



# LEWIS COUNTY FARM FORESTRY ASSOCIATION

*Affiliated Chapter of Washington Farm Forestry Association*

## AUGUST 2017 TWILIGHT TOUR

**Who:** Chuck and Nan Higgins

**What:** Tour of their Salzer Valley Tree Farm

**When:** Tuesday, August 15, 2017  
6:30 p.m.

**Where:** 196 Reinke Road, Centralia



Chuck has a long history in LCFFA. He received his first Tree Farm Certification in 1979, served as LCFFA President in 1984-85, was Lewis County Tree Farmer of the Year in 2011, and continues to serve on the LCFFA Board.

The 70 acre parcel we will be visiting was purchased in 2011. It has many issues including a 50 year history of bear damage. We will be walking an approximate half-mile loop through 22-year-old stands, viewing and discussing, bear damage, PCT (pre-commercial thinning), and TSI (timber stand Improvement), thinning density, and etc. We will also pass through two 7-year-old plantations discussing manual versus chemical brush control, and use of Vexar tubing on both Douglas-fir and western red cedar.

### Driving Directions from I-5:

1. From Exit 81 (Mellen Street in Centralia), turn east on Mellen Street (WA 507),
2. Go 0.78 miles to the stop light at Pearl Street.
3. Turn right on Pearl Street and continue to Summa St (just over the viaduct).
4. Turn left (east) on Summa. In one block Summa becomes Salzer Valley Road.
5. Continue 2.91 miles, turn right on Reinke Road and continue to the tree farm entrance at 196 Reinke Rd. (total distance from I-5 is 5.14 miles).

### OR

1. From Exit 79 (Chamber Way in Chehalis) turn east over the railroad overpass
2. Turn left at the stoplight and continue north on Kresky to the south edge of Centralia
3. Turn right (east) on Salzer Valley Road) just before the railroad overpass
4. Continue 2.91 miles, turn right on Reinke Road and continue to the tree farm entrance at 196 Reinke Rd.

### **Steve Stinson Legacy Family Forest Field Day, August 19, Oakville**

The annual Forest Owners Field Day, sponsored by WSU Extension, Wash. DNR and others, will be held near Oakville at the tree farm of one of our chapter members, John Henrikson. You should have received a brochure in the mail, but if you didn't, you can find one at <http://forestry.wsu.edu> or on the WFFA web site under Education, Upcoming Events.

Pre-registration is preferred (\$20 per person, \$30 for family) but you can register at the gate for \$10 more. Lunch is available for \$10 per person if you pre-register.

Even if you've attended previous events, it will be worth your time to attend because you can't attend all the workshops in one days, and new ones are added each year.

Presentations start at 9, 10, and 11 a.m. and 1:30, 2:30 and 3:30. Most sessions are one hour, but a few are 2 hours long.

### **Award Nominees Needed**

If you are proud of what you've done on your tree farm (and most of us are), tell us about it! Every November we honor a few members for what they have done and give them a great sign to share their pride with the public. If you would like some recognition for your good work, contact President Derek Burger (360-520-5021) to throw your name into the hat. If you are shy, nominate a friend or neighbor! We also are seeking a nominee for Tree Farmer of the Year for 2018. If you'd like to be Lewis County Tree Farmer of the Year, speak up!

### **Upcoming Meetings:**

**August 19:** Family Forest Field Day. Oakville. See above for details.

**September 19:** LCFFA Twilight Tour. Chain saw safety, maintenance & new products by J.D. Fernstrom of Stihl Northwest

**September 29:** Fall Forestry Seminar, Longview, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Forest Health: How Do I Know If My Forest is Healthy, sponsored by Washington Tree Farm Program. Pre-registration required. For details, visit WFFA web site under Education, Upcoming Events.