



# Washington Tree Farmer

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*A newsletter for certified Tree Farmers in Washington*

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## New Tree Farm Web Site

The new Washington Tree Farm Program web site is as complete as web sites ever are! It will be frequently updated. The URL is [www.watreefarm.org](http://www.watreefarm.org).

Bookmark it so that you can visit regularly to learn about new educational opportunities (see Upcoming Events) and new articles of interest on Carbon Issues, Certification News, Estate Planning, Timber Tax, and Tree Farming.

See photos of the Awards Luncheon and a

## Washington Tree Farmer of Year



The Washington State Tree Farmer of the Year for 2009 was announced at the WTFFP Luncheon, held during the WFFA Annual Meeting. The three nominees were: Bill and Erin Woods, the Bob & Mariella Arnold and their Rapjohn Tree Farm and Stan Mueller and his Mueller Sack Tree Farm. The

Mueller Sack Tree Farm took home the State award. The 203 acres was certified as Tree Farm #90 the same year it was purchased by Stan Mueller and John Sack in 1976. At the time of acquisition, it was mostly pasture and alder. With lots of hard work and a three stage conversion process, it is now a fine example of a Tree Farm. Congratulations!!!

## Western Washington Family Forest Owners Field Day, July 31 - Aug. 1

The Western Washington Family Forest Owners Field Day is just 2 weeks away! Hundreds of landowners will be attending. Don't forget, to qualify for the **advance registration discount** your registration must be received by Friday, July 24th. The discounted rate is \$20/person or \$30/family or group. For registrations received after July 24th, the cost increases to \$30/person and \$40/family or group. Registration can also be done at the gate (at the late registration rate), though advanced registration is recommended (especially if you are ordering a lunch, as we are trying to get a head-count). There is no registration limit for the Field Day - come one, come all!

**Speaking of lunch**, do consider signing up for the BBQ lunch. Lunch is \$9/person and is provided by the Stanwood High

Tree Farm tour on the property of Larrin & Helen Wanechek under the Photo Gallery section. If you would like to have a photo of yourself standing by a Tree Farm sign posted on this site, send us a jpg file and the names of the people in the photo.

## 2009 National Tree Farmer Convention

You should have recently received a newsletter from the American Tree Farm System about the National Tree Farmer Convention which will be held Sept 28-30 in Washington, D.C. For more information, visit the ATFS [website](#).

### Quick Links

[Washington Tree Farm Program](#)

[Washington Farm Forestry Association](#)

[American Tree Farm System](#)

[Sustainable Forestry Initiative](#)

[Washington Forest Protection Association](#)

Tree Future Farmers of America (FFA) as a fundraiser to support their programs. They have done the field day lunch in the past, and they do an outstanding job. The Stanwood FFA is a talented group of kids who are raising money to participate in national programs back east later this summer. Stanwood High School was also the winner of the 2009 Washington State Envirothon competition and will be representing our state at the national competition. This school has some very impressive ag and natural resource programs, and when you meet the FFA kids and see who some of our future foresters, farmers, and natural resource professionals are, I think you'll agree that the future looks that much brighter! We hope you'll support their lunchtime fundraiser, and I believe they will also be accepting donations as well.

For information and the registration form, along with a full schedule of field day activities, please visit [the Snohomish County Extension website](#).

### Driving Directions Update:

There was a misprint in the directions in the registration brochure. From I-5 Exit 232 you should travel 4 miles EAST to Sedro Woolley (not west, as misprinted in the brochure). Once in Sedro Woolley, follow SR20 east for approximately 16 miles to Lusk Rd (which is between milepost 80 and 81). Turn right (south) on Lusk Rd and the field day will be on your left. Also watch for the yellow "Forest Owners Field Day" signs along the road.

### Thanks to our Field Day Contributors:

Much of the public funding for the field day has dried up in recent years. We would like to acknowledge the following private organizations who have stepped up to fill the gap and keep this program going. This year's contributors include:

#### Gold (\$1,000+)

Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI)  
Upper Puget Sound Farm Forestry Chapter

#### Silver (\$500+)

Grandy Lake Forest Associates  
Washington Tree Farm Program

#### Bronze (\$250+)

Arbor-Pacific Forestry Services  
Cascade Land Conservancy  
International Forestry Consultants  
Silvaseed Company  
Washington Forest Protection Association (WFPA)

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## Printing this newsletter

If you would like to print this newsletter to read more carefully or save for future reference, don't worry about using up your expensive color ink. The background colors that are used to catch your attention don't print.

## Fall Forestry Seminar, October 31

The Washington Tree Farm Program has taken on the responsibility for hosting a Fall Forestry Seminar that has been offered to family forest land owners for many years. This year's seminar is titled "How Trees Grow and How You Can Influence Growth " and it will be held on October 31, 2009, in Chehalis, WA at the Veterans Memorial Museum.

Presentations by world-class forest scientists will cover:

- Tree Physiology & the Annual Cycle of Growth
- How Trees Grow at Different Spacing Levels
- Wood Qualities of a 40+ year old stand
- Management Effects on Productivity and Sustainability

A special presentation during lunch titled "Global Warming - Another Unfilled Government Promise" will give attendees a new perspective on an issue that is constantly in the news.

Certified Tree Farmers and Inspectors will receive a discounted registration fee. SAF CFE and Professional Loggers credits have been applied for. The presentations will be appropriate both for professional foresters and loggers and for family forest owners who want to understand tree growing a little bit better.

Mark your calendar and reserve the date! Register information will be made available as the date draws nearer.

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