

KNOTHOLE NEWS

February, 2010 Newsletter of the Upper Puget Sound Chapter of the Washington Farm Forestry Association

COMING EVENTS

Saturday Feb. 13, 2010: 2nd Family Forest Expo
at Green River Community College in Auburn.
Described as a "mini field day" with a variety of
classes and demonstrations.

Advance registration received by Feb. 8th is \$40 per
family. At the door is \$60 per family. A box lunch
will be available for \$10 each.

For information and registration visit

[http://ext.wsu.edu/forestry/documents/2ndForestExpo
Lo.pdf](http://ext.wsu.edu/forestry/documents/2ndForestExpoLo.pdf) or call Jim Freed at 360-902-1314 or Kevin
Zobrist at 425-357-6017

**Tues. Feb. 23, 2010 6:30 - 9:00 P.M. Forest
Stewardship Social**, WSU extension in south Everett.

This free event is open to all. It will be a potluck
dinner with a short program on an introduction to
estate planning for forest landowners. The first social
on Jan. 15th was well attended and went over well
with those in attendance. RSVP online at

<http://snohomish.wsu.edu/forestry/social2010Feb.htm>

Future socials will be:

Wed. May 5th

Fri. Oct. 22nd

Conservation District plant sales

King County - February 5th-6th in Renton.

Skagit County - March 19-20 in Bow.

Snohomish County - March 5th-6th in Monroe.

Various tree, shrub and plant species are available.

Contact your Conservation District for further details.

Crystal Lake Field Day: The Crystal Lake
Community will hold its 28th Annual Tree Farm Day
on **Saturday March 6th**. The day's activity will
include pruning 20 year-old Douglas fir trees. Most
pruning will be done with a hand saw, working from
the ground, to as high as you can reach. Some trees
will be pruned to a height of 20 feet with the use of

ladders. Work starts at 9 am, and lunch will be
provided by the Crystal Lake Community.

To get to the work area drive five miles
northeast of Woodinville on Highway 522. Turn
right on the Paradise Lake Road, and immediately
right again on the Bostian Road. Follow the Bostian
Road back towards Woodinville 0.4 miles and turn
left on 222nd St. SE. Go east on 222nd St. to 95th
Ave SE and turn right. Follow 95th Ave SE about
one-half mile to the tree farm entrance. Park at the end
of 95th Ave. SE (off the asphalt) and walk about 200
yards up the tree farm road to the work area. Bring a
hand held pruning saw if you have one. Children are
welcome. Questions call Ron Munro at 425-483-0553.

Mar. 11th & April 1st, 2010: "Ties to the Land",
Thurs. Mar. 11th & April 1st from 6:00 - 9:30 P.M. at
Hadley Hall (Arlington Boys and Girls Club) in
Arlington.

This is an award winning two part seminar on estate
planning; Cost is \$75 per family.

For more information or to register visit

<http://snohomish.wsu.edu/forestry/TTL.2010.htm> or
call 425-357-6017. Deadline is March 3, 2010.

Sat. Mar. 27th 2010 9:00 A.M. to approx. 1:00 P.M.
Keith Graves Tree Farm, Mattson Road, Arlington.
Tree pruning and pre-commercial thinning with some
hands-on experience on some demonstration plots.
Snacks will be provided.

Driving directions: Take exit 208/Hwy 530 from I-5.
Go east on Hwy 530 approx. 4 miles to Arlington.
Continue approximately 1 mile east of Arlington to
the Arlington Heights Road.

Turn right onto Arlington Heights Road and go 0.9
mile. Turn slight right onto Jordan Road.

Go approx. 4.3 miles to 184th St. NE/Mattson Road.
Turn left and watch for signs on right.

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April 25-26 2010: WFFA annual meeting. "Forests: The Original Green" at the Hama Hama Tree Farm and Alderbrook Resort on Hood Canal. The meeting will begin on Sun. afternoon at 1:00 P.M. at the Hama Hama Tree Farm for a tour. The Hama Hama Tree Farm was the 2008 Washington Tree Farm of the Year. The meeting will continue on Monday at the Alderbrook Resort.

More details and a registration form are available on the WFFA website at <http://wafarmforestry.com>

Sat. May 22, 2010 Tree farm tour at Eric Lamers' place on Camano Island. More details and driving directions to follow later.

June TBD, 2010: Tree Farm tour at Michael and Annie Bowen's south of Arlington

President's Wordlot

We have quite a few things on the calendar for us tree farmers this first part of the year.

I hope you can take part in some of them as I think we have some interesting and informative activities planned.

Our first opportunity to get outside will be at the Crystal Lake Tree Farm on Mar. 6th and then on Mar. 27th at Keith Graves' place. They are both examples of well managed tree farms. We also have some good tree farm tours planned for this spring. Mike Blais and Chuck Holland are working on a survey of membership interest in various topics. I encourage you to fill out the survey so that we might better respond to the wishes of the membership.

Jim Owens