquet.

Our membership drive continues...THANKS to those of you who have recruited a new member! Keep up the good work and keep your eyes and ears open for that potential new member whether it is a neighbor, family member or friend. Don't forget about the associate membership for those who don't own land but support the sustainable production of natural resources. Also consider posting a 'Watershed Protected' sign in a visible location as a way to recruit potential members. Signs will be available at upcoming events for \$25.

I hope that your summer was productive and you too are looking forward to a robust fall season. I look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming events. Bring a friend and introduce them to the benefits of the Lewis County Farm Forestry Association!

Upcoming Meetings:

Nov. 15 **LCFFA Awards Banquet**, Veterans Memorial Museum. Reservation forms will be in next month's newsletter.
Dec: No LCFFA meeting in December

