

Knothole News

Coming events:

*** July 31, 2010 in Ravensdale (near Maple Valley)

WSU Extension Western WA Forest Owners Field Day

Details at: <http://snohomish.wsu.edu/forestry/2010FieldDay.htm>

*** Saturday, August 7, 2010 10:00am to approx. 2:00pm

WFFA Upper Puget Sound Chapter equipment and tool demonstrations,
Duane Weston's Tree Farm, just north of Arlington, off Hwy 9
at 242821 59th Ave NE

Come see and talk about old fashioned cedar (old growth) shake splitting and tree climbing. Try your hand at either or both. Small equipment log yarding and mowing. Pruning saw sharpening techniques. Brush control and sprays. Tree planting and starting your own seedlings from your own seeds.

We also hope to have a demonstration of a remote controlled small log yarding system, as well as types of equipment available for use with your ATV. Bring your ideas and small tools and be ready to discuss how you do things. Plus, guess the weights of some old chainsaws and win some prizes.

Please RSVP to Jim Owens 360-422-5024, Mike Blais 360-793-3331, or Chuck Holland 206-763-1130

Driving directions to Duane Weston's tree farm:

If coming from the north on I-5:

Take Exit 212/Stanwood exit.
Go east on Stanwood-Bryant Road 4.2 miles.
Turn right onto Hwy 9 and go 1.2 miles.
Turn right onto 252nd St NE/Kackman Road and go .3 mile.
Turn left onto 59th Ave NE and go .2 mile.
24821 59th Ave NE is on the left.

If coming from the south on I-5:

Take Exit 208 from I-5.
Go east on Hwy 530 for 3.9 miles.
Turn left onto WA 530/Hwy 9 and continue to follow Hwy 9 for 1.9 miles.
Turn left onto 252nd St NE/Kackman Rd and go .3 mile.
Turn left onto 59th Ave NE and go .2 mile.
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You can also drive Hwy 9 from north or south of Arlington and turn west onto 252nd St NE/Kackman Rd about 1.9 miles north of Arlington and follow the rest of the directions.

*****President's Wordlot*****

Greetings,

Coming up on the 31st of July is the WSU Extension's big event of the year at Ravensdale (near Maple Valley-Southeast of Seattle). This is your opportunity to attend seven forestry workshops out of a total of 25 to choose from.

*****I highly recommend the Forest Owners Field Day*****

If you haven't been to our tree farm tours this year or the WSU Extension twilight tours, you have been missing some fun and informative events. Our event coming up Aug. 7th promises to be another fun and informative one, so come out and join us.

The WFFA is having a recruiting drive for new members. There is a special rate of \$45 for people that have never been a member. For \$45 someone can be a member for the rest of 2010 and all of 2011.

On top of that the Upper Puget Sound Chapter has decided to follow the lead of the South Sound Chapter and offer a \$25 rebate on the \$45. This rebate would go to new members joining at the \$45 rate or to an existing member that buys a new membership for someone else such as a relative, friend or neighbor. This is an excellent time for someone new to become part of the WFFA.

A new member would also get a "Stewards of the Land" book, a Forest Practices book and a 9" X 12" WFFA sign. Someone that has never been a member could become one through 2011 plus receive the books and sign for a net cost of \$20. Our goal for this membership drive is 15 new members of which we have picked up 4 toward our goal.

I think that most of us could probably think of someone that would be a good candidate for membership in the WFFA, so now would be a good time to talk to them.

Hope to see you at the coming events!

Jim Owens