

# KNOTHOLE NEWS

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

### COMING EVENTS

#### **Forestry Fun Day**

May 15th, 2010 9:00AM - 3:30PM Satsop  
Development Park 100 Technology Lane  
Elma, WA. Various forestry related classes are  
offered, including:

- \* How to identify common trees and shrubs
- \* Insect and disease basics
- \* Wildlife habitat enhancement
- \* Density management
- \* Seedling selection
- \* Tree planting
- \* Planting the right seedlings
- \* Wildlife damage

For more info visit the WFFA website at:

<http://www.wafarmforestry.com/pdfs/ForestryFunDay.pdf> or contact Theresa Marquardt at Grays Harbor Conservation District, 360-249-5900 ext. 106

#### **Diversifying Income Opportunities on Small**

**Woodlands**, Saturday May 22, 2010 Oakville WA,  
9:00AM - 4:00PM

Saturday, June 19, 2010 Vancouver WA 9:00AM -  
4:00PM

Topics will include:

- \* FSC "green" Certification and markets
- \* Selling carbon offsets
- \* Small scale wood processing and value-added sales
- \* Current use taxation
- \* Working forest conservation easements
- \* Conservation funding programs for small woodland owners

For details on each seminar visit their website:

<http://www.nwcertified.org>

Saturday May 22, 2010 10:00AM to approx. 1:00PM

**Tree Farm tour at Eric Lamers tree farm** on  
Camano Island. Come out to scenic Camano Island

and see what Eric and his wife have done over the past 20 years. Most of the trees have been pruned by Eric, many under the old Sip cost share program. Eric has also logged 33 loads of logs with his trusty little Kubota tractor. Most of the logging was for thinning.

There is an approximately one acre area they call the Aviary where they have planted some oaks and other bird friendly plants and trees.

There are some 60-70 year old Douglas Fir and some nice trails on the property, along with a small cabin with a solar panel.

It is a very appealing place that shows the results of their work over the years.

Some food or snacks will be provided.

Driving directions: From I-5 take exit #212

(Stanwood/Camano Island). Turn west onto SR 532 toward Stanwood (about 4 miles). Continue past Stanwood to Camano Island. At the first traffic light you encounter (10 miles from I-5) go straight through. At the next traffic light (11.1 miles) turn right onto Cross Island Road to West Camano Drive (13.6 miles), turn left, travel south to Douglas Lane (16.1 miles). Turn left on Douglas Lane and go 1/4th mile straight into Lamers' tree farm. Tree farm is next to 675 Douglas Lane, watch for signs. All mileages are from I-5 exit #212.

The Forest Landowners Association, a national organization of forestland owners, will be having their **National Conference June 2 - 4, 2010** at

Skamania Lodge, Stevenson WA

More information is available at their website:

<http://www.forestlandowners.com>

Saturday, June 19, 2010 10:00AM to approx.

1:00PM

**Tree farm tour at Michael and Annie Bowen's**  
south of Arlington. More info and driving directions  
in the next Knothole News.

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# President's Wordlot

## **Greetings,**

At the annual meeting of the WFFA on April 26th the Upper Puget Sound chapter members in attendance were all very thrilled and happy to see fellow chapter members Earl and David Ingebright and their Valhalla Tree Farm chosen as Washington State Outstanding Tree Farm of the Year for 2010. Congratulations to Earl and David for a well deserved award for their efforts at Valhalla Tree Farm.

Our first event with a work party concept on March 27th went very well. We pruned a bunch of trees at the Graves Family Tree Farm. It was a nice day and everyone seemed to be having a good time. We also had a nice cook out.

Several people commented that we should do more of that type of thing. Tree planting, pruning and slashing brush are some activities that could work out well for a work party type event. Let us know what you think.

We have a couple of good tree farm tours coming up so I would encourage you to come and see what some of your fellow tree farmers are doing. I think most tree farmers have an interesting story to tell about their history with their property. Also, invite a forestland neighbor to join us at an event.

Jim Owens