

KNOTHOLE NEWS

August 15, 2008 Newsletter of the Upper Puget Sound Chapter of the Washington Farm Forestry Association

COMING EVENTS

August 21-23: Farwest Show, Oregon Convention Center, Portland

The Farwest Show is the largest nursery exhibit in the U.S. Last year there were displays from close to 40 states, including over 10 reforestation supply nurseries. One of them with locations near Olympia, and in central Washington and Montana sells seed by the pound, in case anyone needs seedlings in other areas or wants to do their own seed bed. Other nurseries sell seed by the pound. This may be the largest agriculture convention in Oregon or Washington. farwestshow.com.

August 23: Western Washington Forest Field Day, Naselle

This should be very interesting after last year's

blowdown.

www.ncw.wsu.edu/foreststewardship/events.
509-667-6658

August 23-24: World Of Wood Silver Lake Park, near Maple Falls, Whatcom County

Closer to home, this is a History of the Timber Industry type event. The Whatcom WFFA chapter is said to have a booth here.
Ph.360-733-2654

Oct.16-18: The National Tree Farmers Convention, Portland, Oregon.

It's probably not very often this event occurs west of the Rockies. I hope our chapter can have a good showing for the silent auction. treefarmssystem.org

If anyone would like to carpool to any of these events you can call Jim Owens or myself and we will pass along phone numbers. Also if anyone knows of any upcoming events please let me know.

I hope to have at least one field day scheduled soon, along with our annual fall events. Thanks again for helping make the annual meeting go well.

Phil Swanson

PRESIDENT'S WORDLOT

I'd like to thank everyone who helped with making the annual meeting in Mt. Vernon this spring a success. Four people I'd especially like to thank are Jim Owens for helping with setting things up. Congratulations to Jim for winning the Stihl chainsaw raffle. That's the second Stihl chainsaw Jim has won in a contest in the last few years. I'd also like to thank Duane Weston for referring me to both Tom Nelson at Sierra Pacific and Keith Graves. And I'd like to thank Tom Nelson and Keith Graves.

I thought the Sierra Pacific mill tour was very interesting, getting to see the current technology involved in mill operations compared to 30 years ago. Out of all the branches of the mill I thought the steam boiler generator was fascinating, especially with the amount of electricity that gets sent back into the grid.

Special thanks to Keith and his family for putting on a great tree farm tour. Keith probably worked harder than any of us. Getting to hear Keith tell about how he acquired his tree farm in different stages was very interesting. Keith worked really hard and made some very good business decisions. Keith asked to thank everyone who helped with the tree farm tour. (over)

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I've held off on sending out a newsletter in hopes of having a tree farm tour scheduled, but that hasn't come through yet. If anyone would like to or is willing to do a tree farm tour on your tree farm I'd like to hear from you. WFFA carries a liability insurance policy which almost completely eliminates any chance of any problems for landowners. If anyone is interested in doing a tour I could meet with you and we could hike your property and look for points of interest. If anyone has any questions or concerns, you could call me and we could discuss them.

There are a few things to mention. Sherry Fox is organizing a silent auction to benefit WFFA. The auction will be held at

this year's National Tree Farmers Convention taking place Oct. 16-18 in Portland Oregon. Each chapter is being asked to donate 5 items preferably ranging in value from \$25-\$50. Items can include handcrafted items, gift-shop type items, forestry hand tools or other ideas are welcome. Any contributions can be sent to UPS chapter VP Jim Owens at 22496 Amick Rd, Mt. Vernon, WA 98274.

Another thing to mention for future reference is a reminder to anyone interested in the Tree Farmer Of The Year Award. There are guidelines and requirements to be met. We can discuss this at a future meeting.

Phil Swanson

