

Whatcom County Farm Forestry Association

Educational Tree Farm Tours

Dear Farm Forestry Friends,

The Whatcom County Farm Forestry Association will be hosting a native tree and plant identification walk on September 29th starting at **5:00 pm until dark**. Note that we moved the time up a half hour to give us more daylight. The event will be held at Tom and Bonnie Westergreen's extended yard off the South Pass Road. The Westergreen's have a large variety of native trees in the area around their home that will make viewing easier. Many of the trees have been transplanted into the landscaping and wind breaks, thus showing how native plants can be used and enjoyed.

The tour will involve some short walks around the property, so come prepared for the day's weather conditions. We are also inviting members of the local "Native Plant Association and agriculture students from local high schools. Feel free to invite friends and family that may be interested. This should be a very informative and fun look at some of the trees and plants that grow in our area. We hope you will join us. If you have any questions, please call Tom at 966-3605.

The tree farm is located at 4800 South Pass Road, Sumas. From Everson take the South Pass Road easterly toward the mountain. From the intersection of Goodwin Road (Great Western Lumber) continue up South Pass Road 4 miles and look for the Tree Farm signs on the left side. Follow the driveway north ¼ miles and the group will gather at 5:00 pm for introductions.

As a reminder, we have been invited by Bob Barker to his farm near Van Zandt this Thursday September 15th from 5:30 to dark. Again be prepared for the evening weather condition and a short walk through the grassy paths. Bob purchased 75 acres of marginal farm land in 1996 with the goal of creating a wetland forest. Come see how he has persevered and is achieving his goal.