

The 2004  
Washington Farm  
Forestry Association  
Slate of Officers

The 2004 Washington Farm  
Forestry Association Officers are:

**President**

Ken Miller

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**Become a Correspondent**

"Landowner News" is inviting WFFA members to become Correspondents. If you would like to contribute an article of interest about tree farming - your tree farm, your area, or even yourself let us know. Submit your article of no more than 500 words to Rick Dunning at rdunning@starband.net or P.O. Box 7663, Olympia, WA 98507. Articles will be edited for space.

**From the Executive Director's Desk**

The Washington Farm Forestry Association has two exciting events coming this year. These events, with your participation, could bring growth to both the Association and (hopefully) yourselves.

The first is our yearly Annual meeting being hosted by our North Central Chapter and held in Lake Chelan on Friday April 30<sup>th</sup> and Saturday May 1<sup>st</sup>. This event is one of the few opportunities that bring together the membership of our entire state for joining old friends and making new ones. The all day program on Friday, and tour on Saturday, is put together by the host chapter to highlight interests and issues of both their region and of Family Forest Land Owners across our state. If you have not registered for this event, please consider supporting our Association by calling Mike Salisbury at (509).548.4275 and request a registration packet be mailed to you.

The second event is a new program and an exciting opportunity for the WFFA. On September 18, 2004 we will partner with the Family Forest Foundation and the Department of Natural Resources Stewardship Program to create a Family Forest Field Day at the tree farm of our "National Tree Farm of the Year", Bob and Lynnette Faulkner. This program will embrace the proud stewardship of both Family and Farm that is the cornerstone of our Association. We hope to have all of our membership join us as we invite our neighbors to introduce them to our community of small forest land ownership. We will highlight tree farm techniques and stewardship of our forest lands as well as highlight the family ethic that makes our operations sustainable through the generations to come. So highlight both April 30<sup>th</sup> and September 18<sup>th</sup> on your calendars and come help us make the Washington Farm Forestry Association an organization worthy of your contributions.

Treefully, Rick Dunning

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**Washington Farm Forestry Membership Application**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Renewal  New Member

If this is a family membership:

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Local Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

City, State and Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_(\_\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Dues Level (Please check One)

- General \$50
  - Sustaining \$100
  - Benefactor \$250
  - Lifetime \$1200 (onetime payment)
  - Associate \$50 (non-land owning)
  - Additional Chapter(s) @ \$10
- Name of Additional Chapters(s)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Additional Voluntary Contribution to Support WFFA .  
Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Washington Farm Forestry Association  
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# WFFA Calendar

## WFFA Annual Meeting

April 29-May 1  
Campbell's Resort  
Chelan

## WFFA Executive Board Meeting

Thursday, April 29

## General Session

Friday, April 30

## Business Meeting Field Trip

Saturday, May 1

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## Call for Resolutions

Any new resolutions for the annual meeting need to be submitted to Don Theoe by April 15th. Call or e-mail Don at [wfc.don@comcast.net](mailto:wfc.don@comcast.net) or (253) 581-3022.

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## RMAPS Workshop

Learn how to protect your forest road system while minimizing impacts to streams and water quality through road engineering strategies.

### COURSE FEATURES:

- \* Forest Practices Rules - including Road Maintenance and Abandonment Plan (RMAP) history
- \* Road Maintenance Responsibilities
- \* Family Forests Fish Passage Program - a state cost-sharing program
- \* Technical and Financial Resources

### April 1, Sedro-Wooley

FULL

### April 15, Chehalis

FULL

## May 6, 2004 - 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Colville - Spokane Falls Community College  
Colville Center  
985 S. Elm  
Colville, WA 99114  
(509) 533-8700  
(Off Hwy. 395, go east on E. Juniper Ave; turn left onto S. Elm)  
Space limited to 200 participants

For registration information contact:

Janet Pearce  
Small Forest Landowner Office  
P.O. Box 47012  
Olympia, WA 98504-7012  
Phone: 360-902-1122  
E-mail: [janet.pearce@wadnr.gov](mailto:janet.pearce@wadnr.gov)

## Coached Forest Stewardship Planning Shortcourse

From April 5 through May 24, an outstanding series of weekly classes will be conducted for owners of small-scale family forests (typically 5-200 acres). Course fee is \$150 per person, family or land parcel. Participation is limited to 30 registrants on a first-come, first-served basis upon receipt of the registration and fee.

Among the topics to be covered are: Forest ecology; Forest health; Reforestation; Responsible timber harvesting; Forest soils; Riparian area management; Fish and Wildlife habitat; Hardwood management; Cultural Resources; Forest Practice rules; Special forest products; Forest Recreation, and more. Classes will be held weekly on Monday evenings from 6:00 - 8:30 at the Clallam County Courthouse EOC Room in Port Angeles. If you are interested please call the WSU/ Clallam County Extension office at: 360-417-2279. For more information about the course, call Andy Perleberg at 360-428-4270 or John Keller at 360-856-3491. To download a registration from the internet, go to <http://skagit.wsu.edu/forestry/>.

## King County Stewardship Class

Registrations are now being accepted for the spring Forest Stewardship Class to be held in Carnation on Wednesday evenings from April 21 through June 9 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.. There will also be two Saturday field trips, one in May (date TBD) and one on June 5th. This is the only time that the course will be offered in the Snoqualmie Valley this year!

This course is designed to help owners of private forestlands develop their own forest management plan with "coaching" from natural resource professionals. Writing a plan may qualify you for county tax benefit programs and state cost-share funding for forest management.

Throughout the class, state, regional and local experts will share their knowledge on numerous topics including:

- \* Identifying your goals and objectives
- \* Forest ecology
- \* Forest health
- \* Tools for enhancing wildlife habitat
- \* Noxious weed management
- \* Forest inventory techniques
- \* Non-timber forest products
- \* and much more!

The fee for the class is \$100. For more information contact Amy Grotta at (206) 205-3132 or [Amy.Grotta@metrokc.gov](mailto:Amy.Grotta@metrokc.gov).

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## Duane Weston New Chair of Washington Tree Farm Program

We are pleased to announce the new Chair of the Washington Tree Farm Program is longtime WFFA member, Duane Weston. Duane is Chief Forester for the Pilchuck Tree Farm in Snohomish County and has been an active member of the Upper Puget Sound Chapter. Our hats are off and our congratulations to Duane!

# Landowner News

Washington  
**FARM FORESTRY**  
ASSOCIATION



“Stewards of the Land for Generations to Come”

Landowner News is the official newsletter of the Washington Farm Forestry Association.

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## Message From the President



### Spring Greetings

The annual meeting is right around the corner. Please register this week if you have not already sent it in. A special reminder to you east-siders. This is your opportunity to attend the annual meeting without going to the west-side.

John Malone, Tom Brannon and company have a great program lined up. Also don't overlook the Sunday Lake Chelan boat trip. If you are like me, this is one activity you have always wanted to do but was just too far off the beaten path. Well, no excuse now, just join me on the Presidents cruise.

Please note part of this newsletter is the Constitution and Bylaws in which the Board has proposed a number of amendments. You will have the opportunity to approve these at the Annual meeting. If any of you have other changes you think need to be brought before the organization, present them to your Chapter, and adopt a resolution for your president to bring to the Board next January. That will provide the Board adequate time to consider your request and take appropriate action to present it next year.

The Board is also updating the old "Policy" into the "Guiding principles and Administrative procedures" and with luck we will have it approved in time to pass out at the Saturday meeting. This should give you the opportunity to review the daily operation of the Association.

Last on the list of items you need to be informed on is the slate of officers for next year. I had considered remaining as President for another year, however circumstances have changed. I will be devoting my summer to caring for my wife Joy after knee replacement surgery. The Pine beetles are eating up my managed forest and need serious attention. With the drought, I have apparently not cut hard enough. Maybe there was a reason the forests of the 1800's had only 10 to 50 healthy trees to the acre.

Ken Miller, President of the South Sound Chapter has agreed to step up to the challenge of the State Presidency. Don Theoe and Norma Green have chosen to remain in their respective vice presidential chairs. Ken's wife Bonnie has agreed to become secretary.

See you in Chelan

**Bob Playfair**

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# Getting to Know . . .

A profile of one of the many people, companies, and groups that serve and work with WFFA .

## Doug Stinson

Doug Stinson was recently appointed by Governor Gary Locke to serve on the Washington State Forest Practices Board representing small landowners. Mr. Stinson is the second member of Washington Farm Forestry now serving on this important regulatory board (joining former president Sherry Fox).

Doug has managed Cowlitz Ridge Tree Farm near Toledo since 1990. He was formerly a forester and plywood plant manager for Conifer Pacific, Inc., and a forester and sawmill and veneer plant manager for Champion International in Oregon and Washington. Doug also worked as a forester for the U.S. Forest Service in Southeast Alaska from 1959 to 1964.

Mr. Stinson was Washington State Tree Farmer of the Year in 1993 and Western Region Tree Farmer of the Year in 1994.

He is a former president of the Lewis County chapter of the Farm Forestry Association and a former member of the Olympic National Forest Citizen Advisory Board.

Doug now serves on the National Operating Committee of the American Tree Farm System and as a member of the National Public Affairs

Committee of the American Forest Foundation.

Mr. Stinson, now 70, planted his first tree at age 15 and now manages his family-owned tree farm as an economically viable forest. The Stinsons do not harvest more than they grow at the Cowlitz Ridge Tree Farm thus creating a sustainable resource for the benefit of the entire state of Washington. Timber, watershed, soil health and wildlife are all values that are integrated into the management of Cowlitz Ridge. The Stinson family believes that through these management practices they will leave the land in ecological condition that when it was purchased.

Says Doug, "Many people see protecting natural resources and maintaining a healthy timber industry as inherently incompatible goals. I do not. The decisions the Forest Practices Board must consider become highly polarized and politicized. In this tense climate, I represent a balanced approach -- an approach that is hard to find. I have a deep love and respect for the land and I make a living harvesting trees. I want to help people understand how both of these are possible on a statewide basis.

"The forests of Washington are of tremendous value and need to be managed in a long-term sustainable manner. Our forests are a treasure for the people of Washington State and I want to make them a treasure for generations to come."

## Welcome New Members

Membership Chair Donna Loucks (loucksd@localaccess.com) reports the following new members.

Brent Rystrom - At Large  
Darren Arola - Clark  
Robt. & Chana Hyer - Clark  
Dave & Karen Seabrook - Clark  
Dale & Sue Thorsen - Clark  
Dave Waldow &  
Sandi Ritenburgh-Waldow - Clark  
Marva & Marvin Thornley - Cowlitz  
Scott & Bobbi Augur - Lewis  
Scott & Magdalis Anderson - NE  
Brian & Virginia Culler - NE  
Paul & Linda Moore - NE  
Rich Wood - Olympic  
Jim & Terri Frost - South Sound  
Civillia Winston Hill & Bob Hill - South Sound  
Michael Kain - Spokane  
Dr. John Sutherland - UPS  
Steven & Robin Johnson - Whatcom  
Jerry C. Lawson - Whatcom  
Richard & Elsie Zarnowitz - Whatcom

### New Pierce Chapter Members

Michael & Pamela Abernathy  
Paul & Laurett Berglund  
Norris & Kathleen Carver  
John & Diane Carver  
Dennis & Diane Dean  
Barbara Echo  
Stephen & Victoria Frerichs  
Gerald & Marilee Galligan  
Paul & Judith Hansen  
Ron & Yuli Yi Harrison  
James & Cheryl Hovda  
Wm. & Mary Lou Holland  
Lamarr & Ginger Imel  
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Linkem Family LLC  
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Richard & Deborah Mutter  
Thomas & Frances Nolan  
Ronald & Julie Ann Nyborg  
Michale & Sherry Plummer  
Brian & Chong Ricard  
Mark Rutter  
Timothy & Cynthia Ryan  
Steve & Teresa Serex  
Steve Stringfellow  
Ptrick & Kendall Stuckey  
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David & Deborah Townsend  
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