



LEWIS COUNTY FARM FORESTRY ASSOCIATION

Affiliated Chapter of Washington Farm Forestry Association

MARCH 2019 MEETING

- When:** March 19, 2019 7:00 p.m. business meeting
 7:15 p.m. program
- What:** Selling Your Timber: Alder for Slicing and Douglas-fir Poles
- Who:** Kent Jones, Resource Contractors LLC
- Where:** Lewis County Courthouse Basement Conference Room
 351 NW North St., Chehalis. Use west entrance

Kent Jones of Resources Contractors LLC owns a 2 acre log yard near Onalaska that buys clear alder that can be sliced into veneer. About 90% of the veneer is exported, primarily to Russia, Germany, and Asia. Most of the veneer is used for cabinets and other high quality items.

Kent is also the Southwest Washington procurement manager for a pole company in Bellingham that buys Douglas-fir and cedar for poles. He will share details on the specifications of the logs he buys and information about how they are processed.

Upcoming LCFFA Meetings:

- April 16: Fertilization strategies, by Eric Cohen and Sara Rise, Port Blakely
May 21: Twilight tour of Port Blakely's western red cedar plantation at Winston Creek
June 18: Twilight tour of Chris & Melanie Clowe Tree Farm, award winners in Nov. 2018
July 16: Picnic and tour of Elmore-Vance Tree Farm, Lewis County Tree Farmers of the Year
August 20: Twilight tour of Heitzmann/Laulainen Tree Farm, award winners in November 2018

WFFA Annual Meeting – May 2-4, 2019 – Silverdale Beach Hotel

The theme is ***20th Anniversary of Forests and Fish: Past, Present & Future***

Friday morning's program focuses on family forest landowners' roles historically, currently, and as a critical part of our forest land base including the perspective of landowners, scientists and agencies. The afternoon includes a panel discussion on economic viability under Forests and Fish including key stakeholder's visions for family forest owners in the future. The Field Tour on Saturday will visit the Kingsbury Family's Five Springs Tree Farm in Olalla, 2017 Washington State Tree Farmers of the Year awardees, and 2018 Western Regional Tree Farmers of the Year. You can attend the Saturday tour without attending the Friday session, if you wish.

You should have already received an email or printed announcement of the meeting, but if you didn't, you can access all of the information at the WFFA web site, wafarmforestry.com, or by calling Kelly Zandell, 360-388-7074.

Chapters and members have been asked to donate raffle items. If you would like to donate something, please contact Kelly Zandell at 360-388-7074 or info@wafarmforestry.com. If you won't be attending, arrangements can be made to get your item to the meeting.

Report on February Annual Meeting and Election of Board Members

At the February 19 annual meeting, two board members – Chuck Higgins and Rick Kuykendall - were re-elected for another term. The current officers and board members of LCFFA are:

President	Devon Powell	360-584-8550	dpowell@portblakely.com
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Also at the meeting, Patty and Rory Vance, and Bob and Marty Elmore were named as the 2019 Lewis County Tree Farmer of the Year, and Michael Sprouffske gave a very interesting presentation on his Ag/Forestry international trip to Greece and Italy.

