

Register NOW for the WFFA 2020 ANNUAL MEETING and FIELD TOUR

Co-Hosted by the Cowlitz and Clark Chapters

May 11-12, 2020
WFFA Annual Meeting
Heathman Lodge
Vancouver, Washington

**Growing Outside the Box,
People Make the Difference
and Let Nature Sing**

May 13, 2020
**Weyerhaeuser Field Tour of
Mount St. Helens**
Forest Learning Center, Toutle, Washington

**Celebrating 40 Years
Since the Mount St. Helens
1980 Eruption**

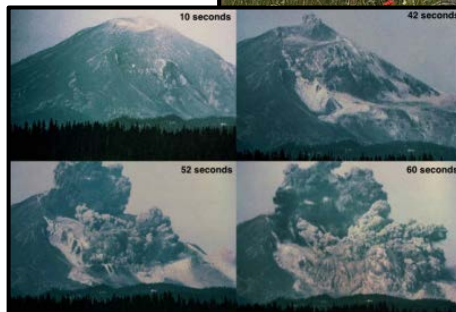
**Webster Forest
Nursery**
Douglas fir
seedlings
Courtesy K. Zandell



2020
Courtesy K. Zandell



**Everett McKee,
son of B. & K. McKee,**
2017 seedling sale
Courtesy C. Easter



May 18, 1980
Courtesy
volcanos.usgs.gov

**Bob Brink
talking about
70-year-old
stand, 2011**



Pre-1980
Courtesy pbs.org



Growing Outside the Box, People Make the Difference and Let Nature Sing

The Cowlitz and Clark Chapters of the Washington Farm Forestry Association (WFFA) invite you to join us in the Vancouver area on May 11-13, for our 2020 Annual Meeting (AM20). The Heathman Lodge in Vancouver is the location for events on Monday and Tuesday. Details on registration, location, lodging and driving directions are available on the last page. The Heathman Lodge has offered special room rates of \$134-214 plus tax (available until April 26).

The AM20 program and tour's theme embraces our deep and enduring partnership with the land. We explore how to maximize the sun's energy to produce an amazing renewable resource – wood – with enhanced silviculture (seeds and seedlings) despite our ever-changing forests (genetics and climate). We embrace the private property rights that allow us the individuality to “Grow Outside the Box”, with new and diverse ideas that have a common goal of balancing economics, ecological and social needs. No group think here! And no expectation that anyone else will carry our water! We recognize that it is “People that Make the Difference”, a value reflected in our engagement with our tree farms and communities. We give thanks for the sunshine and the good rain (and even a volcanic eruption now and then). For in the end, our enduring efforts allow “Nature to Sing”. We hope this Annual Meeting will be a place for you to learn, to develop friendships, and to celebrate our common denominator...our love of the land.

May 11, 2020 – Early Arrival Check-in and Registration Packet Pick-up and Evening Gathering

We will offer check-in starting at noon on Monday for those opting to arrive early. While the Executive Board meeting is being held that afternoon, plan to explore Ft. Vancouver or visit Vancouver's local shops; check out the Visit Vancouver tourism site for more ideas at visitvancouverusa.com. We invite you to meet at 5:00 PM for an informal evening gathering (dinner on your own) in the hotel restaurant bar, the Fireside Lounge. Enjoy the restaurant's Happy Hour pricing for our WFFA guests throughout the evening. This is a great opportunity to visit with your WFFA friends, old and new.

May 12, 2020 – Growing Outside the Box, People Make the Difference and Let Nature Sing

Tuesday's program will offer a full day of top-notch speakers. The morning focuses on seeds, seedlings, planting, seed genetics, and climate considerations. The afternoon includes breakout sessions on estate planning, forest thinning and fertilization. Mixed into this information-rich program are many opportunities to celebrate our community: old-hands; upcoming talent; local talent; Washington Tree Farm Program's Tree Farmer of the Year; visit with our vendors and sponsors; and hopefully take home some really cool raffle items.

Raffle Fundraiser – A raffle fundraiser will be held on May 12th. Ticket holders must be present to win. All proceeds will be utilized by the host Chapters to defray the registration cost for our AM20 attendees to keep the Annual Meeting more affordable. Each Chapter is encouraged to provide at least one raffle item. To donate raffle items, contact Tevis Laspa at tlaspa@pacifier.com by April 1.

Exhibitors and Vendors – Welcome to our AM20 exhibitors and vendors! Those who are interested must register and pay a table fee (no meals included), pay a table fee and enjoy lunch or sign up to attend the whole AM20 (all meals included). Please contact John Keller at johnkeller56@yahoo.com by March 15 to complete an exhibitor/vendor form and registration form.

Sponsors – Companies or individuals that financially sponsor the Annual Meeting will be recognized in the meeting program handout and during the AM20 events. Donations from sponsors other than monetary donations, including attendee swag bag items, door prizes and raffle items are also welcome. Sponsor donations will be used to diminish the registration cost for our AM20 attendees. Please contact Bob Brink at bobjbrink@gmail.com by March 15 to become an AM20 Sponsor.

Memorial to Honor Our Members Who Have Passed – Our attendee binders will include a section that honors our WFFA tree farmers from around the state who have passed away recently. If you have a member to honor, please email their name, their birth year and year of passing, Chapter affiliation and a photo to Kelly Zandell at info@wafarmforestry.com by March 15.

May 13, 2020 – Weyerhaeuser Field Tour of Mount St. Helens

Weyerhaeuser is leading our AM20 Field Tour of Mount St. Helens to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the 1980 eruption. Attendees will meet at the Weyerhaeuser Forest Learning Center, have a light breakfast and depart in vans provided by the tour. We will stop at both noble fir and Douglas-fir plantations, one of which was thinned 12 years ago and is nearly ready to harvest. Weyerhaeuser foresters who worked on the tree farm 40 years ago will share their experiences of what you do when your tree farm is buried under ash. Lunch will be provided for prepaying attendees. This should be an excellent opportunity to see all three of our themes, *Growing Outside the Box*, *People Make the Difference* and *Let Nature Sing*, in action!

Washington Farm Forestry Association 2020 Annual Meeting Schedule

Monday, May 11, 2020

Heathman Lodge, 7801 NE Greenwood Drive, Vancouver, WA 98662

- 12:00-7:00 PM **Early Check-in and Registration Packet Pick-up** – Main Lobby
1:00-5:00 PM **WFFA Executive Board Meeting** – General Grant Room
5:00 PM **No Host Evening Gathering** – Fireside Lounge

Tuesday, May 12, 2020 | Growing Outside the Box, People Make the Difference and Let Nature Sing

Heathman Lodge, 7801 NE Greenwood Drive, Vancouver, WA 98662

- 7:00-8:00 AM **Check-in and Registration Packet Pick-up (Main Lobby) & Light Continental Breakfast (Fort Vancouver Foyer)** | NOTE: Full breakfast available in restaurant at 6:00 AM; Business Class Rooms have more hearty continental breakfast at 6:00 AM
- 8:15 AM **Introduction** | Bob Brink & Sara Pursley, Annual Meeting Co-Chairs
Welcome and Opening Remarks | Elaine Oneil, Executive Director, WFFA
Welcome | Representative Larry Hoff, 18th Legislative District
Setting the Stage | Rick Dunning, Annual Meeting Moderator
- 8:35 AM **Panel Presentations – Seeds – “Zones and Cones”** | Mike Gerdes, Silvaseed & Jeff deGrann, DNR Reforestation Specialist; **Seedlings – “Grow to Throw”** | John Trobaugh, Webster Nursery Manager; **Planting Densities – “Make It Tight or Give Em’ Light”** | Chris Whitson, Port Blakely Timber
- 9:45 AM **Break** – Visit Exhibitors and Vendors, Buy Raffle Tickets and Enjoy Break Refreshments
- 10:15 AM **Ever-changing Forests – “Genetics and Climate Influence” – Genetics/Seed Orchard** | Jeff DeBell, DNR; **Climate Considerations** | Glenn Howe, OSU; **Conclusions** | Norah Young, DNR SFLO Office
- 11:15 AM **Family Forest Foundation Update** | Ann Stinson and **Steven D. Stinson Leadership in Natural Resources Scholarship Award** | Lou Jean Clark
- 11:45 AM **Washington Tree Farm Program Awards Ceremony and Luncheon** (Lewis & Clark Ballroom)
- 1:00 PM **Break** – Visit Exhibitors and Vendors, Buy Raffle Tickets
- 1:30 PM **Breakout Session #1 (General Howard/Marshall/Grant Rooms)** | Choose One Session from Listing
- 2:30 PM **Breakout Session #2 (General Howard/Marshall/Grant Rooms)** | Choose One Session from Listing
Breakout Session Topics: Estate Planning – “Who’ll Own Your Forestland?” | Randy Grove, Landerholm Attorney at Law; **Northwest Forest Thinning** | Ryan Niemeyer, PhD, UC-Berkley; **Fertilization: Value Added** | Dr. Kim Littke, UW & Caleb Ralls, OSU (invited)
- 3:30 PM **Break** – Visit Exhibitors and Vendors, Pick-up Winning Raffle Items and Enjoy Break Refreshments
- 4:00 PM **WFFA Annual Business Meeting / State Elections / Annual Report** (Fort Vancouver Ballroom)
- 5:00 PM **Social Hour – No Host Bar** (Lewis & Clark Ballroom)
- 6:00 PM **Dinner and Evening Program** | “I Remember That Day” | John Keatley, Weyerhaeuser Land Manager in the 1980s

Wednesday, May 13, 2020 | Weyerhaeuser Field Tour of Mount St. Helens – Note: Open to first 111 to Register!

Begin at: Weyerhaeuser Forest Learning Center, 17000 Spirit Lake Hwy, Toutle, WA 98649

Attendees provide own transportation to Center; approximate time from Heathman is 90 minutes. Attendees require closed toe shoes (boots), bring your hard hat and high visibility vest if you have one, and complete a liability waiver.

- 9:00 AM **Attendee Check-in** | Join us at the Weyerhaeuser Forest Learning Center for coffee, tea and pastries
- 9:30 AM **Welcome and Introductions** | Attendees will go through the Center and take walks to nearby lookouts
- 10:30 AM **Depart on Field Tour** | Attendees will be divided into vans for a driving tour, making several stops to discuss Mount St. Helens forests following the 1980 eruption
- 11:30 AM **Lunch** | Box lunches provided for prepaying attendees
- 3:00 PM **Vans return to the Learning Center**

Visit the WFFA website, www.wafarmforestry.com, for additional details about the Annual Meeting, including links for those opting **register online**. NOTE: WFFA has applied for SAF Continuing Education Credits and Master Logger Credits for AM20 attendees. **If you have questions please contact:** Kelly Zandell – info@wafarmforestry.com – 360-388-7074.

We look forward to seeing our farm forestry friends and making new ones!

**3 Great Options for
Attending AM20:**



Attend only
AM20



Attend only the
Field Tour



Attend all three
days' events!

**Online Registration is OPEN at
www.wafarmforestry.com!**

**Register NOW for the
2020 WFFA Annual Meeting!**

Registration: The conference registration fee is \$150 per person until March 15, 2020. March 15 until April 15, the fee is \$165 per person. **Registration closes April 15.** Registration includes: light continental breakfast, educational programs, break refreshments, the Washington Tree Farm Program Awards Ceremony and Luncheon and the Tuesday night dinner banquet. The Wednesday Weyerhaeuser Field Tour of Mount St. Helens is \$35 per person including a light breakfast and box lunch. The Field Tour can be purchased separately from, or in addition to, the conference registration. You can choose to attend only AM20, only the Wednesday Field Tour or attend all three days' events. **Register online, via mail or via phone.** Take in all the information available at AM20!

Location: All activities on Monday and Tuesday will take place at the Heathman Lodge in Vancouver. On Wednesday, the Field Tour will begin at the Weyerhaeuser Forest Learning Center in Toutle. Attendees must provide their own transportation to the Learning Center; attendees will be divided into vans for a driving tour of Mount St. Helens. You may register for only the Field Tour without registering for the full AM20.

Lodging: Reduced rate rooms will be available at the **Heathman Lodge** (7801 NE Greenwood Drive, Vancouver, WA 98662) until **April 26.** Deluxe Guest Room for \$134; Business Level Guest Room for \$149 (includes deluxe continental breakfast beginning at 6:00 AM); Deluxe Suite for \$204; or Deluxe Family Suite for \$214. The hotel restaurant opens at 6:00 AM for those wanting a more substantial breakfast than the light continental breakfast included in the Registration Cost or the deluxe continental breakfast included with the Business Level Guest Rooms. For the most room options, you must book early while space is available! Call **1-888-475-3100** for reservations; make sure to say you are with "**Washington Farm Forestry Association**" to receive the group rates of \$134-\$214, plus taxes and fees. After April 26, room prices will be based on availability.

Driving Directions: Enter the Heathman Lodge or the Learning Center address (below) into your phone or car navigation system.

Heathman Lodge, 7801 NE Greenwood Drive, Vancouver, WA 98662

Distance to Heathman Lodge: From Seattle: 165 mi. • From Spokane: 355 mi. • From Portland: 18 mi.

Weyerhaeuser Forest Learning Center, 17000 Spirit Lake Hwy, Toutle, WA 98649

Distance from Heathman Lodge (approx. 90 min.): 83 mi. | From I-5, take Exit 49 and continue east on Highway 504 to Milepost 33

Westside and Eastside WFFA members all face the challenges of maintaining the physical and fiscal health of our tree farms.

Combine business and pleasure! Plan your late Spring Mini Vacation to beautiful Heathman Lodge in Vancouver! **Enjoy the fellowship** of your WFFA members and **come away renewed and inspired** for your tree farm's future. Don't miss out on the Mount St. Helens tour!

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