

South Sound Farm Forestry Association

an affiliated chapter of Washington Farm Forestry Association

July Tour

President: Boyd Wilson

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Join us for the July 2011 meeting!

July Tour

Chuck Chambers' Home Tree Farm!

When: Wednesday, July 13, 2011 -- 6:00 p.m.

Where: Shelton WA

The July tour will be at Chuck Chambers' home tree farm that consists of 23 acres. A 1/4 mile walk will take us through a mature DF 65 year old stand that has been thinned numerous times since 1974. The first stop will be looking at a series of slides showing the stand being thinned in 1974-75. 37 years of management is unfolded as we take the 1/4 mile walk. The owner to the east (same timber stand) has never once done any management -- a good comparison. In 1987 a second stand was logged, then planted in the spring of 1988. It has only been 2 years since he purchased part of the stand previously owned by my neighbor. Again, it's still a night and day comparison.

Who: Chuck Chambers

Chuck has been a member of the WFFA for 49 years and purchased the first of his 15 parcels in 5 counties in the spring of 1962 near Vader, Washington. As a Farm Forester in Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Counties for the Department of Natural Resources from 1961 to 1966 he was told by L.T. "Mike" Webster, DNR Supervisor that all Farm Foresters needed to own and manage their own land. He believed him and the rest is history.

Directions: To reach the tree farm coming from Olympia on Highway 101, take the first Shelton exit. Go 1-1/2 miles to the first stop light which is Arcadia Road, turn right, and go 1.9 miles to Binns Swiger Loop (Chambers' Christmas trees on the right). Again turn right for .1 of mile, and then left and park in field. If you get lost, call 426-9189.

Carpool: Meet at Mud Bay Park & Ride at 5:30 p.m., located just west of Olympia, 2nd Ave exit after crossing Mud Bay bridge; turn right, then shortly at first left onto Madrona Beach Road. Go past Shipwreck Café to large parking area just past storage units on right.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

For the past several years Washington Farm Forestry Association membership has declined. This could have an impact on the important activities we do, such as providing opportunities for you to learn how to manage your tree farm, other educational programs for members and the public, and legislative lobbying to protect our ability to manage our tree farms. To reverse this decline and put us on healthier financial footing, WFFA has started a membership drive. The WFFA Membership Special for 1st time new members is \$45 for 1 year. We are dependent, however, on members like yourself to pull it off. What can you do?

1. **Suggest WFFA membership to a neighbor or friend.**
2. **Suggest membership to your contractors or suppliers. They benefit if you stay in business.**
3. **Give a membership to a family member. Someday they will own your land. Give them a feeling of ownership and promote their interest, today.**
4. **Promote WFFA membership with others who have an interest but perhaps no land.**
5. **Sign up others who benefit from what tree farms provide, such as open space, wildlife habitat, clean water, fresh air, and building products -- could be about anyone.**

Over the next year for each new WFFA member you recruit who selects SSFFA as the prime chapter, SSFFA will rebate \$25 to the person who pays the dues. That means you can buy a \$45 membership for someone and receive a \$25 rebate from SSFFA, or the new member can pay \$45 and receive the \$25 rebate from SSFFA. That makes the initial year of membership only \$20--a nice incentive!

Note: Related to this membership drive is our Chapter's need for a Membership chairman. If you have an interest in this job contact Prez Wilson. Perhaps you are a spouse who likes to organize and contribute but doesn't like to get cold and wet. This is perfect for you. Can you use a phone and send emails? We need you. Maybe you would like to work as a co-chairman. Pick someone you can work with. You do not have to keep the WFFA membership list as that is done for WFFA by Donna Loucks. The membership objectives are clear. There are no pending deadlines. Set your own work schedule. Very prestigious, everyone looks up to the Membership Chairman. We're trying to divide the chapter work into small slices so the individual load is light. So take a slice.

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Private forests do the public good. Be a part of it!

Future Meetings and Tours - Mark your Calendars

Tentatively Scheduled:

- Aug. 10 -- Webster Seedling Nursery Tour

- Sep. 14 -- Pacific Veneer Mill Tour, Cosmopolis
- Oct. 12 -- "Biomass as a Renewable Energy Source"
- Nov. 9 - Program planning for 2012
- Dec. - No meeting

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Summer Tours in Southwest Washington

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Most WFFA chapters host one or more tours during the summer. Members from other chapters are always welcome to attend events in nearby counties, and the summer is an ideal time to attend neighboring chapter meetings.

This message is to alert you to tours that are planned by various chapters in southwest Washington in July and August, so you can get them on your calendar if you are interested in attending. As the date approaches for each event, please check on the WFFA web page [Chapters section](#) or phone or e-mail the contact listed below for more details.

When	Nearest City	What	Sponsor
Thurs, July 7, 7 pm	Brush Prairie	Center for Agriculture, Science & Environmental Education	Clark
Wed, July 13	Shelton	Chuck Chambers Tree Farm	South Sound
Sat, July 16, 9 am	Clark Co.	Weed control & precommercial thinning - Dale Arola - 360-892-8810	Clark
Tues, July 19 Tours 4, 5 & 7 pm Picnic 6 pm	Chehalis	Picnic & tour of B&D Tree Farm, Bryon & Donna Loucks, 2011 Washington State Tree Farmer of the Year - 360-736-2147	Lewis
Tues, July 19	Cowlitz Co.	Thinning tour	Cowlitz
Wed, July 20, 5	Raymond	Annual meeting & picnic at the	Pacific

p.m.		Pattillo's	
Sat, July 23, 1:30 p.m.	Humptulips	Goodman Tree Farm. RSVP Howard Wilson 360-249-6945	Grays Harbor
Thurs, July 28, 7 pm	Clark Co.	Genetically improved DF, wildlife habitat - Dale Thorsen - 360-696-9876	Clark
Wed, Aug 10	Olympia	Tour of Webster Nursery	South Sound
Sat, Aug 13, 9 am	Clark County	Columbia Vista Sawmill - RSVP to Larry Plitt	Clark
Tues, Aug 16, 6:30 pm	Centralia	Chuck Higgins Tree Farm	Lewis
Wed, Aug 17, 4 pm	South Bend	Rose Ranch Forestry Tour	Pacific
Thurs, Aug 18, 7 pm	Clark Co.	Precommercial thinning, NRCS wildlife - Bob Burns - 360-576- 1914	Clark
Wed, Sept 14	Cosmopolis	Tour of Pacific Veneer	South Sound

For more information, contact the appropriate chapter representative listed for the specific tour or visit the [WFFA web site](#) and click on the [Chapters link](#). Full details may not be available until shortly before the date of the event.

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Available

A tree farmer in Port Angeles recently passed away, leaving his widow with an ascender, a brand new Mark Havel designed device for pruning trees safely and quickly. If you are interested, contact Mark Havel at 503 876-4488.